

## **Tropical Medicine during World War I (1914-1918)**

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### **Abstract**

In a time of evocation of the WWI, let us not focus only on the traditional stages of the conflict, and observe the Tropical Medicine during the Great War. If WWI is not confined to Europe, neither is the Portuguese participation in this conflict. Before the Portuguese official entry in this war, early March 1916, the young Portuguese Republic sent military reinforcements to Angola and Mozambique. The Portuguese government would stand beside the Allies, manifesting equal concern for the future of their colonies. And while the metropolitan area debated the dubious Portuguese status of a non-belligerent belligerence or sending military forces to France, some ships departed from Portugal, carrying thousands of men to fight in a unknown war that meant so little to them.

This panel calls for discussion and exchange of information related to Tropical Medicine during the controversial years of WWI, in a dynamic that is not restricted to the phenomenon of war and mobilization, seeking also to analyze the impact of this conflict on investment, research and involvement of Tropical Medicine at that time. It also pursues other scientifically oriented expeditions, inside and outside the colonial spaces involved in war, and appeals to the possibility of registering the concerns of other countries, like Brazil, with its unique route within the Tropical Medicine, and interestingly the only Latin American country participating in this Great Conflagration. Therefore, this panel is open to the interactions between geographical areas or medical schools and to analyzing the debates of those days, and pursues the understanding of the institutions that were dedicated to the Tropical Medicine, remembering the biographies of men known and unknown and not forgetting problems and issues related to War and Medicine in Africa or the archives that can help us clarify them.