

The Petri Dish

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We are always looking for stories from Fellows and opportunities to share knowledge. If you have a story or articles you'd like featured in a future newsletter, please email us!



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Welcome

Welcome to our July issue of the Petri Dish. Congratulations to the 15 Cohort I Fellows in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nigeria who graduated at our webinar in July. The Fellows received their certificates (virtually) from Professor Dame Sally Davies, who made it clear how important the role of Fleming Fellows is in working to monitor and influence the containment of antimicrobial resistance globally, as well as to contribute to the improved health of their communities, its workers, and their livestock.

As Phase I of the Fellowship Scheme draws to a close during 2022, we will celebrate the graduation of many more Fellows. I know your attendance and support is appreciated during these ceremonies as we hear of Fellows' achievements and personal progress. It is also an opportunity for Fellows to publicly thank their Mentors and Host Institutions for the opportunities they have created and the openness with which they engage us all.

As our graduating Fellows settle into a different role within the Fleming Fund we hope that they will actively engage with the Alumni Network. On page four you will see some of the activities that are starting to happen as the Steering Committee develops its programme.

A topic that has been high on the Fellowship Scheme agenda this month has been the development of Phase II. Using the quarterly reports, satisfaction surveys, closeout reports and general feedback from webinars and personal contact, Phase II aims to address some of the key challenges that Fellows and Mentors have experienced.

We have also listened to the Department of Health and Social Care and their external evaluators to improve what we are offering with the Fellowship experience. We still have a lot of work to do but I look forward to sharing some of the ideas with you over the coming months and hope that you all continue to enjoy being part of the Fellowship Scheme whether you are a Fellow, an alumnus, a mentor, or play another part in ensuring that we learn and grow as professionals.

With best wishes,



Important Dates

August Fellows Webinar – Wednesday 3 August, 08:30 BST

Steven Uggowitzer and John Farrow from the [eSHIFT Partner Network](#) will be presenting “The AoS Health AMR Surveillance Digital Health Platform: A Retrospective and Roadmap”.

The eSHIFT Partner Network works to empower health decision-makers to sustainably leverage best-fit technology to make better, more effective decisions for improved health outcomes in their communities. You can find out more about this organisation, including their work on AMR surveillance [here](#).

A calendar invitation is included with this issue of the Petri Dish. If you have any questions on joining this event, email us at FlemingFellowshipScheme@mottmac.com.

2022 Fellows Symposium – Register Now

The upcoming Fleming Fellows Symposium will take place over two half-day sessions on 12-13 October.

This year’s event will be a time to recognise the achievements of Fellows, Alumni and Host Institutions, and we eagerly await what comes next for our global community.

The Symposium will explore Communities of Practice through three themes to frame discussions, draw upon participants’ experiences and explore future activities:

- Placing the Fellowship Scheme within the Bigger Picture
- Building for Sustainability
- Sharing Best Practice

Registration is now open and links have been shared with Fellows, Alumni and Host Institution Teams.

Email us at FlemingFellowshipScheme@mottmac.com with any questions on attending.

2022 Symposium Programme Preview

Wednesday 12	<p>Communities of practice – live survey</p> <p>Sharing best practices in delivering for country requirements – panel discussion</p> <p>Communities of practice in the wider context – focus session</p> <p>Fleming Fund Phase II, theory of change and strategic priorities – plenary talk</p>
Thursday 13	<p>Country Perspectives – plenary talk</p> <p>Impact of Policy Fellows – focus session</p> <p>Flash presentations</p> <p>The Alumni network – panel discussion</p>

This year, we will be reaching out to Fellows and mentors directly to be speakers in focus sessions and panel discussions.

If you are interested in presenting your work at our Symposium, please submit an abstract for a ‘flash presentation’ when you register. **The deadline to submit a flash presentation abstract is 12 August**, so do sign-up by this date.

ARE YOU ON THE FLEMING FUND MAILING LIST?

The Fleming Fund sends out regular newsletters with more information on external events and achievements from across the programme, including Country and Regional Grants.

If you are not receiving these emails, you can sign up using [THIS FORM](#).

July Webinar Recap

This past month's webinar was a closing ceremony for Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nigeria Cohort I Fellows. The Fellows and their mentors presented their work and achievements from the course of their Fellowships, as well as collaborative projects outcomes, including:

- Human health Fellows in Pakistan conducted training for AMR diagnosis and data analysis, prepared SOPs, and contributed to long-term AMU surveillance.
- Animal health Pakistan Fellows developed AMR surveillance strategies and questionnaires, trained students on SOP development, and engaged focal persons and stakeholders in AMR and AMU.
- Sri Lanka Fellows completed courses in epidemiology, biostatistics and health policy. They also developed protocols and procedures for hospital sampling, AMR surveillance in poultry, and food production AMU sampling.
- Fellows took on advisory roles and are contributing to the development of the Sri Lanka National Action Plan on AMR.
- The final human health Fellow from Nigeria Cohort I presented her work on isolating and characterising *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae* in study populations. Community education and diagnostic stewardship were also included as part of this project.

Following the presentations from the Fellows and their mentors, the Fellows were awarded their certificates of completion from Professor Dame Sally Davies, the UK Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance.

