

Honorees from the 2006 Inaugural Malaria Awards Ceremony

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- Influential Global Health Book of the Year: Jeffrey Sachs
- University of the Year: Emory University
- Research Publication of the Year: Snow RW, Guerra CA, Noor AM, Myint HY, Hay SI. The global distribution of clinical episodes of Plasmodium falciparum malaria. *Nature*. 2005 Mar 10;434(7030):214-7
- News Show of the Year: Charlie Rose Show

Lifetime Achievement: Wen Kilama	Professor Wen Kilama, from Tanzania, is among the most prominent malaria research, advocacy, and political leaders in Africa. Although now officially ‘retired’ for a number of years, he remains as active and influential as 25 years ago, when he established the National Institute for Medical Research in Tanzania. Other major accomplishments in the fight against malaria include his establishment of the Africa Malaria Vaccine Network and more recently the African Malaria Network Trust, which now serves as the Secretariat for the world’s Multilateral Initiative on Malaria.
Person of the Year: Awa Marie Coll-Seck	Awa Marie Coll-Seck, MD, PhD, is the Executive Secretary of the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership and heads the Partnership Secretariat based in Geneva. This past year she demonstrated superior leadership in raising the profile of malaria globally and keeping it on the world’s political and global health agendas. Dr. Coll-Seck has risen to the challenge, making RBM thrive and succeed in the face of major hurdles presented by inadequate political will and financial resources for fighting malaria. With Dr. Coll-Seck’s continued persistence, it is hoped that adequate financial and expert resources will be consolidated so that we see the RBM partnership move increasingly in the direction of success in the fight against malaria.
Celebrity of the Year: Youssou N'Dour	Youssou N'Dour is a Grammy Award winning Senegalese artist. He performed and had a leading role in the conception of the AFRICA LIVE: The Roll Back Malaria Concert in Dakar, Senegal, in March 2005, and in the United Against Malaria concert held in Geneva, Switzerland in October 2005. The Youssou N'Dour Fund, a partnership between the singer and the North Carolina-based IntraHealth International, has since been established to continue to raise funds to prevent malaria and promote better health in Africa.
Movie Actor of the Year: Sharon Stone	In January 2005 at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Sharon Stone stood up, spoke up, and raised \$1 million in pledged funds for malaria bednets within five minutes. The funds were pledged for the purchase of insecticide-treated bednets by the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria. “I’d like to offer you \$10,000 to buy some bednets today,” Stone told Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa, who was on the panel. To the delegates, Stone said, “Just stand up. Just stand up. People are dying in his country today, and that is not okay with me.”

