

2020 IDSA Elections

Biographical Sketches and Personal Statements

IDSA 2020 Elections Ballot

Vice President (4-year term): Carlos del Rio, MD, FIDSA
Atlanta, GA

Director (3-year term): Cesar A. Arias, MD, MSc, PhD, FIDSA
Houston, TX

Director (3-year term): Rana Chakraborty, MD, MSc, PhD
Rochester, MN

Director (3-year term): Jasmine R. Marcelin, MD, FACP
Omaha, NE

Vice President

Carlos del Rio, MD, FIDSA

Education: Instituto Cumbres, Mexico City, Mexico, 1977; Universidad La Salle, Mexico City, Mexico, MD, 1977-1983; Medical Intern and Resident, Emory University School of Medicine, 1983-1986 (five months in JAR year at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD); Infectious Diseases Fellowship, Emory University School of Medicine, 1986-1988, Chief Resident, 1988-1989.

Current Appointments: Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine; Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University; Executive Associate Dean of Emory at Grady; Principal Investigator and co-Director, Emory Center for AIDS Research (CFAR); Co-Principal Investigator, Emory-CDC HIV Clinical Trials Unit and Emory Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation (VTEU) Unit.

IDSA Recent Participation: Member, Education Committee, 2003 – 2005; Member, ID Curriculum Working Group, 2006 – 2009; Member, IDSA Foundation Advancement Taskforce, 2007 – 2010; Member, Global Health Committee, 2016 – 2019; Member, Taskforce on Industry Relations, 2017; Member, Opioid Working Group, 2017 – present; Member, Digital Strategies Advisory Group, 2019 - present. Board member, HIVMA, 2007 – 2017; HIVMA Representative to the IDSA Board, 2011 – 2013; Vice-Chair, Chair-elect, Chair and Immediate Past Chair, HIVMA, 2014 – 2017. I have regularly participated in IDSA/HIVMA-sponsored Congressional visits and have participated as invited speaker in the IDSA Research Careers in Infectious Diseases meeting. As a member of the National Academy of Medicine, I have led two important reports on the ways in which the opioid use disorder epidemic is impacting infectious diseases and how to better integrate the response to these two intersecting epidemics. I have represented IDSA as a frequent guest on CNN and other media during outbreaks such as the current COVID-19 and can be an effective communicator for who we are, what we do and the value we bring.

Research Interests: My research focuses on the early diagnosis, access to care, compliance with antiretrovirals, and the prevention of HIV infection. I have worked for over two decades in hospitals and clinics with marginalized populations, including persons who use drugs, to improve outcomes of those infected with HIV, and to prevent infection with those at risk. Besides Atlanta, I conduct HIV research and training in Kenya, Ethiopia, Thailand, and the Country of Georgia. Recently my research has expanded to include treatment and prevention of COVID-19.

Other: Member, Board of Directors, International Antiviral Society-USA (IAS-USA); Chair, PEPFAR Scientific Advisory Board; Member, CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, viral Hepatitis, and STDs; Chief Section Editor, HIV/AIDS of *NEJM Journal Watch Infectious Diseases*; Associate Editor, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*; Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of AIDS* and *Global Public Health*; Member, Board of Directors, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, 2011 – present.

Personal Statement: Throughout my life I have held numerous leadership positions including Director of the National HIV/AIDS Program in Mexico, Chief of the Emory Medical Service at Grady, Chief of ID at Emory University Hospital, Chair of the Department of Global Health; Director of the Emory Center for AIDS Research and Executive Associate Dean at Emory University. In those roles, I have been able to lead different constituencies through challenging times by listening, being able to communicate a vision and implementing strategies that achieve results. I believe that success as a leader depends on gaining the trust and support of others, putting together a diverse team that shares the same mission and vision and that is not afraid to take risks and by personally not being afraid of failure and willing to learn from one's own mistakes. As ID Service Chief for Emory University Hospital, I helped create an ID direct care service using a collaborative model with advanced practice providers to provide high quality consultative service despite an increasing workload. As member of the Compensation Committee for the School of Medicine, I am working to improve compensation for ID clinicians. I am deeply committed to resident and fellow education and the development of the next generation of ID and HIV leaders and am passionate about recruiting more underrepresented minorities into the field and eliminating gender disparities in salary and opportunities. I believe that I can serve the specialty in a leadership position on the IDSA Board of Directors bringing the perspective of an active clinician and educator who is also involved in research.

Director Candidate

Cesar A. Arias, MD, MSc, PhD, FIDSA

Education: Universidad El Bosque, Escuela Colombiana de Medicina, MD, 1992; University of London, MSc Clinical Microbiology, 1996; University of Cambridge, PhD, Molecular Microbiology, 2000; Internship and Residency, Internal Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), McGovern Medical School, 2004; Fellow in Infectious Diseases, UTHealth McGovern Medical School/MD Anderson Cancer Center, 2008.

Current Appointments: Professor of Medicine, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Director, Center for Antimicrobial Resistance and Microbial Genomics, UTHealth McGovern Medical School at Houston. Herbert L. and Margaret W. DuPont Chair in Infectious Diseases and Director, Center for Infectious Diseases, UTHealth School of Public Health.

