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President's Message: Teaching vs Mentoring



Lee Cohnstaedt

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This letter continues my exploration of why I am a member of the Society of Vector Ecology. Previously, I shared how the Society supports my professional growth and what I contribute in return. In this issue, I want to focus on how we can pass on knowledge, experience, and meaningful guidance to help both individuals and our organization realize their full potential. Preserving—and actively sharing—customs, practices, and institutional knowledge is essential to keeping our Society strong and resilient as it adapts to evolving scientific and global challenges like new world screw-worm or viral outbreaks.

We see this culture of generosity clearly as Sarah Hamer organizes the annual meeting. Members are stepping forward to present research, moder-

ate sessions, and assist wherever needed. The new mixed solicitation format—half invited speakers and half selected from submitted abstracts—has broadened the scope of topics represented and opened more opportunities for participation at every career stage. This approach elevates the quality of science presented while ensuring that anyone who wishes to contribute a talk has a fair chance to do so. Equally important, the meeting structure—long breaks, intentional social spaces, and a field day—creates time for informal discussions and peer-to-peer learning. These interactions often spark collaborations, mentorships, and problemsolving moments that strengthen our community.

We see this same spirit in the Early Career Development Group, led by Patil Tawidian, which continues to offer excellent webinars focusing on early- and mid-career skill development. —**President's Message** *cont'd. n page 2.*

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President's Message *cont'd. from page 1.* These sessions benefit all of us, regardless of career stage. Ecology. They remind us that continual professional growth is essential—and that each of us plays a role in supporting the next generation. This brings me to a central question I hope each member will consider: Are you acting as a teacher, a mentor, or both?

A teacher shares knowledge, experience, and expertise—passing on information that helps others learn and improve. Teachers preserve institutional traditions, ensure continuity, and make our Society stronger by helping others understand what we do and why we do it. Teaching is often structured, with clear objectives and defined content.

Mentoring, however, goes beyond the transfer of information. Mentorship fosters judgment, shapes professional identity, builds confidence, and helps individuals navigate their career trajectories. While mentoring can involve teaching, it emphasizes sharing thought processes, modeling decision-making, and helping mentees strengthen their analytical and strategic skills. Unlike teaching, mentoring adapts to the needs, questions, and circumstances of the mentee.

Both teaching and mentoring are essential to the health of our Society. We can all remember moments when a colleague didn't just explain a concept but helped us think through how to make a decision or how to approach a challenge. Those mentoring moments had a lasting impact—far beyond the specific information shared.

As you interact with colleagues—whether during the annual meeting, in webinars, or in day-to-day conversations—pause and consider: Should I be teaching right now, or mentoring? Which approach will better serve this person and strengthen our community? Our Society is filled with exceptional individuals who embrace both roles. By continuing to cultivate these skills, we ensure that our members—present and future—are equipped to reach their full potential and continue the legacy of excellence that defines the Society of Vector.





NORTHCENTRAL USA REGION

Lyric C. Barthelomay, Ph.D.

Regional Director

Dear SOVE Colleagues,

This is my first newsletter as the North Central Regional Director. I'm very pleased to get to continue to serve the Society of Vector Ecology in this role, after having served as President of the Society in 2024. My sincere thanks to Nicole Achee for her leadership in this position from 2017-2026.

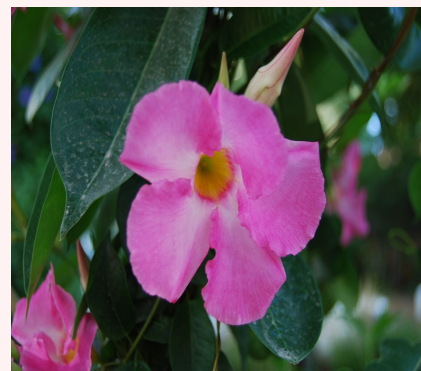
The North Central region encompasses many of the "corn belt" states in the U.S. (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin) and Canadian territories (Manitoba, Ontario and the Northern territory). My home base is Madison, WI, where I am a Professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine, and one of the Directors of the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease.