<p>First Lady Malaria Advocates of the Year</p>	<p>Ana Paula dos Santos (Angola), Madame, Anna Mkapa (Tanzania), Janet Kataha Museveni (Uganda), Laura Bush (USA)</p> <p>First Lady Laura Bush (USA) provided her support for the President's Malaria Initiative in a speech at the Africa USAID Dinner in New York on September 14, 2005, with the presence and backing of the First Ladies from Angola, Tanzania, and Uganda.</p>
<p>Singer of the Year: Yvonne Chaka Chaka</p>	<p>A well known singer from South Africa and also referred to as the "Princess of Africa," Yvonne Chaka Chaka performed at the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria conference in Senegal in March 2005 and other venues for this cause. She was appointed by UNICEF in April 2005 as the Regional Spokesperson on Malaria for Eastern and Southern Africa.</p>
<p>Advocate of the Year: Amir Attaran</p>	<p>Amir Attaran is recognized for his scholarly advocacy efforts and tenacity to ensure the promotion, availability, and use of effective anti-malarial treatments. Dr. Attaran's 2004 publications with political and media follow-up attention throughout 2005 have been instrumental in expediting the world's move away from ineffective anti-malaria drugs to effective artemisinin combination therapies (ACT). Dr. Attaran continues to stress the urgency for increased production, payment and distribution of the more expensive ACT medicines.</p>
<p>New Malaria Advocate of the Year: Lance Laifer</p>	<p>Lance Laifer joined the malaria advocacy movement in 2005 to help raise global awareness and support from the public. Mr. Laifer launched the "Hedge Funds vs. Malaria" movement in September 2005 and subsequent programs like "Dunk Malaria," Malaria Free Zones, and the First International Fast Day Against Malaria (IFAM), demonstrating relentless energy and passion to involve millions of people globally in the fight against malaria. He has been joined by an increasing number of partners with the shared vision that the whole world needs to know and act against this preventable and treatable disease, which need not continue to kill 3,000 children each day.</p>
<p>Philanthropist of the Year: Rob Mather</p>	<p>Rob Mather is recognized for starting and successfully running the World Swim for Malaria, a global grass roots malaria awareness initiative that has engaged over 250,000 swimmers and sponsors through December 2005 and raised over \$1 million to support the purchase and distribution of bednets in Africa.</p>
<p>Economist Advocate of the Year: George Ayittey</p>	<p>George Avithey is the director of the Free Africa Foundation and is recognized for establishing the first Malaria Free Zone (MFZ) village-based pilot project in Ghana in December 2005 and channeling eagerness within communities to rise to the challenge of ridding their communities from malaria while also implementing sustainable development projects. Additional MFZ pilot projects have since been established in multiple villages in Ghana and Nigeria.</p>
<p>Conference of the Year: The Multilateral Initiative on Malaria Pan-African</p>	<p>The Multilateral Initiative on Malaria Pan-American Malaria Conference, held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, November 2005, brought over 1500 malaria research scientists together from 65 countries. The MIM conference series has been heralded as an important</p>

Malaria Conference 2005	networking opportunity for African scientists and essential for building effective collaborations.
Special Event of the Year: AFRICA LIVE Roll Back Malaria Concert, Dakar, Senegal, March 2005	This two-day music event featured 20 top African artists led by Youssou N'Dour and included established stars such as Baaba Maal, Salif Keita, Orchestra Baobab, Manu Dibango, Ali Farka Touré and Khaled as well as rising young African talents. The event reached an estimated 40,000 spectators and an additional audience of one billion worldwide via television, DVD, radio and CD, celebrating the continent's creative energy and bringing a message of empowerment and hope for tackling its major scourge: malaria. The concert film has since been shown at the United Nations and by PBS and is now available in stores.
Scientist of the Year: Dennis E. Kyle	Dennis E. Kyle has had over twenty years of service in the Military Infectious Disease Research Program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, USA. Dennis E. Kyle has demonstrated a phenomenal record of productivity in malaria chemotherapy research. Active at both the bench and in research management, he has made novel observations on mechanisms of recrudescence and resistance to artemisinin drugs and has spearheaded rigorous optimization for malaria chemoprophylaxis. His mentorship of graduate students and junior faculty will continue in his new position as Professor of Global Health at the University of South Florida School of Public Health.
Sporting Event of the Year: World Swim for Malaria	The grass roots effort World Swim for Malaria (WSM) is recognized for its initiative and effectiveness in raising over \$1 million in funds and creating widespread awareness and the participation of hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. The power of the WSM database for future grass roots efforts is also acknowledged; for example, this database was used to launch the first International Fast Day Against Malaria in May 2006.
Short Film Maker of the Year: Marcus Tomlinson	Marcus Tomlinson is recognized for the production of a television ad with the message "The number of children that will die today from malaria would fill 7 jumbo jets." His sixty second black-and-white film aired nationally and internationally as a part of an awareness campaign by World Swim for Malaria .
Athlete of the Year: Steffond Johnson	Retired National Basketball Association player Steffond Johnson is recognized for his commitment against malaria, demonstrated in the creation of a short film and an engaging presentation to focus attention on malaria and increase support of major sports stars for this cause.
Adventurer of the Year: David Robertson	David Robertson in his Drive Against Malaria has traveled in over 57 countries in Europe and Africa raising awareness and political support against malaria. He is recognized for his persistence and efforts in 2005 to bring his uniquely inspiring educational campaign to the United States and expand it worldwide.
Teacher of the Year: Tommie Hamaluba	An outstanding teacher from Botswana who educates and inspires students to eradicate malaria. Through the International Education and Research Network (iEARN), Tommie Hamaluba continues working to incorporate the topic of malaria into classroom

