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From Biology of Parasites to Tropical and Widespread Parasitic Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The beginning of the post-COVID-19 era may be connected with a "boom" in international travel, among others, to subtropical and intertropical areas of the world. This will lead to increasing cases of imported tropical diseases to well-developed countries. The WHO Millenium Development Goals aimed at the eradication of most neglected parasitic diseases, but these have not yet been reached. To fulfill those aims, new antiparasitic strategies need to be developed. Understanding of the parasite biology and parasite–host interaction is a key for novel antiparasitic treatments and parasite eradication.

In 2022, the Department and Clinic of Tropical and Parasitic Diseases, Poznan University of Medical Sciences, had its 60th anniversary. The department plays a role as a reference center for the diagnosis and treatment of tropical and widespread parasitic infections. This occasion may be a good reason to exchange experience between other research centers focused on parasitology. It is also a good reason to provide a new background for how, in the post-COVID-19 era, parasites should be considered.



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