As is the case for many of you, here in Madison, we're fielding calls from reporters who want to know if it will be a "bad year" for mosquitoes and ticks, and we're moving into what will no doubt be busy operational and field season. Indeed, people living or recreating in states in the Midwest region have been contending with tick issues this spring. The Tick Bite Tracker from the Centers for Disease Control provides information

on Emergency Department (ED) visits for tick bites by region. In the Midwest, an increase in tick bite ED visits came early this year: March (39) April (136) May (137) as compared to 2025 March (20) April (70) May (153), where these numbers represent ED visits per 100,000 ED visits. I have heard from several colleagues in Upper Midwestern states that there was an abundance of American dog ticks (*Dermacentor variabilis*) this spring, which could account for many of those ED visits. More of us are seeing nymph stage blacklegged ticks now in our surveillance efforts, and I'll no doubt report back to you on whether we indeed experience an above average year for blacklegged ticks and associated diseases. Likewise for mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases!

More soon, as the data emerge from this 2026 year in vectors and vector-borne disease,

Lyric





SOUTHWESTERN REGION, USA

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The SOVE Southwestern Region USA consists of 5 states: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and New Mexico. Except for Hawaii, the other 4 states although contiguous yet they differ in biogeography and climatic conditions. We are just getting in to the early summer and it is still too early to shed some definitive light on vectors and the spread of vector-borne diseases (VBD). However, based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and individual state entities, a brief update on VBD surveillance by state is presented here..

Arizona (www.Azdhs.gov). In 2025, Arizona Department of Health Services reported 3 cases of Chagas disease, 6 hantavirus, 12 Rocky Mountain spotted fever, 17 Lyme disease, 1 plague, 37 dengue, 55 West Nile virus (WNV), 3 chikungunya, and 13 malaria cases. This year, there have been 5 travel-related cases of dengue, 4 WNV (2 Maricopa county, 1 Navajo and 1 Pima 1). Maricopa County that reported 1 human and 1 horse case of WNV plus 182 mosquito pools positive for WNV and 155 pools seropositive for Saint Luis encephalitis virus (SLEV), has reported no virus activity thus far. According to previous records; however, the above mentioned figures will go much higher as we go through the summer months.

California (www.cdph.ca.gov). As of 6/12/2026, California continued to report the distribution of two invasive mosquito species, *Aedes aegypti* (L.) and *Ae. Albopictus* (Skuse) in Los Angeles and Shasta counties. The former species was also found in 26 other counties: Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Orang, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo, and Yuba. As of 2/2/2026, California has updated their 2026-WNV surveillance data: with 35 dead birds and 33 seropositive mosquito pools. The WNV activity was reported from 23 counties. In May

2026, during the spread of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome virus among travelers on the cruise ship, MV Hondius, the two Californians have shown no symptoms of the Sin Nombre virus. Since its arrival of WNV in California in 2003, the virus has resulted in >8K human cases with 4K deaths. Additionally, California reported 145 imported and 6 locally acquired cases of dengue and 10 cases of chikungunya. Also, there were 105 mosquito pools positive for SLE with two human infections in Los Angeles and Riverside counties. Moreover, there were 38 confirmed and 9 probable cases of flea-borne typhus reported in the state.

Hawaii (www.health.hawaii.gov/vcb/mosquitoes). As of May 2026, the Hawaii Vector Control Branch (VCB), reported the case count of mosquito transmitted diseases to include 2 dengue, 1 Zika and 1 malaria. According to VCD, mosquito-borne diseases are not endemic and are not thought to be an immediate threat to health in Hawaii; however, diseases transmitted by *Aedes* spp. include dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses..

Nevada (<https://dhhs.nv.org>). As of 2/5/2026, the Southern Nevada Health District reported the revised 2025-26 update of 6 cases of Lyme disease and 3 cases of malaria. Of the 1,621 female mosquito pools tested by Clark county, 14 pools tested positive for WNV and zero for both SLE and western equine encephalomyelitis virus (WEEV) [southernnevadahealthdistrict.org]. The northern Nevada public health (formerly Washoe County.org) did not report any cases.