	curriculum around the world.
University Student of the Year: Ayodeji Adewunmi	A student of medicine and surgery at the Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria, he is a creative force and source of hope and inspiration in the fight against malaria. He is the Chief Architect of the new International Federation of Medical Students' Associations Campaign on Malaria (ICOM), which has worked to coordinate the efforts of medical students worldwide against malaria. Through the ICOM, medical students have been involved in activities in 2005 ranging from the World Swim on Malaria and Africa Malaria Day celebrations to community based projects in endemic countries. He was responsible for the design, promotion, and coordination of the international series of workshop on malaria that takes place annually as part of the IFMSA General Assemblies. Through the ICOM, Ayodeji is currently establishing partnerships with several student lead projects and international institutions.
Graduate Student of the Year: Krystal Evans	Krystal Evans is a student of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Australia. Her current research studies aim at understanding the underlying cause of malaria anemia, and she is recognized as an outstanding up-and-coming scientist and for her potential as an ambassador in the fight against malaria.
Health Minister of the Year: Eytayo Lambo	Eytayo Lambo, Nigeria is recognized for his stance against malaria at the Africa Malaria Day 2005 Conference and beyond. His continues in 2006 to work to ensure the availability of effective malaria treatments and the broad distribution of knowledge about malaria prevention and treatment in Nigeria.
Politician of the Year: Sam Brownback	United States Senator Brownback, member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, is recognized for his advocacy role supporting policy change to ensure commodities are purchased to prevent and treat malaria. "Malaria is a curable and preventable disease, and our failure to reduce death rates from malaria is inexcusable," said Brownback. "Although malaria kills 1-2 million people a year, and is the leading killer of children in Africa, the tools to fight malaria are readily available today. I congratulate USAID for making these necessary changes to its malaria policy. This issue deeply concerns me, and I have been working for over a year to reform the current system so that it focuses on life-saving commodities. I'm hopeful this change will dramatically reduce mortality rates and ultimately lead to the eradication of malaria."
Educational Document of the Year: Kill Malarial Mosquitoes NOW! Declaration	Kill Malarial Mosquitoes Now is recognized for its role in educating and engaging global political leaders and agencies in the issues pertaining to the proper use and necessity of DDT and ACT drugs for malaria control. Kill Malarial Mosquitos now continues to educate today as they recruit signatories for their declaration .
Volunteer of the Year: Stacey Blaschke	Stacey is the director of the Heart, Hope and Love project of the California-based volunteer run organization Be the Cause. Be the Cause brings multiple organizations together to purchase malarial bed nets to help children and families affected by malaria and AIDS. They purchase malarial bednets from a Kenyan project called Women Equality Empowerment Project (WEEP) that supports women widowed as a result of the AIDS epidemic. Those

