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Dickson Despommier

June 5, 1940 – February 7, 2025

This year, Parasites Without Borders lost a dear friend, Dr. Dickson D. Despommier. Dickson was a scientist, innovator, author, and beloved professor of microbiology and public health in environmental sciences at Columbia University. He received the Best Teacher Award six times.

Dickson popularized the concept of vertical farming as a way to combat climate change and feed more people. His expertise was sought by top media outlets, international agencies, foreign governments, universities, colleges, conferences, and more.

The world lost a great mentor, friend, and scientist, but his memory inspires our passion to continue using education to fight the burden of disease.



Our Mission

To help bring the latest medical and basic biological information pertaining to diseases caused by eukaryotic parasites to all those in a position to apply medical knowledge directly to populations most in need of solutions **to alleviate the burden of parasitic diseases.**

Organizational Pillars



Our primary objective is to effect change through education

There are people who are in a position to make great change. We support their endeavors through free educational resources.



We create evidence-based educational resources

Our materials are all created using evidence-based scientific information and best medical practices.



We keep current by providing timely medical updates through podcasts

The practice of medicine evolves. This is why we provide weekly updates, case studies, and more through podcasts on MicrobeTV.



We provide resources to those who can put knowledge into action

Our goal is to supply accurate and comprehensive medical literature, videos, podcasts, and more to doctors, clinicians, and other medical professionals.



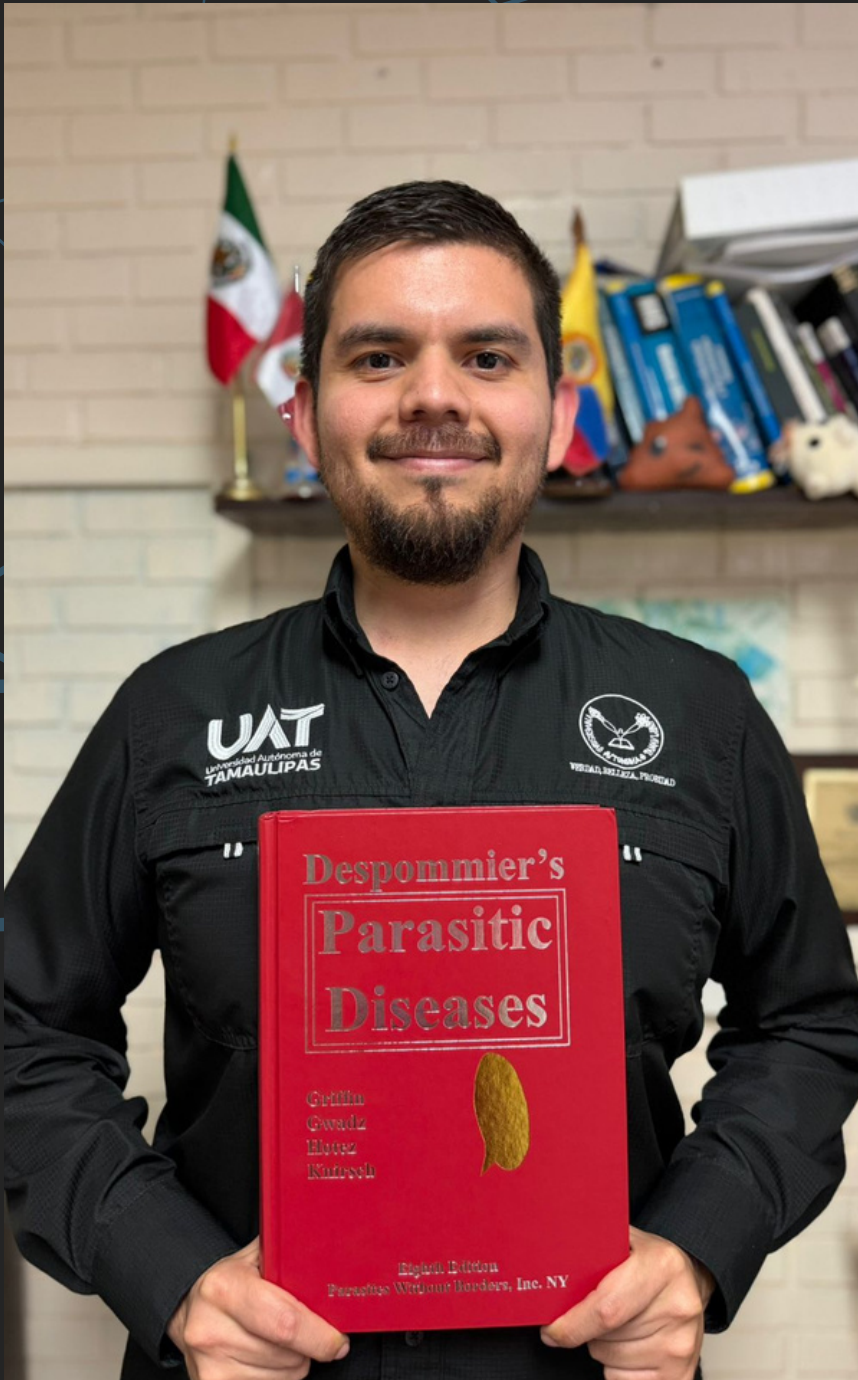
We innovate to keep our resources accessible to all