New Mexico (nmhealth.org). As of 6/8/2026, New Mexico Health Department reported 7 human cases (1 death) of hantavirus by county: Santa Fe 1, Taos 1 and McKinley (5). There were also 3 human, and 5 animal cases (1 cat, 4 dogs) of plague, and 52 WNV cases in New Mexico.

Before closing, I would like to remind our regional members to please send me your news about your employment, professional recognition, or any significant accomplishment that you would like to see published in the newsletter. Thanks and stay healthy and safe!

Cordially,

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SOUTHCENTRAL REGION USA

Steve Presley, Ph.D.

Regional Director

Greetings, colleagues and friends:

Summer 2026 will likely a very interesting arthropod vector surveillance, control and research season in the Southcentral United States. But before delving into the nitty-gritty, I want to thank Michelle Brown (our SOVE Executive Director) for her commitment and tireless service to our society. I also want to welcome our newest international colleagues, the Society for Vector Ecology – Africa Region (SOVE-Africa) and the Regional Director Dr. Bridget Aito-Bobadoye.

While considering what vector ecology related information to convey from the Southcentral Region in this missive, I decided to focus on the status of arthropod-transmitted diseases affecting public health in the region. And the potential for the introduction of non-endemic/non-enzootic disease-causing pathogens resulting from international travel associated with the FIFA World Cup matches in the region during June through July, particularly in Texas and Kansas.

As we move into the summer and increased mosquito activity, the likelihood of mosquito-borne virus transmission to humans also increases. There have been 63,068 human cases of West Nile virus in the U.S. from 1999-2025, with 11,003 cases reported from five states comprising the Southcentral Region - approximately 17% of all U.S. cases. During 2025 there were 2,076 human cases of West Nile virus reported from 47 states, with 69.1% of the cases resulting in neuroinvasive disease. In the Southcentral Region there were 312

reported human cases of West Nile virus, roughly 15% of all cases in the U.S. Of those 312 human cases in the Southcentral Region there were 127 reported from Texas (41% of all Southcentral Region cases and 6.1% of all U.S. reported cases), Louisiana reported 70 cases (22% of all Southcentral Region cases), Oklahoma reported 55 cases (18% of all Southcentral Region cases), Kansas reported 35 cases (11% of all Southcentral Region cases), and Arkansas reported 25 cases (8% of all Southcentral Region cases).

To provide some perspective relative to the geographical size and the administrative subdivisions of each state (i.e., counties and parishes) within the Southcentral Region: Texas is comprised of 254 counties, Kansas has 105 counties, Oklahoma has 77 counties, Arkansas has 75 counties, and Louisiana is comprised of 64 parishes. During 2025, 57 (22%) Texas counties reported human cases of West Nile virus, predominately in the northern and eastern counties. Kansas does not report West Nile virus cases by county, but by groupings of counties into regions (i.e., Northeast, Southeast, Northcentral, Southcentral, Northwest, and Southwest). Human cases of West Nile virus in Kansas occurred in the Northeastern and Southcentral regions. Twenty (26%) of Oklahoma counties reported human West Nile virus cases, mostly from the northeastern and southcentral regions of the state. There were 14 (19%) of Arkansas counties reporting human cases, mainly from central and eastern areas of the state. There were 28 (43%) of Louisiana parishes reporting West Nile virus human cases from all areas of the state.