IDSA Participation: Member, IDWeek Program Committee, 2015-2019; Vice-Chair, IDWeek 2018; Chair, IDWeek, 2019; Member, IDSA Guidelines Panel, *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia, 2018-present; Member, IDSA Guidelines Panel, Diagnostics, COVID-19, 2020-present. Member, Editorial Board, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

Research Interests: Clinical, molecular and genomics aspects of antimicrobial resistance with emphasis on Gram-positive organisms. Molecular mechanisms of antibiotic resistance, genomic epidemiology of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens.

Other: Bye Fellow, St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, UK; Wellcome Trust International Fellow, University of Cambridge; Founder and Director, Molecular Genetics and Antimicrobial Resistance Unit/International Center for Microbial Genomics, Universidad El Bosque, Bogota, Colombia. Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine and American Board of Internal Medicine-Infectious Diseases; Standing Member, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Study Section, NIH/NIAID, 2012-2018; Chairman, 4th International ASM Conference on Enterococci; Editor and Editor-In-Chief *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*, 2014-present; K99/R00 NIH Pathway to Independence Award, 2008-2010; Chair, Antibiotic Resistance Task Force, Gulf Coast Consortium, Houston, Texas; Member, Awards Committee, American Academy of Microbiology; ICAAC/Merck Irving S. Sigal Young Investigator Award, American Society for Microbiology, 2002; Oswald Avery Award for Early Career Achievement, IDSA, 2013; Member, American Society of Clinical Investigation, 2015; Fellow, IDSA, 2013; Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, 2019.

Personal Statement: I am a physician-scientist applying basic science discoveries into tools to help our most vulnerable patients. I have been fortunate to actively participate in the robust growth of IDSA in the last few years. My major role in IDSA was as part of the IDWeek program committee, ending as Chair of IDWeek in 2019. We directed our efforts and vision to enhance the translational focus of the meeting, incorporating strong features of basic science coupled with translational elements. This focus and vision became part of the "DNA" of the meeting as I became more involved in the leadership of IDWeek. I also worked to increase the international reach of IDWeek and IDSA. I wholeheartedly believe that IDSA should be a strong international society and develop firmer links with societies around the world. With the support of IDSA leadership, we spearheaded IDSA-sponsored symposia in Latin-America designated "*The Best of IDWeek*." I am proud to report IDWeek 2019 broke record in attendance, abstract submissions, attendance of trainings, social media posting, among others. We also implemented strong principles of diversity and opportunity in IDWeek that are at the core of the IDSA mission. I believe IDSA has strengthened with the growth of IDWeek and the foundations are solid for continuous growth. I am also honored to have been a part of the first cohort of the IDSA Leadership Institute. I will continue my unwavering support of IDWeek and IDSA, our role in the world as ID physicians and public health advocates is now more important than ever. I hope to extend my work, commitment and passion for my specialty and society as part of the IDSA Board of Directors.

Director Candidate

Rana Chakraborty, MD, MSc, PhD

Education: Antigua School of Medicine, MD, 1990; Royal Postgraduate Medical School, University of London, MSc, 1991; Intern and Resident, Pediatrics, Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, 1993-1995; Fellow, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School – Newark, 1996-1998. University of Oxford D.Phil. (PhD), 1999-2002.

Current Appointments: Professor of Pediatrics, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine; Senior Associate Consultant, Mayo Clinic.

IDSA/PIDS Participation: IDSA Research Committee, 2019 – present.

Research Interests: I have experience in perinatal, pediatric and adolescent infectious diseases leadership in clinical trials conduct, standing as an educator, and publications in basic science. I have been supported by intra- and extramural (NIH) funding as a PI in clinical and lab-based research initially at the University of Oxford as a Medical Research Clinical Training Fellow and currently at Mayo Clinic. My lab has unique expertise in placental and fetal immunology and has characterized and published on infection of trophoblasts, cord blood and placental macrophages with HIV-1, CMV, Toxoplasma, and Zika virus. More recently my focus has turned towards investigating the impact of SARS-CoV2 infection during pregnancy, and the impact on exposed infants.

Other: Research Affairs Committee, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society 2010 – 2013; Diplomate, American Board of Pediatrics and Diplomate, American Board of Pediatrics-Subspecialty Pediatrics Infectious Diseases; Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, St. George's Hospital, London, UK, 2002-2008; Fellow, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, 2005; Pediatric Tutor/Unit Training Director, St. George's Hospital, UK, 2006-2008; Treasurer and General Secretary, Children's HIV Association, 2006-2008; Clinical Excellence Award, St. George's National Health Service Trust, 2007; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Emory University, School of Medicine, 2008; Committee Member, DHHS Panel on Treatment of HIV-Infected Pregnant Women and Prevention of Perinatal Transmission, 2008-Present; Chair, Committee on Pediatric AIDS, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), 2012-2016; Clinical Innovation Award, Department of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, 2012; Member, DHHS Panel on Pediatric Antiretroviral Therapy and Management Guidelines, 2012 – present; Chair, Faculty Diversity Committee, Department of Pediatrics, Emory University, 2012 – present; Chair, Section for International Medical Graduates, AAP, 2014 -2019; Chair, Research Committee for CDC Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS, 2015 -2018; Member or Chair? DHHS Panel on Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Exposed and HIV-Infected Children, 2015-2018; Committee Forum Management Committee AAP, 2018 – Present; Chair: Faculty Committee on Appointments and Promotions, Emory University, School of Medicine 2017-2018; Panel Member, NIH AIDS Research Review Charter Committee,; Infectious Diseases, Reproductive Health, Asthma and Pulmonary Conditions (IRAP) Study Section, 2020 – 2024.

