

The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society Welcomes New Executive Director

Chevy Chase, MD, February 1, 2023 – The Board of Directors of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) and its foundation, the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Educational Foundation (ILADEF), announced today that Sarah Quillen, CFRE, will be serving as the new Executive Director. Quillen's portfolio demonstrates decades of service and leadership nationally in the health and human services industry.



"After an extensive national search, we are thrilled to welcome Sarah to ILADS and ILADEF," said ILADS President-Elect, Dr. Amy Offutt. "Sarah's leadership in our Society – one with a long history impacting our community – will be vital to facilitate sustainable infrastructure and build key partnerships for success."

An accomplished executive, Quillen brings to this role a 25+ year career working with non-profits in the interdisciplinary health and human services community in leadership, fundraising, community relations, and programs. Her experience includes 10 years with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, an association, advocacy organization, and foundation, and has extensive experience in relationship-building, organizational management, program execution, event planning, membership engagement and growth across all constituencies. She brings a track record of data-driven decision-making to achieve goals and maximize the human capital of an organization.

"I have a deep passion for the ILADS mission," Quillen said. "A native New Yorker, my life and profession has brought me to North Carolina, Florida and now to the Washington, DC region. In every area, I have witnessed the havoc that tick-borne diseases have on our community, including within my own family."

Quillen will devote her first months to developing a deeper understanding of the mission and reaching out and listening to the organization's base of members, staff, donors and partners.

About ILADS

ILADS is a nonprofit, international, multi-disciplinary medical society, dedicated to the diagnosis and appropriate treatment of Lyme and its associated diseases. ILADS promotes understanding of Lyme and its associated diseases through research and education and strongly supports physicians and other health care professionals dedicated to advancing the standard of care for Lyme and its associated diseases. For more information about Lyme and related diseases please visit <u>ILADS.ORG</u> or call 301-263-1080.

About ILADEF

The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Educational Foundation (ILADEF) is a sister organization of ILADS. Its mission is to train physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme and tick-borne disease, and to support research scientists investigating tick-borne diseases. For more information please visit ILADEF.ORG