Another arbovirus transmitted by mosquitoes that is of public health concern in the Southcentral Region is St. Louis encephalitis virus, particularly in the northern and Panhandle counties of Texas. During the past 21 years (2003-2024) there have been

— **Presley** cont'd. on page 10



Rajpal S. Yadav

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With great pleasure, I share highlights of the activities by the SOVE-Indian Chapter as follows:

- 1.** Preparations are underway to organize the 4th International Conference on Vector-borne Diseases (ICVBD 2027) in Udaipur, India, from Feb 4–6, 2027. The Indian Chapter (iSOVE) and the Academy of Public Health Entomology, Udaipur, will jointly organize the conference. Details, including objectives, scientific program, registration, abstract submissions, and how directions to the venue, are available on the ICVBD website (<https://icvbd2027.aphe.org.in/>). Many Indian and international experts have already confirmed their participation. As Chair of the conference organizing committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to this event, which will bring together students, researchers, academics, policymakers, industry experts, product development partners, program managers, and pest management associations.
- 2.** The iSOVE members participated in an international workshop on implementing the new World Health Organization (WHO) Lymphatic filariasis (LF) monitoring and evaluation manual, emphasizing advanced diagnostics and integrated molecular xenomonitoring (MX). The workshop, held in Puducherry from March 9–13, 2026, was organized by the ICMR-National Institute of Vector Control Research (formerly ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre), the WHO headquarters, and the WHO South-East Asia Regional Office in New Delhi. Thirty-six participants from 9 countries in the South-

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Regional Director

East Asia and Western Pacific regions and from eight Indian states attended the workshop

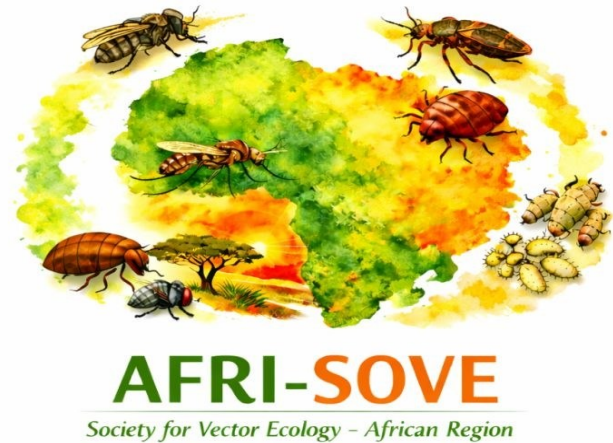
3. The workshop, in addition to monitoring LF prevalence, strengthened capacity in conventional and molecular diagnostic techniques, rapid diagnostic testing, vector surveillance, mosquito collection and identification methods, and the interpretation of surveillance data. Other topics included the WHO Strategic Framework and 2030 targets for LF elimination, updated survey designs and confirmatory mapping, country presentations on post-mass drug administration and post-validation surveillance, monitoring and evaluation of morbidity management and disability prevention, diagnostic tools and biomarkers, and integrated MX surveillance. Hands-on training sessions covered mosquito collection using gravid and light traps, household sampling, vector identification, and processing mosquito samples for molecular analysis.

4. Rajpal Yadav participated in the National Stakeholders Consultation Workshop for Strengthening of Entomology from April 9 to 10, 2026. He gave a lecture on “Indoor Residual Spraying: Its scientific basis & validation, and consideration of insecticide resistance in vector control decision-making”. The workshop was organized by the National Centre for Vector-Borne Disease Control, New Delhi. The main issues discussed were the national landscape of entomological capacity and infrastructure in India, entomological surveillance indicators and data requirements for certification of malaria elimination, ways to strengthen the entomological cadre, digital reporting of entomological data, and the role of public health entomology in vector-borne disease control.

—Yadav cont'd. on page 10

AFRI-SOVE: A New Regional Charter, A New Era for Vector Ecology in Africa

The Society for Vector Ecology “African Region” (AFRI-SOVE) has reached a historic milestone with the formal approval of its regional charter, marking the beginning of a unified, continent-wide platform dedicated to strengthening vector science, vector surveillance, One Health, and public health action across Africa. This charter establishes AFRI-SOVE as the newest regional section within the global SOVE family and sets the foundation for coordinated scientific leadership at a time when vector-borne diseases continue to challenge health systems, economies, and ecological stability across the African continent.



