

MALARIA

The World's Oldest Emerging Infectious Disease

Malaria Essays - Open Call, Viewpoints Sought.

NOTE: Submit Essays Anytime

Dear Friends,

With this new invitation, which began as a contest for a book, but will now remain an ongoing initiative, we continue to seek your viewpoints in essays to help attract attention to malaria as the persistent killer it is. We are seeking short 500 word essays from individuals with a variety of backgrounds who are willing to share their viewpoints to help open other's minds – especially those hearing about malaria for the first time - and to induce all readers to 'stretch' their mind - for the benefit of those suffering from malaria primarily. In this open call for participation, we especially seek those who are willing to rise up among new leaders, to take a stand, and be heard.

Remember that your words could prove to be highly influential and groundbreaking. Aim to reach the broadest audience, realizing that each person you touch by your writing could prove to make a big difference in the future.

Unusual or provocative standpoints are welcome, as well as the reiteration and emphasis on important viewpoints from a different angle or context, which may help lead the field towards improved protection or treatment of malaria exposed communities. We hope to hear from students, fellows, scientific research and control program heads, political and funding leaders, media specialists, physicians, public health specialists, and the like. We seek opinions, personal obsessions, commentaries, controversies, and contradictions, placed in the context of the historical background to put today's situation with regards to malaria in perspective. In other words, we ask that you put your heart, knowledge and spirit into this writing.

We hope that you will dare to say all of what you have not said before, but wish to relay to a broad audience, as well as what you may have already said but which may not have been heard by those who can help to institute change. Anonymous contributions are welcome from individuals unable to speak openly due to their institutional affiliation.

Selected essays from the start of this initiative will comprise the unique "Forum" section of a special Malaria Book to be published by Springer (see attached preface). Essay contributions on an ongoing basis will be posted to a special Malaria Foundation International (MFI) webpage at www.malaria.org. **Each year, AWARDS will be made for the best essays submitted, and these essays will be featured to draw extra attention.**

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Since the historical perspective of malaria is of prime importance, you are welcome to include references that are not readily available, if at all, in libraries or databases. We will make relevant articles available to readers by putting the corresponding PDFs on the MFI website. We want to make unusual or hard to obtain information available to anyone who may find it useful.

Similarly, supplementary information in the form of papers, reports, tables, figures, photographs or whatever you feel of interest and added long term value could be made available as an addition on-line. We can assist in the formatting and electronic scanning of such materials.

Thanks in advance for recognizing the value of this opportunity, to help educate and influence people of all ages, professions, and cultures. This is a chance to make a special difference. We know there are MANY creative individuals of all levels and backgrounds with important things to say, and we really look forward to your contributions. Enjoy the process!

With much appreciation,

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