"It's an honour to join you to mark this achievement. Your commitment to improving your professional development is truly inspiring, and it's all of you that's going to make a difference to turn the tide in this AMR pandemic," said Dame Sally Davies.

"You Fellows are a critical part of the Fleming Fund through building the technical capacity of our AMR workforce across the world, establishing labs and surveillance systems, improving awareness and understanding in your respective countries. I believe that you will be empowered to make long-lasting changes in your communities, countries and our whole world."

Congratulations to the Fellows:

Pakistan Cohort I

Host Institution - American Society for Microbiology

- Ayesha Zaman, AMR Lab Human Health
- Zurva Ashraf, AMR Surveillance Human Health
- Tanveer Ahmed Khan, AMU Surveillance Human Health
- Muhammad Abubakar, AMR Laboratory, Animal Health
- Muhammad Athar Abbas, AMR Surveillance, Animal Health
- Naila Siddique, AMR Surveillance, Animal Health

Sri Lanka Cohort I

Host Institution - University of Hong Kong, School of Public Health

- Muditha Hapudeniya, AMR Health Informatics, Human Health
- Nirmala Gunawardana, AMR Lab Human Health
- Darshana Wickramasinghe, AMR Surveillance Human Health
- Kamalika Ubeyratne, AMR Lab Animal Health
- Roshan Madalagama, AMR Surveillance Animal Health
- Nimal Jayaweera, AMC Surveillance Animal Health
- Chinthana Karunarathne, AMU Surveillance Animal Health
- Sujeewa Ariyawansa, AMU/C Surveillance Aquaculture

Nigeria Cohort I

Host Institution - Technical University of Denmark

- Abiodun Egwuenu, AMR Surveillance, Human Health

We are delighted to welcome these Fellows to the Alumni Network and hearing about their continuing work on AMR within their institutions, and how their Fellowships activities will generate further impact in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nigeria.

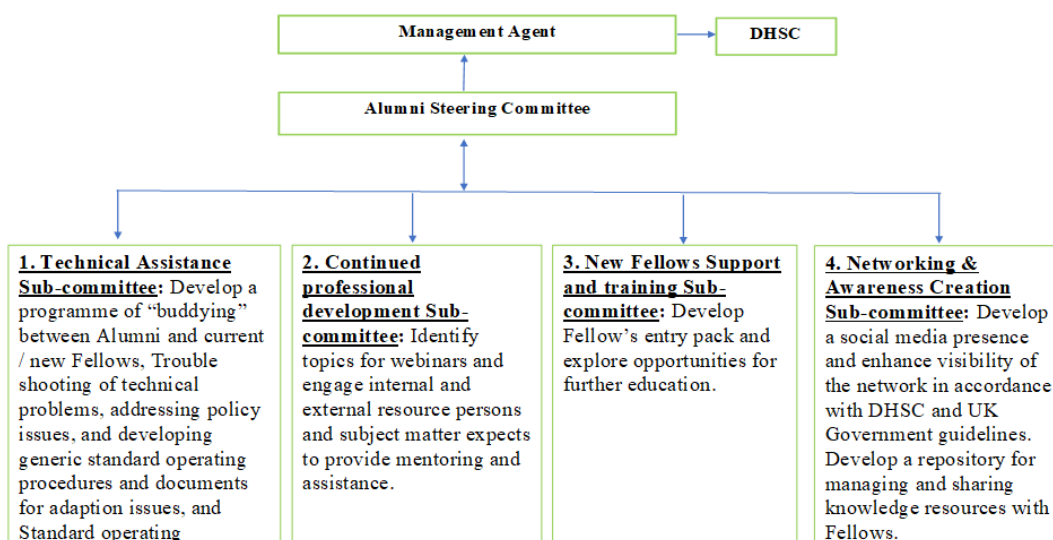
Alumni Corner

During July the Alumni Network Steering Committee worked on developing four sub-committees to expand the activities of the Network.

The structure of the Alumni Network is shown in the diagram below, with the four sub-committees covering:

- Technical assistance
- Continuing professional development
- New Fellows' support and training
- Networking and awareness creation.

These groups are intended to support past, present and new Fellows. As the Fellowship Scheme grows, so may the number and content of the sub-committees. If you would like to join one, please email elinam.segbefia@mottmac.com.



Meet the Team

Hayley London is the new Project Communications Manager for the Fleming Fund. You can learn more about Hayley, her interests and professional background, in her own words below.



Since joining the Fleming Fund at the end of April this year, it's been great to find out more about such an interesting and engaged programme and be part of such an important, collective global aim. I look forward to working with you all to share your stories and promote our wider communications.

Before joining Mott MacDonald, I worked as a Media, Marketing and Communications Officer at a UK life science research institution focused on understanding the natural world through genomics to confront global challenges.

My communications background in media, marketing, and editorial has involved roles across various industries in the private and public sectors such as broadcast, charity, and legal.

I'm based in Norfolk, UK, with visits to the London Mott MacDonald office. I have two boys, five and two, which keep me very busy outside of work! But I also enjoy running, live music, and yoga when I get a chance, as well as spending time with my friends and wider family.

Please do get in touch if you would like to communicate your work as I would love to hear more.

Thanks Hayley for introducing yourself. If you'd like to reach out to Hayley, you can contact her at hayley.london@mottmac.com.