With a team of diverse professionals, PWB continues to produce new methods of disseminating information to those in need.



Our commitment to ending parasitic disease is backed by action

Our doctors are working physicians who conduct research, practice, and visit endemic areas to provide free services to those suffering from parasitic infections.



Our Resources

Books

Our books are required reading for physicians planning to practice abroad, to help them better understand the common infections they will likely see and treat.

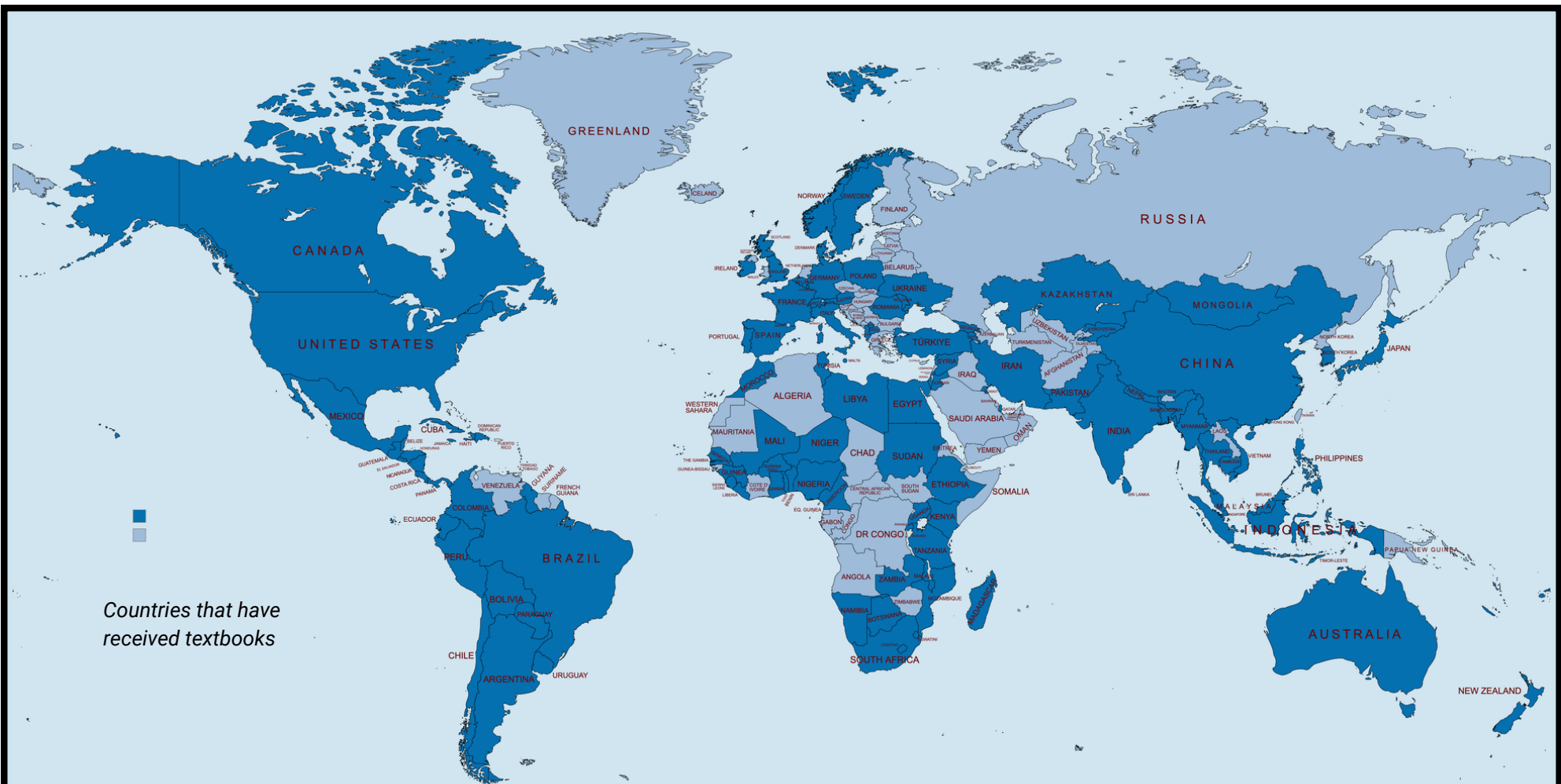
- Despommier's Parasitic Diseases, Eighth Edition
- Enfermedades Parasitarias
- Medical Handbook for Limited Resource Settings
- Clinical Appendix for the Seventh Edition
- Paul Has Measles
- Paul Stays Home