A Charter Built for Africa's Realities and Africa's Strengths

The newly approved charter outlines a governance structure designed to reflect Africa's diversity (geographically, scientifically, and institutionally) and professional strengths. Its executive committee, regional representation, and standing committees will ensure equitable participation from West, East, Central, North, and Southern Africa. At its core, the charter affirms its commitment to advancing evidence-based research in vector ecology, fostering cross-border cooperation, translating science into innovative vector control products and elevating African expertise within global conversations on vector-borne disease control. It positions the region not only as a beneficiary of global knowledge, but as a generator of innovation, leadership, and scientific excellence.

Our Objective: Strengthening Vector Ecology for a Healthier Continent

AFRI-SOVE's mission is clear to build a strong, interconnected community of scientists, practitioners, and institutions working to reduce the burden of vector-borne diseases across Africa. Guided by the charter, our objectives include:

Advancing Vector Science: We are dedicated to promoting high-quality research in vector ecology, behavior, surveillance, and control from all AFRI-SOVE members.

Building Regional Capacity: We will be supporting training, mentorship, and professional development for students (master's and PhD), early-career and established scientists, but most importantly connecting AFRI-SOVE researchers with other members of SOVE charter (E-SOVE, Indian SOVE, Latin American-SOVE, Asian-SOVE) as well as global partners to accelerate innovation.

Strengthening Surveillance Systems: Harmonization of entomological and One Health surveillance approaches across all African countries through collaborative efforts.

Supporting Evidence-Based Policy: We will ensure that scientific insights arising from our research efforts supports national and regional decision-making on the African continent.

These objectives reflect the continent's urgent need for coordinated, science-driven responses to emerging and re-emerging vector-borne threats.

Our Agenda for the Inaugural Year

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**Bridget Aito-Bobadoye, Ph.D.
Chair, AFRI-SOVE**



Bridget Aito-Bobadoye is an entomologist whose work spans One Health, vector bionomics, and bio-security-focused surveillance across West African countries. She has led academic and programmatic surveillance activities, contributing to national and sub-national risk mapping, integrated vector surveillance, and outbreak-readiness frameworks. Her early research career began at the Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria, where she is currently an associate professor who interests spanned vector bionomics, medical entomology, ecological monitoring of forest ecosystems, and operational vector-surveillance systems. She was also the One Health project coordinator for the Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment Consortium (GET) where she led vector surveillance projects on *Aedes africanus* as bridge vectors driving sylvatic transmission cycles of yellow fever in forest ecosystems in South-West Nigeria. She supported the development of projects focused on strengthening regional bio-security coordination in Sub-Saharan Africa, which was sponsored by the West African Health Organization (WAHO).

She is currently a post-doctoral researcher with the black fly lab at the University of Georgia, where her research focuses on black fly bionomics, vector surveillance and suppression programs, as well as controlled-release spatial repellents to enhance evidence-based vector control for onchocerciasis and vesicular stomatitis viruses vectored by several species of *Simulium*. Looking ahead, she is committed to advancing continental leadership in vector science and surveillance through her role as chair of AFRI-SOVE, strengthening African research networks, capacity building, and new innovative tools for vector-borne disease prevention across Sub-Saharan Africa.

AFRI-SOVE *cont'd. from page 7*. With the charter now approved, AFRI-SOVE enters its founding year with a focused and ambitious agenda: Launch of the Inaugural Elections: We have filled the six foundational leadership positions to guide the region's first year.

Establishment of Regional Working Groups: We are creating research themed working groups including entomological surveillance, vector control innovation, One Health integration, as well as training and mentorship. **Membership Expansion:** We are welcoming more scientists, students, and practitioners across Africa's 54 countries. **Continental Mapping of Vector Ecology Capacity:** AFRI-SOVE has identified labs, field sites, surveillance programs, and training hubs on the African continent for collaborative efforts.

Strengthening Partnerships: Over the next one year, AFRI-SOVE will be engaging ministries of health, universities, research institutes, and global health organizations to strengthen our expert portfolio and research capacities. This agenda reflects AFRI-SOVE's commitment to building a strong, sustainable, and scientifically rigorous regional community from day one.

