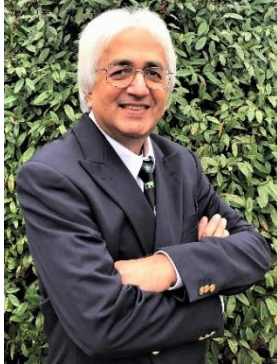




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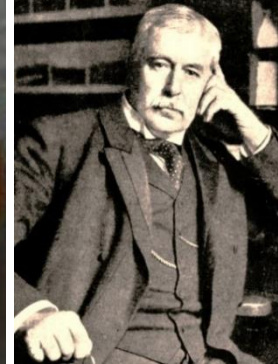
**The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene awards their highest mark of distinction - The Sir Patrick Manson Medal, to Professor Sir Alimuddin (Ali) Zumla**



**Sir Alimuddin Zumla**



**Sir Patrick Manson Medal**



**Sir Patrick Manson**

On 12 October 2022, The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) awarded Sir Alimuddin (Ali) Zumla their highest mark of distinction - The Sir Patrick Manson Medal. This prestigious accolade is awarded by the RSTMH every 3 years. The medal was created in 1923 in memory of Sir Patrick Manson, known as the 'father of tropical medicine'.

### **Accepting the Sir Patrick Manson Medal, Professor Sir Ali Zumla said:**

*"Whilst I am absolutely delighted, honoured, and truly humbled to join the illustrious list of previous Sir Patrick Manson Medal laureates, I did not make this very productive and successful journey alone. I would thus like to dedicate this prestigious honour to all the amazing, committed people worldwide with whom I have had the enormous privilege to work with over the past four decades on a range of research, capacity development, training, advocacy, and charity activities focused on improving the lives and health of poor and disadvantaged populations."*

*"The Manson Medal is a subtle but timely reminder that, it is only through hard work and sacrifice, and by 'holding hands and moving forward together beyond borders with like-minded, selfless, individuals', as a pan-continental ONE-HEALTH family, we will be able to bring killer infectious diseases under control and ensure preparedness for future epidemics."*

**Prof Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation, EDCTP South office who nominated Sir Ali said:** *"This is truly a historic and momentous occasion, since it is the first time in a hundred years, that the RSTMH has awarded the Sir Manson Medal to an ethnic minority scientist. This award speaks volumes and acknowledges Sir Ali's exemplary legacy of exceptional, unparalleled cross-continental impactful research, training, capacity development, and advocacy deliverables over the past 35 years on a range of priority communicable diseases. The award of the Sir Patrick Manson Medal to Sir Ali will no doubt be very warmly welcomed and celebrated globally!"*

On behalf of our entire PANDORA-ID-NET consortium and our partners and stakeholders from across the world, I would like to convey felicitations and heartiest congratulations to very own Sir Ali for this richly deserved and befitting prestigious accolade. Celebrations are in order.

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*(See pages 2-4 for information on list of Manson medal laureates, Sir Patrick Manson, Sir Zumla and citation)*

## **LIST OF MANSON MEDAL LAUREATES (1923 - 2022)**

- 2022 Professor Sir Alimuddin Zumla** (University College London & UCLHospitals NHS Trust)
- 2019 Jointly awarded to:  
Professor Sir David Warrell (Oxford University)  
Professor Janet Hemingway (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)
- 2016 Professor Peter Piot (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 2013 Professor David Molyneux (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)
- 2010 Professor Nicolas White (Oxford University)
- 2007 Professor Herbert M. Gilles (London School of Trop Medicine and Hygiene)
- 2004 Professor Wallace Peters (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)
- 2001 Professor Sir Brian Greenwood (London School of Trop Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1998 Professor Sir David Weatherall (Oxford University)
- 1995 Dr P.E.C. Manson-Bahr (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1992 Dr Leonard G. Goodwin (Wellcome Laboratories of Tropical Medicine)
- 1989 Professor David F. Clyde (University of Maryland & John Hopkins)
- 1986 Professor William Trager (Rockefeller University)
- 1983 Professor Ralph Lainson (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1980 Professor Richard J.W. Rees (MRC National Institute of Medical Research)
- 1977 Professor James H.S. Gear (National Institute of Virology, SAIMR)
- 1974 Dr Cecil A. Hoare (Wellcome Laboratories of Tropical Medicine)
- 1971 Major General Sir Gordon Covell (UK Medical Research Council)
- 1968 Brigadier Sir John S.K. Boyd (Wellcome Labs of Tropical Medicine)
- 1965 Professor P.C.C. Garnham (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1962 Professor Edmond Sergent (Pasteure Institute)
- 1959 Colonel Henry E. Shortt (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1956 Brigadier John A. Sinton (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1953 Professor Jerome Rodhain (Belgium School of Tropical Medicine)
- 1950 Sir Professor Neil Hamilton Fairley (London School of Tropical Med & Hygiene)
- 1947 Dr Charles M Wenyon (Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research)
- 1944 Sir Sam Rickard Christophers (London School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
- 1941 Professor Émile Brumpt (University of Paris)
- 1938 Sir Leonard Rogers (Hospital for Tropical Diseases London)
- 1935 Professor John W.W. Stephens (Liverpool School of Trop Medicine)
- 1932 Professor Theobald Smith (Harvard and Rockefeller Universities)
- 1929 Sir Ronald Ross (Liverpool School of Trop Medicine)
- 1926 Senator Ettore Marchiafava (University of Rome)
- 1923 Sir David Bruce (UK Army Medical Services)