Certification Exams

Our certification exams were created by a team of physicians and may be used for continuing education credits.

Video Lecture Series

Parasitic Diseases Lectures is a 45-part video series that explores the biology and pathogenesis of protozoan and helminth parasites.



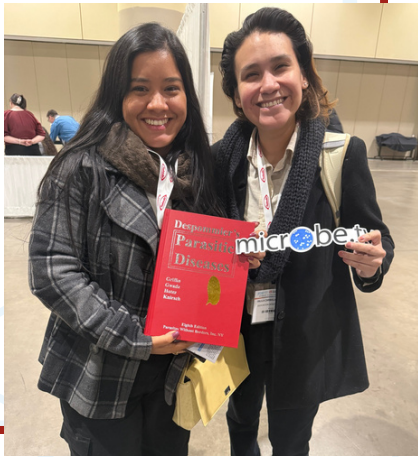
Change Through Education

Since 2016, Parasites Without Borders has sent copies of its seminal textbook *Parasitic Diseases* to 124 countries in six continents, **completely free of charge.**

In 2025, Parasites Without Borders sent textbooks to **five new countries.**

New in 2025

The Eighth Edition of Parasitic Diseases

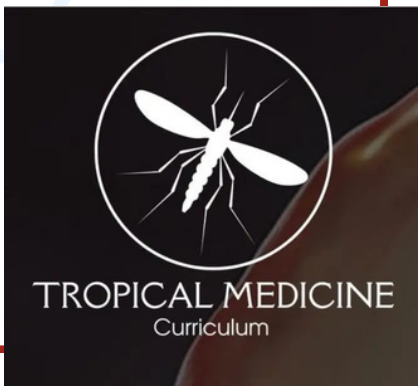


We launched the eighth edition of Parasitic Diseases in June 2025, with hard copies available in September.

The new edition features the following updates:

- We honored our dearly departed colleague by renaming our seminal textbook “Despommier’s Parasitic Diseases.”
- Updates were made to the epidemiology of diseases.
- Efforts that are underway to discover and develop new medicines and vaccines.
- The state of disease management and elimination programs.

Tropical Medicine Curriculum



We launched a new self-study Tropical Medicine Curriculum in September.

Our new Tropical Medicine Curriculum was developed by Parasites Without Borders in conjunction with a team of fellows and medical educators at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and was revised by a panel of expert clinicians and researchers from all around the world. It addresses a variety of parasitic and tropical diseases. The series is a free, self-study educational tool designed for new learners and scholars. It was released with over 30 lessons, but it is an evolving work, with additional sessions planned.

2025 American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) Annual Conference

November 9–13 | Toronto, Ontario

The PWB team was honored to attend the 2025 American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) Annual Conference in Ontario. PWB board members Dr. Daniel Griffin, Dr. Charles Knirsch, and Dr. Vincent Racaniello were joined at the conference by This Week in Parasitism co-host Dr. Christine Naula and team members from Old City Public Relations.

At the conference, we distributed 200 copies of Despommier's *Parasitic Diseases* to conference attendees from dozens of countries, including Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Spain, South Korea, Norway, Taiwan, Cape Verde, and Switzerland.

We also partnered with MicrobeTV to record live episodes of This Week in Parasitism (TWiP) and This Week in Virology (TWiV) Clinical Update With Dr. Daniel Griffin.



