

Developing World: Supporting Research and Education

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Workshop chair: Kym Faull

The “Developing World: Supporting Research and Education” interest group convened on Monday June 6th at 5:45 pm. This was the first formal meeting of this interest group, but it was a continuation of workshops on the same topic held at the 2017, 2018, and 2019 ASMS meetings (the 2021 workshop was cancelled because of the viral pandemic). The workshop attracted a disappointing attendance. In contrast to the workshops held at previous ASMS meetings which attracted 30-40 participants, there were only 8 participants. Nevertheless, there was a lively discussion amongst the small group around the theme of supporting education and research in the developing world. A 15 minute video was shown, recorded at the recent Palm Springs ABRF meeting, which included presentations by Hendrik Kersten and Giles Edwards, neither of whom were able to attend the workshop because of Covid restrictions, about their experiences sending instruments to countries in the Developing World. Michael Glocker introduced the audience to a link to the German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD) which he asked be disseminated to all the members of the group: <https://www.daad.de/en/>. Michael pointed out that the biggest hurdle seems to be to find a contact in Germany. As he mentioned, in case a student was interested to apply to this program, he would be willing to support the application by initiating contacts to German PIs who are willing to accept students from abroad to their labs.

The workshop ended around 7:00 pm