**For more information on Sir Professor Alimuddin Zumla please visit websites:**

UCL: <https://iris.ucl.ac.uk/research/personal/index?upi=AZUML60>

Awards/honours: <http://www.unza-uclms.org/prof-zumla-awards-honours>

ORCID ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5111-5735>

Wiki: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alimuddin\\_Zumla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alimuddin_Zumla)

Pubmed publications: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=zumla&sort=date&size=20>

Books/Profile: <https://www.unza-uclms.org/ali-zumla-profile>

Global R&D: <https://www.pandora-id.net/partners-2> ; <http://www.unza-uclms.org/>

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick\\_Manson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Manson)

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/aboutus/introducing/history/frieze/sir-patrick-manson>

**Note to editors:**

Sir Patrick Manson was the first President of the RSTM&H. Sir Manson also founded the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine where Sir Zumla obtained his MSc with distinction (1981), PhD with the Woodruff Medal (1987) and served on the Court of Governors for several years under LSHTM director Professor Sir Andy Haines. Sir Patrick Manson published the first edition of the epic tropical medicine textbook, Manson's Tropical Diseases. Sir Zumla co-edited the 21st and 22nd volumes of Manson's Tropical Diseases with former RSTMH President Professor Gordon Cook. Both Sir Manson and Sir Zumla were conferred knighthoods by HM The Queen for their exceptional services to tropical medicine."

**For information on the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene please visit websites:**

<https://rstmh.org/>

<https://rstmh.org/news-blog/news/rstmh-medals-and-awards-winners-2022>

**Citation for the Sir Patrick Manson Medial nomination submitted by Professor Moses Bockarie (Director of International Cooperation Africa & Head of Africa Office, EDCTP, The Hague, Netherlands**

"Sir Professor Alimuddin (Ali) Zumla is Professor of Infectious Diseases and International Health at University College London. He is also co-director of several Africa, Europe and Middle East R&D networks focused on WHO Blueprint priority infections, particularly TB, TB/HIV co-infections, Emerging and Re-Emerging pathogens with epidemic potential including Coronaviruses. He serves as honorary Professor at several institutions in Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Sir Ali was born in Chipata, Zambia in 1955. He is dually qualified in Medicine (MBChB-Zambia) and Science (PhD-London). Despite nearly losing his life to meningitis when he was working as a junior doctor in London in 1982, and having consequential crippling neurological sequelae, he dedicated his entire life to scientific research, advocacy and charity work which "helps improve the lives and health of disadvantaged peoples everywhere". Sir Ali is internationally renowned for his exceptional high quality, health-policy relevant research aligned closely to mentoring and capacity development activities across his Africa-Europe-Middle East-Asia R&D programs. He also personally supports orphanages, water aid projects, wildlife and environmental conservation.

Since Sir Ali received the RST&M's Donald Mackay medal in 2015, his R&D work across the tropics and continents has proliferated substantially, growing in scale and importance, and delivering prestigious award-winning deliverables. His transdisciplinary work portfolio now involves over 76 institutions across all continents. He has also fostered UK-EU-Africa-Middle-East-Asia inter-professional team building between Human and Animal Health sectors with exceptional research, training and capacity development outputs. This includes his leadership of a first in Africa, novel ONE-HUMAN-ANIMAL-HEALTH (ONE-HEALTH) PANDORA-ID-NET program. This has grown to be one of the most productive ONE-HEALTH programs globally. Of note, over 35 years, Sir Ali, classic to his mentorship role, based on equity, diversity, gender and geographical inclusion, has empowered numerous female African scientists to the highest level of performance.