Digital Communications



Harnessing technology to share educational resources in the digital age.

The practice of medicine is an evolving art, with groundbreaking research providing new information daily. Parasites Without Borders uses interactive digital communications to share the latest updates with its audience through social media, video, and podcasts, presented in partnership with MicrobeTV. Advances in technology have allowed previously remote locations to access this information in new and exciting ways. These digital communications are a critical supplement to the textbook *Parasitic Diseases*.

Digital Landscape



2025 Partnered Podcast Audience

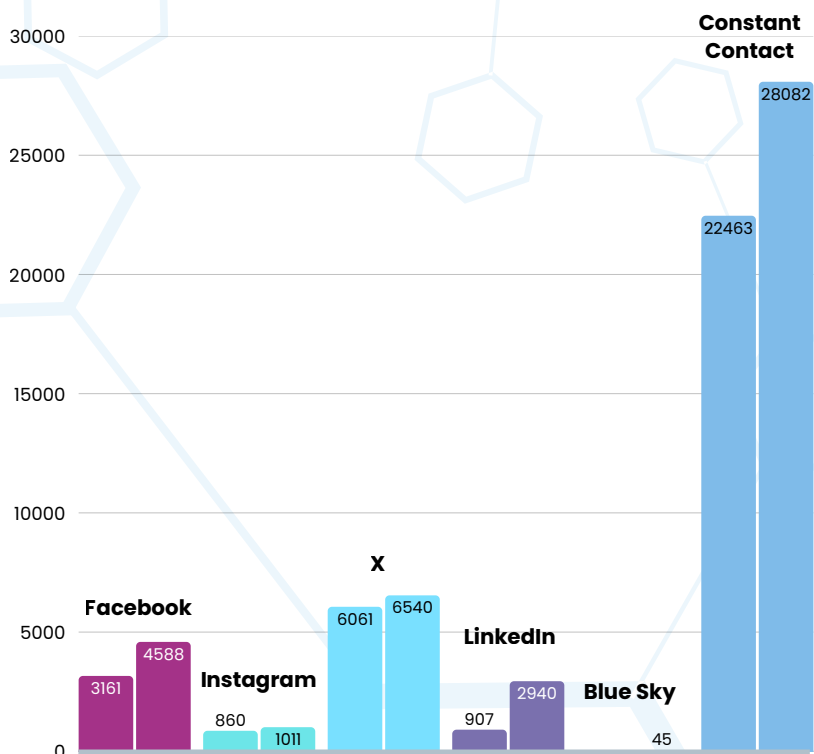
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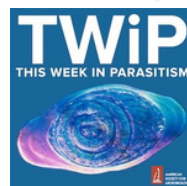


Entertainment

2025 Direct Digital Audience



2024 Podcast Metrics



Episodes

22

Audio Downloads

75,927

Video Views

27,289



Episodes

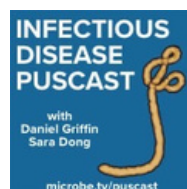
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Audio Downloads

2,082,029

Video Views

431,000



Episodes

27

Audio Downloads

92,593

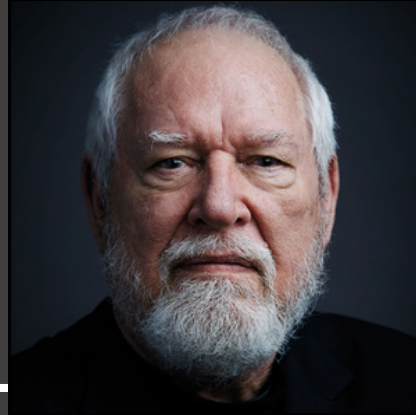
Video Views

15,339

Board of Directors



Daniel Griffin, MD, Ph.D



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Peter J. Hotez, MD, Ph.D,
FAAP, FASTMH



Charles Knirsch, MD, MPH



Vincent Racaniello, Ph.D

How You Helped

In fiscal year 2024 to 2025, our donors contributed \$693,005.