A Continental Vision with Global Impact The approval of the AFRI-SOVE charter is more than just an administrative milestone, it is a declaration of Africa's readiness to lead its own efforts to mitigate unpredictable outbreaks of diseases. By uniting vector ecologists, entomologists, public health professionals, and environmental scientists across the continent. AFRI-SOVE is poised to transform how Africa understands, anticipates, and responds to vector-borne disease challenges. As we move into this inaugural year, we invite the global SOVE community to join us in celebrating this achievement and supporting the growth of a vibrant, collaborative, and impactful African regional section.

From the Desk of the Executive Director, Michelle Brown, Ph.D.

Yosemite awaits!

I am so excited about our meeting in September. Not only is Sarah Hamer working on an amazing program, Tenaya Lodge has a wealth of activities. Daily you can participate in archery, rock climbing, and guided nature walks at no charge. Additionally, there are activities which charge a fee. These include a gold-panning class and a glass blowing glass, where you can learn more about California's gold rush history and create your own piece of art. I encourage all attendees to check out the activities at the Lodge and nearby at <https://www.visitttenaya.com/activities/>. Field Ecology Day will include 2 options for guided hikes. One hike is a 3-mile easy hike to the waterfall. One hike is a 1.5-mile moderate nature hike. These hikes are space limited, so register today to get your first choice! Don't feel like a hike? The Lodge provides complimentary mountain bikes upon availability if you wish to explore on 2 wheels. Want to cruise around in style? Horse-back activities and a railroad excursion are within walking distance of the Lodge. After a fun day of exploring the beauty of Yosemite, we will have an excellent dinner to share our adventures. I can't wait to see you there!



Presley *con'd from page 5:* 11 human cases reported from counties in Arkansas, four counties in Louisiana reporting human cases, three Kansas counties reporting human cases, and two human cases reported by counties in Oklahoma. During 2025 there were six Texas counties and two Louisiana parishes reporting non-human St. Louis encephalitis infections (no data available for Arkansas, Kansas or Oklahoma).

During mid-June through late July North America (U.S., Canada and Mexico) will be hosting the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) World Cup which will include 48 soccer teams, the majority of which are international. Eleven cities in the U.S. will be hosting World Cup matches, with three of those cities located in the Southcentral Region (9 matches in Dallas, Texas; 7 matches in Houston, Texas; and 6 matches in Kansas City, Missouri). It is anticipated that 1.24 million international visitors will travel to the U.S. specifically for the games. There is significant concern among national and regional public health officials regarding the potential unintentional introduction of arthropod-transmitted pathogens such as dengue virus, malaria, Rift Valley fever virus, and others into areas with mosquito species that are/maybe competent vectors of those pathogens. The potential for such pathogen introductions certainly exists, but I have great confidence in vector surveillance and control capabilities and capacities available within the U.S. to detect and mitigate any introduced disease outbreaks.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the 53rd Annual Meeting of SOVE in Yosemite, CA, September 20-24, 2026. Have a great summer.

Steve

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Yadav *cont'd. from page 6:* **5.** At the an invitation of the Pest Management Association of India, Rajpal Yadav participated in “Fusion 2026”, the annual educational event, and delivered a keynote lecture on “Vector Control – Challenges and Opportunities” on April 4, 2026. The theme of this event was “Transforming Pest Management for Tomorrow: Technology, Sustainability & Workforce Empowerment

6. As in previous years, on May 16 May, the National Dengue Day was observed across India through social media posts, meetings and webinars by various institutions, municipalities and the vector-borne disease control program. It was to serve as a pre-monsoon alert, reminding communities of the increasing risk of dengue and other arboviral diseases and the need for timely risk communication, community engagement, greater investment in vector control, and increasing the entomological capacity in the country. People were asked to contribute to these efforts in their own way and at their local level, and strengthen the mission of iSOVE by undertaking appropriate activities and sharing the outcomes.