Sir Ali is also known as one of the most published and highly cited authors worldwide. He has over 900 publications: 745 peer-reviewed articles on Pubmed (of which 162 in the Lancet journal articles; 9 in NEJM; 12 in Nature journals; 72 book chapters. He has achieved exceptional markers of peer esteem: Google Scholar H-index=119; i10index=546; Citations=64,900). Every year since 2018, Sir Zumla has been listed in the prestigious Clarivate list of the top 0.01% of the world's most highly influential and cited researchers. Sir Ali is Editor of 22 medical textbooks, five of which are globally acknowledged classics: Manson's Tropical Diseases (co-edited with Gordon Cook), Tuberculosis: A Comprehensive Clinical Reference (co-edited with Simon Schaaf), Granulomatous Disorders (co-edited with Geraint James), Tuberculosis-Perspectives in Medicine (co-edited with Kaufmann and Eric Ruben), and the timely 2021 Handbook of Refugee Health: For Healthcare Professionals and Humanitarians Providing Care to Forced Migrants (senior co-editor I.Abubakar). This textbook is rolled out free of charge to HCWs worldwide. Sir Ali has led over 40 specialist journal theme series and 'state of the art' reviews on a range of tropical diseases involving a global authorship, for continuing medical education and for dissemination the latest literature to HCWs worldwide.

Sir Ali's work has been recognized through over 28 prestigious national and international awards, prizes and medals. Since his RSTM&H Mackay in 2014 selected accolades include:

- A). 2017: KNIGHTHOOD from HM the Queen for 'Exceptional Services to Public Health and Infectious Diseases' with a special mention of his work in Tropical/African countries.
- B). 2018: THE UNION MEDAL from The INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST TB & LUNG DISEASES for outstanding global contributions to Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases.
- C). 2020: MAHATHIR SCIENCE AWARD from THE MALAYSIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. Awarded by Malaysian Prime Minister. This award is acknowledged as "the most prestigious international award for Tropical Sciences". Prof Andy Haines is on the awards committee.
- D). 2021: THE EDCTP PASCOAL MOCUMBI PRIZE: for outstanding research and capacity development in Africa. Prize was presented by Filipe Nyusi, President of Mozambique.
- E). 2021: FELLOWSHIP of THE WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (founded by Nobel Peace laureates). Sir Ali is one of only four academics elected from the UK Health sector in the past 10 years.

Over 35 years, Sir Ali has played pivotal roles in the wider areas of tropical medicine and epidemic-prone infections, shaping the global agenda and influencing both policy and practice and through his roles on Governmental and WHO expert committees, UK All Parliamentary Party Groups (APPG-TB, APPG-GH), links with Ministers of health, etc. Sir Zumla also engages in numerous unremunerated activities: Community engagement/ education; Global Expert cttee/Taskforces roles; Global Advocacy for PRDs& emerging infections; Parliamentary Groups-Global, TB-Global Health; Professional societies; Medical charities; Burial advisory cttee; Editorial boards, proactively mentoring global faculty at all levels; Advocacy for PRDs, ONE-HEALTH, AMR, Refugee & Migrant health.

Sir Zumla has served the RSTM&H in various capacities: A Fellow (since 1981): Council member under five former Presidents (1995-2006), Vice President (under Prof Andrew Tomkins) and co-editor and editorial board member of the Transactions. Sir Patrick Manson was the first President of the RSTM&H for which Sir Zumla has supported and served with commitment and passion in various roles. Sir Manson also founded the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine where Sir Zumla obtained his MSc with distinction (1981), PhD with the Woodruff Medal (1987) and served on the Court of Governors under directorship of Sir Andy Haines. Sir Manson published the first edition of Manson's Tropical Diseases, which Sir Zumla co-edited the 21st and 22nd volumes with former RSTMH President Professor Gordon Cook with outstanding book reviews in The Lancet and NEJM.

Both Sir Manson and Sir Zumla were conferred knighthoods by HM The Queen for their exceptional services to tropical medicine. The award of the Manson Medal to Sir Zumla would be appropriate recognition, and it will be warmly welcomed and widely celebrated, (especially in the tropics) since it will be the first time an ethnic minority RSTMH Fellow will be awarded the RSTM&H's highest honour, the Manson Medal."



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