With the support provided by our donors, along with fund matching, Parasites Without Borders was able to:

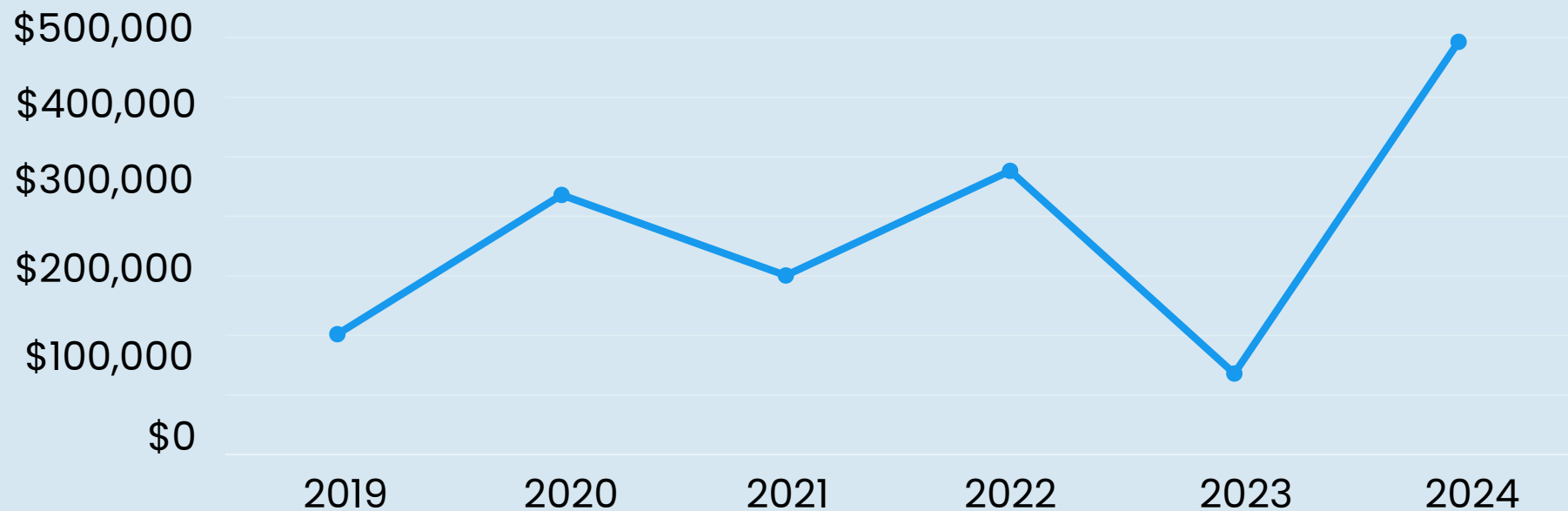
Donated \$101,324 to our partner non-profit organizations:

- American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH)
- Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC)
- Floating Doctors
- MicrobeTV

Sent free textbooks to:

- Cape Verde
- Chile
- France
- Germany
- India
- South Korea
- Turkey

Contributions to PWB since Fiscal Year 2019





American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

Mission

The ASTMH is the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health.

How We Helped

With support from PWB and its donors, ASTMH awarded travel grants to qualified female students, early-career investigators, or scientists from low- and middle-income countries actively working in the field of tropical medicine to attend the ASTMH 2025 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Floating Doctors

Mission

The Floating Doctors mission is to reduce the present and future burden of disease in the developing world, and to improve healthcare delivery worldwide.

How We Helped

With the support of PWB and its donors, Floating Doctors was able to:

- Treat parasitic infections in thousands of people and animals in 24 communities over 10,000 square miles.
- Provide anti-helminthic preventative care to every patient visited.
- Support health education programming covering a wide variety of individual and public health issues, including in-community sanitation discussions following W.A.S.H. guidelines and multi-day conferences for local midwives and healthcare workers.





Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children

Mission

FIMRC is dedicated to improving access to healthcare for families around the world through the implementation of innovative and self-sustaining health programs. Through its network of outpatient clinics and partnerships, FIMRC asserts a multidimensional strategy that includes clinical services, extensive community outreach efforts, and health education programs.

How We Helped

With support provided by PWB, FIMRC was able to provide a full range of free medical services to about 120 children and their parents per day at its Bududa, Uganda clinic, including outpatient visits, minor surgeries, 24/7 maternity ward, and ambulance service. Dr. Daniel Griffin continues to visit the Bududa site and works with staff to see patients and mentor providers.

