

## **David Addiss, M.D.**

CAPT David G. Addiss, MD, MPH retired on June 1, 2006 from the CDC and the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service after 21 years of service. Dr. Addiss is a medical epidemiologist with the Division of Parasitic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During his 21 year career at the CDC, Dr. Addiss investigated and did research on a variety of infectious and parasitic diseases including Legionnaires' disease, measles, pertussis, hepatitis A, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, chronic diarrhea, botulism, cryptosporidiosis, giardiasis, infectious diseases in day care settings, foodborne and waterborne diseases, schistosomiasis and most recently lymphatic filariasis.

After his undergraduate work at the University of California - San Diego, he received his MD degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1981, completed an internship in ob-gyn at Valley Medical Center in Fresno, CA, and was a general practitioner in a migrant health clinic in the San Joaquin Valley for two years. After completing an MPH at Johns Hopkins University in 1985, he began his career in public health as an EIS Officer with the Wisconsin Division of Health, in Madison, where he focused on infectious disease epidemiology. He completed a residency in Preventive Medicine at CDC in 1988 and joined the Division of Parasitic Diseases, where he has been involved in research and prevention of parasitic diseases, both in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Addiss is a co-author of over 130 scientific articles and publications on infectious diseases. He has served on the Mecitzan Expert Committee as the CDC liaison since 1996, was a member of the board of trustees of Health and Development International from 1999 to 2003, and has been a member of the WHO Technical Advisory Group on the Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis since 2004. During the span of his career, Dr. Addiss has been an instructor at Johns Hopkins University, the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, and the Medical College of Georgia.

During the last 15 years, Dr. Addiss has increasingly focused on the epidemiology and treatment of lymphatic filariasis, a parasitic disease that causes lymphedema (elephantiasis) of the leg. His work on new treatment strategies, both for persons infected with the parasite as well as those affected by the disease, helped provide a foundation for the development of global efforts to eliminate lymphatic filariasis. Since 1997, Dr. Addiss has been co-director of the World Health Organization's Collaborating Center for Control and Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in the Americas, based at CDC.

Beginning June 15, 2006, Dr. Addiss will be the senior science program officer at Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, Michigan.