Rajpal S. Yadav

The 4th International Conference on Vector-Borne Disease 2027 will be held February 4-7, 2027, at the Bamboo Saa Resort, in Udaipur, India. Learn more about the conference and submit your abstract [here](#). Abstract submission are due by September 15, 2026 and early bird registration ends The 4th International Conference on Vector-Borne Disease 2027 will be held February 4-7, 2027, at the Bamboo Saa Resort, in Udaipur, India. Learn more about the conference and submit your abstract [here](#). Abstract submission are due by September 15, 2026 and early bird registration ends October 31, 2026



BEI Resources for Vector Biology Research

(www.beiresources.org)

The NIAID's BEI Resources program provides Vector Biology resources for free to registered, approved researchers in domestic and foreign institutions with appropriate facilities and containment procedures for vector research. Our widely requested holdings include LIVE arthropod vectors of human disease, including anopheline and culicine mosquitoes, reduviids, ticks and sand flies, associated reagents and genomic materials for entomological research, along with insectary protocols. For the cost of nothing, recipients are only required to acknowledge the use of the individual resources in publications and presentations of the research in which the materials are used.

BEI Resources arthropod colonies are made available by the deposit contributions of investigators throughout the world. Deposited materials undergo review by NIAID prior to acceptance. Please notify BEI Resources through the Suggest A Reagent Form if you have a request for inclusion or the Deposit Inquiry Contact Form if you have a unique strain for consideration.

Vector Biology resources available through BEI Resources will remain available throughout the current coronavirus pandemic. Orders and/or shipping of certain live vectors may be delayed or temporarily on hold depending on the current operating status of individual insectaries for mosquitoes, ticks, reduviids and sand flies. BEI Resources is pleased to announce the upcoming availability of black fly life stages through a partnership with the University of Georgia Black Fly Rearing and Bioassay Laboratory, which has operated the only known colony of black flies (Diptera: Simuliidae) for over 20 years. Since its establishment, the *Simulium vittatum* colony has been used for a variety of research projects, including vector transmission studies, environmental monitoring, vector control and larval feeding studies.

I wanted to share some information regarding the NIAID Bioinformatics Resource Centers for Infectious Diseases (BRCs) that were recently renewed. There has been concern in the vector re-

search community regarding the accessibility of bioinformatics data on vectors under the new awards. If the SOVE newsletter editors agree to post this information, below is what is available at this time:

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Conferences

September 20-24, 2026: Society of Vector Ecology (SOVE)'s 53rd Annual Meeting will be held in Yosemite, California. For more information, please visit the websites at www.sove.org

November 9-12: Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA)'s Annual Meeting will be held in Ponte Vedra/St. Augustine, Florida. For more information, please visit the website at www.yourFMCA.org

February 4-7, 2027. 4th International Conference on Vector-borne Diseases (IVBD) organized by Indian SOVE will be held in Udaipur, India. For more information, please visit the website at www.icvbd2027.aphe.org.in/

March 1-5, 2027. American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA)'s Annual Meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, please visit the AMCA website at www.mosquito.org

March 23-26, 2027. 22nd Arbovirus Surveillance and Mosquito Control Workshop will be organized and held in Anastasia Mosquito Control District, 120 EOC Drive, St. Augustine, Florida. For more information about the workshop and previous workshops, please visit the website at www.amcdsjc.org

May 24-28, 2027. 10th International Forum for Surveillance and Control of Mosquito and Vector-borne Diseases (IFSCMVD) organized by the Entomological Society of China (ESC) and the Asian SOVE and Mosquito Control (ASVEMC); it will be held in Hangzhou (changed from Guiyang), China. For more information about the meeting, please visit the website at www.asiansvemc.org

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About SOVE



The Society for Vector Ecology is a nonprofit professional organization formed in 1968 by a group of individuals involved in vector biology and control programs in California. The membership has since grown to represent an amalgamation of diverse research, operational, and extension personnel from all over the world. The Society is committed to solving many complex problems encountered in the field of vector biology and control. Among these are the suppression of nuisance organisms and disease vectors through the integration of various control options, such as environmental management, biological control, public education, and appropriate chemical or non-chemical control strategy.

The Society publishes the biannual Journal of Vector Ecology that contains research and operational papers covering many phases of vector biology, ecology, and control. The Society also issues a quarterly newsletter and holds an annual conference in September/October.

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