Personal Statement: Back in December 2019, while watching a news broadcast about a new viral epidemic in Wuhan City, China, I was reminded about a quote from Dr. King who once said, “whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.” The interrelated reality that Dr. King spoke of is one that runs through all humanity, manifesting most strikingly through the global response to an infectious pandemic. I am deeply moved and proud of the actions that I have witnessed from my colleagues in ID locally, nationally, and across the globe over the past five dramatic months. The leadership ID specialists have provided has saved and will continue to save countless lives and has given my profession a new (and much needed) prominence. During this time, the Society has served a pivotal role mobilizing and advising members' and lawmakers, and facilitating opportunities to address all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In so doing, IDSA has gained substantial public and political recognition and stands as the preeminent voice for ID. I wish to serve on its board to further promote and advocate for the IDSA's agenda, including advancing lab-based and clinical research to improve population health globally. I also wish to dedicate this service to my past teachers, and to the families and children that I have had the privilege to care for.

Director Candidate

Jasmine R. Marcelin, MD, FACP

Education: St. Mary's University (Halifax, NS), BS Biology/Chemistry & Diploma Forensic Science, 2002-2006; American University of Antigua College of Medicine, MD, 2011; Resident, Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, 2011-2014; Fellow, Infectious Diseases, Mayo Clinic, 2014-2017.

Current Appointments: Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Attending Physician, Nebraska Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases, 2017-present.

IDS A Participation: Member, Inclusion, Diversity, Access & Equity (IDA&E) Taskforce, 2018-present; Vice-Chair, Digital Strategy Advisory Group, 2019-present; Member, Medical Scholars Program Committee, 2018-2019; Member, Medical Education Community of Practice, 2018-present.

Research Interests: Outpatient antimicrobial stewardship; diagnostic stewardship; health equity and health disparities; diversity in medicine and infectious diseases; social media use in healthcare.

Other: Associate Medical Director, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Nebraska Medicine; Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Co-Director, Digital Innovation & Social Media Strategy, University of Nebraska Medical Center Division of Infectious Diseases; Elected Fellow, American College of Physicians, 2019; Top Teacher, Internal Medicine Residency, 2018 and Top Teacher, Infectious Diseases Fellowship, 2019, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Student Senate Distinguished Mentor Award, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 2020; Minority Faculty Leadership Development Award, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 2019; Bronze Fellowship, Mayo Clinic Social Media Network, 2019; Director, American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Ignite, 2020-present; Founding Member, Times Up Healthcare, 2018-present; Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine and Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine-Subspecialty Infectious Diseases.

Personal Statement: My personal mission statement is "to create and support a healthcare workforce and graduate medical education environment that strives for excellence and values Inclusion, Diversity, Access and Equity as not only important, but *necessary*, for excellence (success)." This mission statement is directly in line with IDS A's values. I have had several leadership experiences that have prepared me for a role as a director on the IDS A Board of Directors. In my fellowship training, I chaired the Mayo Clinic Trainee Diversity & Inclusion Committee and represented this group on the Mayo Fellows' Association Executive Committee. Our group was tasked with long-term goals to improve recruitment and retention of diverse individuals to Mayo Clinic. As Co-Director of Digital Innovation and Social Media Strategy for the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) Division of Infectious Diseases, I have played an integral role in increasing the national recognition of our Division. Additionally, as an Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency at UNMC, I created a task force to develop innovative ways to focus on IDA&E for our residency program and recruiting through a lens of equity. These roles all require me to be able to lead teams with collaborative problem solving and communication, and I am skilled at using social media effectively to communicate with large communities. I joined the IDS A Inclusion, Diversity, Access & Equity Task Force as a founding member in 2018 and have worked hard with that group to provide IDS A with guidance on how to approach IDA&E for the society and its members. As we are currently faced with a pandemic that is disproportionately impacting minority communities across the country, it is clear that more voices are needed to advocate for those who have traditionally remained invisible in society. Further attention to health equity in infectious diseases through this pandemic also shines a spotlight on the dearth of diversity among infectious diseases physicians. As a minority physician in infectious diseases, I view it as my privilege not only to be able to speak freely about issues regarding underrepresented physicians in our specialty, but to actually step in and participate in the hard work that is required to address inequities. I would be honored to be elected to the IDS A Board of Directors, and as a director, I would enthusiastically continue to champion this path towards equity in our specialty.