Technology Managers for Global Health
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Technology Managers for Global Health held its inaugural SIG meeting in San Antonio. The agenda was jam-packed with five-minute overviews by nine speakers, followed by an interactive discussion, with further TMGH discussions continuing over the rest of the evening. More than three dozen AUTM members now enthusiastically belong to TMGH. Based on the feedback forms, it is quite clear that TMGH volunteers will launch into various activities over the next year.

The following activities are being planned for and by
TMGH members:

• Discuss public policy perspectives, intellectual property management challenges and other relevant emerging topics in the context of global public health and equity.

• Gather, compile, develop and make available (through a Web site) a set of tools — and perhaps an evolving sense of best practices — for technology managers to potentially examine and adopt in these environments.

• Propose appropriate professional training programs to effectively heighten awareness, understanding and sensitization to global health issues and examine potential roles for university professionals in capacity building in developing countries.

• Build new partnerships and actively interact with other organizations to disseminate the work of the TMGH members at key conferences.