CMPD5 MINISYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL

Title: Advances in Modeling Vector-Borne Neglected Tropical Diseases

Organizers:

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Many neglected tropical diseases are transmitted by vectors. Mathematical models of vector-borne diseases play an important and well-established role in studying the transmission dynamics and control of such diseases since affected individuals and their local government often have very limited resources. This minisymposium offers analysis and insights on the infection dynamics of diseases such as leishmaniasis, malaria, dengue, and Chagas disease, building on the common underlying structure of host-vector contacts to identify population dynamic results across different host and vector types.

Confirmed speakers:

- 1. Lauren Childs, Virginia Tech
- 2. Swati DebRoy, University of South Carolina Beaufort
- 3. Christopher Kribs, University of Texas at Arlington
- 4. Olivia Prosper, University of Kentucky

Special request:

Drs. Childs and Prosper are also organizing a (different) mini-symposium, in which they are not speaking. I wanted to pass on their scheduling request that these two mini-symposia (if both accepted) be scheduled on the same or consecutive days (but obviously not at the same time). Thank you for your consideration.