	<p>same nets get shipped to a medical clinic next to Lake Victoria and are distributed for free to children and pregnant mothers at risk of malaria infection. In 2005, the project raised funds to support the distribution of malaria bednets for AIDS orphaned children, under the age of five years old and pregnant mothers with children under the age of five years old.</p>
<p>Global Media Reporter of the Year: Reed Kramer</p>	<p>Reed Kramer is the CEO of AllAfrica Global Media, the operator of AllAfrica.com. He is recognized for the exceptional reporting on business, development, social and health issues pertinent to Africa, including malaria-specific topics in 2005. AllAfrica Global Media is a multi-media content service provider, systems technology developer, and the largest electronic distributor of African news and information worldwide.</p>
<p>Television News Reporter of the Year: Jon Snow</p>	<p>Jon Snow, from Channel 4 News in London is recognized for his special reporting on malaria political, business and social issues based on his 2005 journeys in Africa.</p>
<p>Columnist of the Year: John Stossel</p>	<p>The author of Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity, John Stossel is recognized for his enlightening articles on the benefits of the insecticide DDT for malaria control.</p>
<p>Animator of the Year: Drew Barry</p>	<p>Drew Barry, an Emmy Award winning artist from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Australia, is recognized for his biomedical animations, which include the educational animated malaria images that jump-started his career.</p>
<p>Malaria Project Pioneer of the Year: Josh Gottlieb</p>	<p>Josh Gottlieb is recognized for developing the “Malaria Project” to teach and engage students in the fight against malaria as socially minded citizens. His 2005 project inspired the international MFI program called Student Leaders Against Malaria (SLAM) and the Malaria Project Pioneer concept. An expanding interactive SLAM network has since started to develop in the US and in Africa.</p>
<p>Community Leader of the Year: Gerald Mwangi Walterfang</p>	<p>Gerald Mwangi Walterfang, CEO of the Kenya NGOs Alliance Against Malaria, is recognized for his dedication, team spirit and productivity as a new leader working to motivate and encourage sustained leadership among young people in the fight against malaria.</p>
<p>Supportive AIDS Activist of the Year: Kenyan AIDS Watch Institute</p>	<p>The Kenya AIDS Watch Institute is recognized for participating in our Malaria Award Ceremony nominations. Great show of team spirit in the interest in Global Health!</p>
<p>Laboratory Technician of the Year: Mikhael Ahmad</p>	<p>Mikhael Ahmad, from the Hasan Sadikin Bandung Hospital in West Java, Indonesia, is recognized for his special efforts and dedication in correctly diagnosing malaria infections, including multiple species infections, during the January 2005 post-Tsunami period when medical and technical assistance was limited.</p>
<p>Database manager of the year: Mrigendra Pal Singh</p>	<p>Mrigendra Pal Singh, from the National Institute of Malaria Research, Field Station (NIMR- FS) Jabalpur, India, is recognized for his leadership role in building and maintaining a database management system that supports local needs and several international projects requiring sophisticated data analysis and management of large databases to support research on malaria vaccine trials and malaria illness.</p>

Most Popular Anti-Malaria Product of the Year: Long Lasting Insecticide-Treated Nets	These nets have been promoted for their superiority, given the increased life span of the insecticide treatment process and thus the longer lasting effectiveness of the netting in repelling or killing mosquitoes without requiring further at-home treatment.
Magazine of the Year: <i>TIME</i> magazine	TIME magazine is recognized for its special coverage on global health in the context of the Time-Warner Global Health Summit of November 2005.
Magazine Article of the Year:	<i>Scientific American</i> - December 2005, "Tackling Malaria" The December 2005 article "Tackling Malaria" provides a glimpse into the complexity of fighting malaria, from the history of malaria treatment to the hurdles facing malaria eradication today.
Book for the Year: Molecular Approaches to Malaria	Dedicated to William Trager (1910-2005), who first cultured <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> in the laboratory, and edited by Irwin Sherman, this book provides current scientific knowledge for unraveling and gaining insights into the molecular and cell biological nature of the malaria parasite and the <i>Anopheles</i> mosquito.
Scientific Speech of the Year: Bart Knols	This speech , titled " <i>Is the transgenic mosquito as a weapon against malaria ever going to fly?</i> " was delivered by Bart Knols at the 2005 Multilateral Initiative on Malaria meeting in Yaounde, Cameroun.
Scientific Presentation of the Year: Charles A. Gardner	This presentation , titled " <i>Innovation in Developing Countries</i> " was delivered by Charles A. Gardner at the Global Forum for Health Research meeting in Mumbai, India.
New Global Program of the Year: President's Malaria Initiative	The President's Malaria Initiative was launched in the U.S. in June 2005 and has pledged \$1.2 billion to control malaria in at least 15 African countries, beginning with Tanzania, Uganda and Angola.
Control Program of the Year: The MACEPA Initiative	The Government of Zambia, PATH, and local and global partners are working together with initial funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to institute the government's national malaria control plan, with emphasis on local successful malaria control strategies. Malaria Control and Evaluation Partnership in Africa (MACEPA) aims to strengthen the country's health system so that these strategies can be applied across the nation of Zambia.
Marketing Campaign of the Year: Malaria Research & Development Alliance	This marketing campaign conducted by the Malaria Research and Development Alliance effectively reported that Malaria research and development global spending in 2004 was \$323 million, while if malaria research were actually funded at the average rate for all medical conditions, it would receive more than \$3 billion in annual research and development funding. Their marketing campaign research report was developed to highlight the need for increased research support for the development and testing of new malaria drugs, vaccines and control tools.
Company of the Year: Novartis	Novartis is recognized for pioneering the development and distribution of the first Artemisinin Combination Therapies (ACTs) for widespread use and for stimulating global interest in the immediate further development, use, and evaluation of such effective malaria medicines.
Most Innovative New Project of the Year: Measles and Malaria	The American Red Cross, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization partnered to conduct the Measles and Malaria

