

## Speaker Biographies



**Joseph A. Annibali, MD, FAPA**, is Chief Psychiatrist at Amen Clinics, Washington, DC. Dr. Annibali became interested in tick-borne illness when his daughter was diagnosed with Lyme disease and multiple co-infections. At the same time, he noticed that many of the patients in his practice had tick-borne illness. Amen Clinics, where Dr. Annibali practices, performs brain SPECT imaging. This has allowed Dr. Annibali to perform brain SPECT scans on many hundreds of patients with tick-borne illness. He uses the brain SPECT findings to help address the neuropsychiatric problems that these difficult patients struggle with. SPECT

helps him better target treatment interventions, increasing the chances for success. He has authored a number of publications and has appeared on network television.



**Robert C. Bransfield, MD, DLFAPA**, is in the private practice of psychiatry in Red Bank, NJ, is an Associate Clinical Professor at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine, and has previously held teaching appointments at Hahnemann Medical College, Drexel University School of Medicine, and Eastern Virginia Medical School. He is Past President of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association, ILADS, and the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Educational Foundation. Dr. Bransfield is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, certified in psychopharmacology by the American Society of Clinical

Psychopharmacology and is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He earned his medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC, and completed a residency in psychiatry at Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital. Dr. Bransfield has an interest in healthcare policy and the association between infections, psychoimmunology and mental illness. He has authored and co-authored a number of publications in peer-reviewed literature, other medical publications, and books and has appeared on network and regional television and radio.

**Nicole Chinnici, MS, C.W.F.S** has over five years of microbiology research experience and is the Laboratory Director of the Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory of East Stroudsburg University. In addition to her role at the Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory, Nicole is an Adjunct Microbiology Professor at ESU, a Lead Lyme disease Health Educator through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and is a Certified Wildlife Forensic Scientist. Nicole has several publications pertaining to the use of DNA in forensic analysis and is currently working on publications involving a two-year survey analysis of PA resident's knowledge of ticks and tickborne diseases. Results of her two-year survey analysis triggered her entrepreneurial side to develop an all-natural tick repellent product that consumers would use. Nicole is highly involved in the Lyme disease community of Pennsylvania and has been working closely with Legislatures on Resolutions, funding and bills which will support Lyme disease research, education and tick testing across the state.



**Sam T. Donta, MD**, grew up in Western Pennsylvania and received his BS from Allegheny College and his MD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He did post-doctoral training in Biochemistry at Brandeis and a Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Boston University. His chief interests have been in microbial toxins, but he has also been involved in a number of clinical trials. For the last 30 years, he has been interested in Lyme disease and had an active clinical practice in Falmouth, MA, studying and treating patients with chronic Lyme disease and other multi-symptom disorders such as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and

Fibromyalgia. He retired from practice in 2015, but remains active as an infectious diseases consultant at Falmouth Hospital. He is also active in education and research regarding Lyme disease and is currently serving on a programmatic review panel overseeing research grants for the DOD's Tick- Borne Disease Research Program. He is the author of 100+ publications on toxins, Lyme disease, and Gulf War Veterans' illnesses.



**Garth Ehrlich, PhD**, is the Director of the Center for Advanced Microbial Processing at the Institute for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease at Drexel University College of Medicine. He holds a PhD in Molecular Biology from Syracuse University. He has played key roles in the development of molecular diagnostics (MDx) for more than 30 years, most recently as a beta-tester of a third generation DNA sequencing instrument from which his group has developed the first high-fidelity, species-specific microbiome analysis pipeline. His research has also focused on the biology behind chronic bacterial

infections and on the persistence of infection in the face of both an active immune response and antimicrobial treatment.



**Rosalie Greenberg, M.D., D.F.A.A.C.A.P.** is a Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in private practice in New Jersey. She specializes in the psychopharmacology of Pediatric Mood Disorders, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders and in the psychopharmacologic treatment of Psychiatric symptoms secondary to tick-borne infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome. She is an active member of ILADS and has presented at ILADS conferences on tick-borne illnesses and childhood psychiatric symptoms. Dr. Greenberg is a former Assistant Professor in Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. She was a

Founding Board Member and Past President of the Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation. She has also served as Chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Blue Harbor Foundation, an organization that funds research into Bipolar Disorders throughout a person's lifecycle. Dr. Greenberg has written as well as co-produced a film on Bipolar Disorders in children and adolescents.



**Dr. Elizabeth L. Maloney** is a family physician from Minnesota. She received her undergraduate degree from the College of St. Catherine in 1980 and her MD from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1986. She also completed her residency training at the University of Minnesota in 1989. Dr. Maloney has more than 25 years of experience in family medicine and has held several different physician-leadership positions during her career. Her current focus is on tick-borne diseases education and policy and she is the founder and president of Partnership for Tick-borne Diseases Education, a non-profit organization

providing educational programs and materials on tick-borne diseases for medical professionals and the general public. Much of Dr. Maloney's work is focused on the development of accredited continuing medical education courses for primary care physicians. She has authored or co-authored several papers on Lyme disease, including ILADS's 2014 treatment guidelines. She also serves as a consultant to government agencies and private organizations.



**Dr. Bob Mozayeni, MD**, is a distinguished physician-scientist and expert in translational medicine. He is currently Chief Medical Officer, Galaxy Diagnostics, Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, NC. He is the Founder and Director of the Translational Medicine Group, P.C. (Bethesda, MD), Fellow of the TLI Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for the Study of Inflammatory Diseases, and the International Hyperbaric Medical Association. Dr. Mozayeni focuses his clinical and research activity on breakthrough areas of medical science. He has a special interest in “big data” applied to finding better treatment pathways in autoimmune disease, chronic infections, vascular

inflammation, mast cell activation disorder, and neuro-inflammatory diseases.



**Dr. Jyotsna Shah** is the President and Laboratory Director of IGeneX Clinical Laboratory, Palo Alto, CA. Dr. Shah has over 40 years of research experience in immunology, molecular biology and microbiology. She received a PhD in diagnostic immunology from Nairobi University, Kenya. She then joined International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases (ILRAD) as a post-doctoral scientist where she started the first DNA sequencing laboratory in E. Africa. On completion of her fellowship, she joined Harvard University, Department of Tropical Medicine, Boston, as a research fellow and continued work on the development of

molecular tools for the diagnosis of parasitic diseases. Since then she has worked at several biotechnology companies, mostly involved in the development of novel molecular technologies for the diagnosis of infectious diseases. Dr. Shah joined IGeneX as the Director of Research and Development in 1997 and became Laboratory Director in 2003. She is a world expert on use of Fluorescent in Situ Hybridization (FISH) technique for the direct detection of pathogens in clinical samples and introduced the first FISH test for Babesia. She has many publications and over 20 patents.



**Samuel Shor, MD, FACP** is Associate Clinical Professor at George Washington University Health Care Sciences. Dr. Shor developed his long-standing interest in chronic fatigue in the late 1980s. He subsequently cultivated an interest in managing associated conditions that led to his developing an expertise in Lyme disease. Dr. Shor has served as the president of ILADS, has served on Virginia Governor's Task Force on Lyme disease, and has served as Chair of the Loudoun County Lyme Commission. He now pursues clinical activity in the management of complex patients, while also overseeing research and contributing to

publishing in the peer-reviewed literature.