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Gerard Flaherty was elected to the role of President-elect of the ISTM in May 2021 and President in May 2023. His research interests include pre-travel risk assessment, travel health behaviour, travellers with pre-existing medical conditions, high altitude medicine, mental health issues and travel, older travellers, technology and artificial intelligence in travel medicine, and travel health education. He has over 20 years of clinical experience in travel medicine and has completed tropical medicine courses and expeditions in Kenya, Tanzania, Nepal, Russia, Cuba, Peru, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, Ghana, Morocco, and South Africa. He has over 250 publications and research presentations to date. Gerard is also an active member of Mensa.