Campaign	Campaign , one of the first and largest integrated health campaigns to take place in Africa. The campaign provided 900,000 children in Togo with insecticide-treated nets, measles vaccinations, polio vaccinations, and mebendazole for de-worming.
Malaria Advocacy Group of the Year: Africa Fighting Malaria	Africa Fighting Malaria is recognized for its daily, up-to-date reporting and analysis of malaria issues to garner increased financial support from government agencies and the appropriate use of funds for the effective control of malaria.
Global Health Advocacy Group of the Year: Global Health Council	The Global Health Council is recognized for its organized engagement and briefing of key players in the global malaria advocacy community.
Global Health Advocate of the Year: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is recognized for raising awareness through the financial support of projects that advance the development of malaria drugs and vaccines and investigate comprehensive malaria control strategies.
WEBCAST Video Conference of the Year: Malaria Business Leadership Conference	This webcast video aims to raise awareness and engage new supporters and project leaders.
NGO Leader of the Year: Kevin Starace	Kevin Starace of the United Nations Foundation is recognized for his dedication, commitment, persistence, and team support for malaria advocacy efforts globally. His attentiveness played out in the development of the AFRICA LIVE: Roll Back Malaria Concert and in the support of many other new 2005 efforts including Hedge Funds vs. Malaria, Student Leaders Against Malaria (SLAM), and this Malaria Awards Ceremony kick-off event.
Faith-Based Leader of the Year: Rick Warren	The author of a "Purpose Driven Life" is recognized for empowering people to join grass roots efforts to fight malaria. Reverend Warren's P.E.A.C.E. plan, which addresses what he calls the five major "Goliaths" of the world – spiritual emptiness, egocentric leadership, poverty, pandemic disease and illiteracy – touches on malaria prevention tactics that begin with mobilizing local churches. It has been shown, he said, that money and medicine are not enough to stop the spread of malaria. "What is lacking is motivation and mobilization. Those are the things keeping people in poverty and ill health."
Influential Global Health Book of the Year: Jeffrey Sachs	Jeffrey Sachs is recognized for his book <i>End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time</i> .
University of the Year: Emory University	Emory University is recognized for its university-wide support of the fight against malaria, as a host of the Malaria Foundation International's first annual "Hedge Funds vs. Malaria" Business Leadership Conference, with faculty, administration and student support across campus.
Research Publication of the Year: Snow RW, et al.	Snow RW, Guerra CA, Noor AM, Myint HY, Hay SI. The global distribution of clinical episodes of Plasmodium falciparum malaria. <i>Nature</i> . 2005 Mar 10;434(7030):214-7 Snow et al. are recognized for their work on documenting the global distribution of malaria in their article "The global distribution of

	clinical episodes of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> malaria,” published in <i>Nature</i> magazine in March 2005.
News Show of the Year: Charlie Rose Show	The Charlie Rose Show is recognized for its influential interviews with leaders in the fight against malaria.