Microbe.TV

Mission

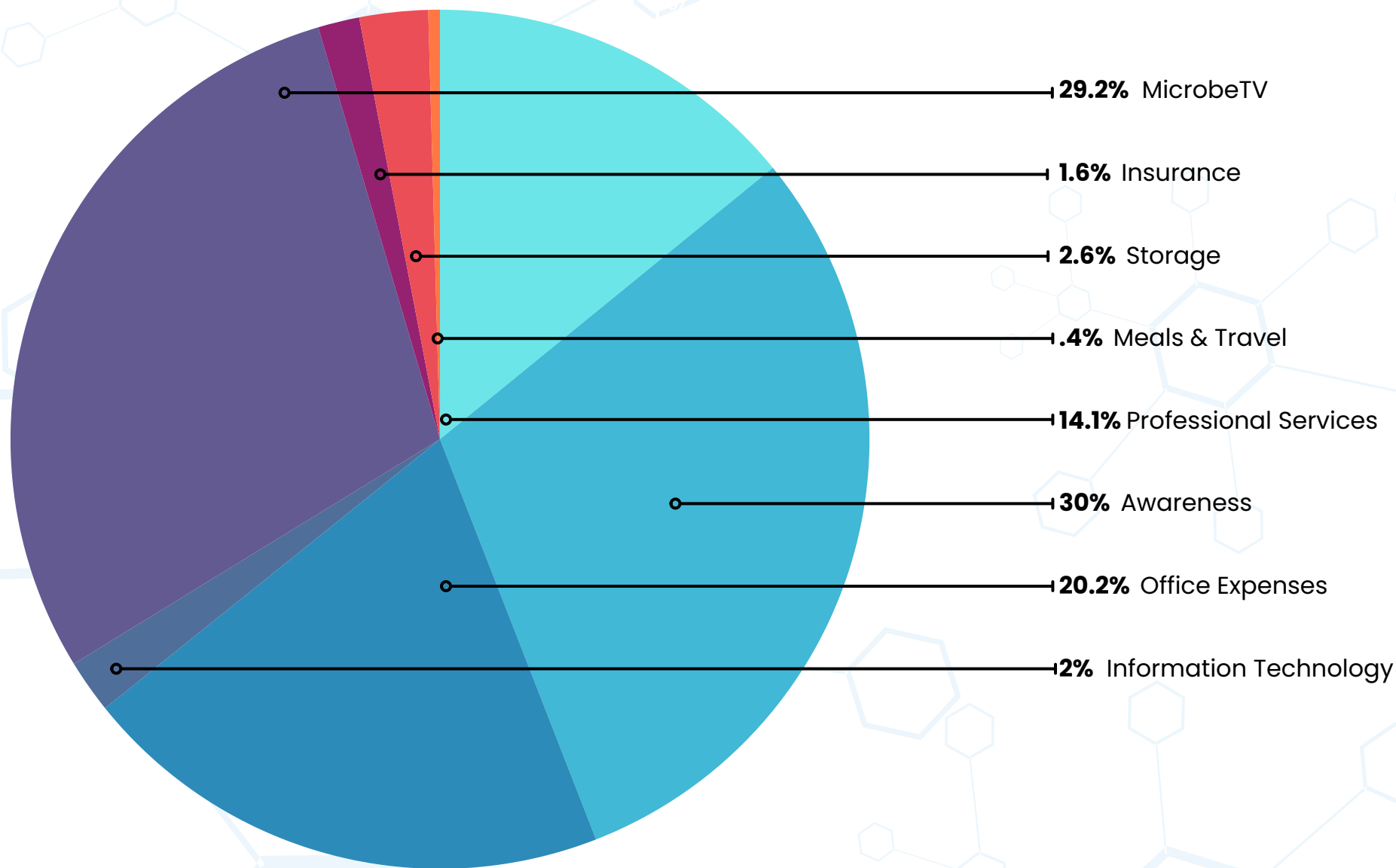
MicrobeTV creates accessible life science-based podcasts, providing free science education to everyone. It currently produces ten podcasts covering topics including parasitic infections, virology, neuroscience, infectious diseases, microbiology, and evolution. It aims to inform the public and combat misinformation with scientific facts.

How We Helped

With the support of PWB and its donors, MicrobeTV maintains a state-of-the-art podcast studio where they produce 10 podcasts, distributed in audio and video formats.



Allocation of Expenses





Looking Forward

As Parasites Without Borders looks ahead to 2026, we remain dedicated to providing free educational resources to the people who can effect change.

We will continue until the devastating effects of parasitic diseases are in the past.

Thank you to our supporters who make this possible. Let's continue the journey to zero.