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1/X Bellagio Rockefeller Initiative (Global Virome Project)

Another look at some key people in the GVP & their media statements since January 2020 about "natural origin" and impossibility of a "lab leak"

Full List of 18 scientists in photograph is here:

<https://t.co/yHoAjwQjI8>



2/X

We have already looked closely at Dennis Carroll, Peter Daszak, George Gao, W. Ian Lipkin & seen their public statements supporting "natural origin" & hysterical attacks on "lab leak" theories.

This thread focuses on:

Michael Kurilla

Jonna Mazet

3/X

If we look at the leadership team of GVP, you will see some familiar faces:

<https://t.co/WdT8sNnfmy>

Most familiar is probably Peter Daszak, the wealthy Treasurer, also with the key role of Secretary.

Note: USAID PREDICT Project - EcoHealthAlliance



PETER DASZAK

Secretary & Treasurer

Dr. Peter Daszak is President of EcoHealth Alliance, a US-based organization that conducts research and outreach programs on global health, conservation and international development. Authoring over 300 scientific papers, Peter's research has been instrumental in identifying and predicting the origins and impact of emerging diseases. He is a member of the US National Academy of Medicine and serves on several advisory committees. Peter is the EHA institutional lead for the USAID PREDICT Project, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Ecohealth*. [Learn more](#)

4/X

The "Chair" is Dr. Dennis Carroll

We will have a look at his media statements on the coronavirus pandemic by inputting his name in Twitter search box (very easy!)

Note: Previously was Director of USAID Emerging Pandemic Threats Program



DENNIS CARROLL

Chair

Dr. Dennis Carroll previously served as the Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID's) Pandemic Influenza and other Emerging Threats Unit. In this position, he led USAID's Emerging Pandemic Threats program, a global effort to combat new disease threats before they can become significant threats to human health. Dennis has received awards from both the US CDC and USAID, including the 2006 USAID Science and Technology Award for his work on malaria and avian influenza. [Learn more...](#)

5/X Dennis Carroll's video media statements (1):

CNN

(note Qinghai Thangka positioned in background which Daszak also shows off in his videos obtained during EcoHealth virus hunt with WIV)

<https://t.co/UCxGrPeudp>

Amanpour

<https://t.co/LqdwfXSEoY>

PBS

<https://t.co/xoH1W5v8dm>

Warnings ignored, and the stunning fact that the wealthiest country in the world is short of masks and gowns and ventilators - and possibly, hospital beds. Dr Dennis Carroll says it's time to rip off the bandaid on harsh [#coronavirus\xa0measures](#). [#COVID19](#) pic.twitter.com/ZNZnhZnmPs

— Michael Holmes (@holmesCNN) [March 21, 2020](#)

6/X Dennis Carroll's media statements (2)

Netflix

<https://t.co/ytv1XRvR8A>

<https://t.co/DkRYOgdLRI>

<https://t.co/111KU5wFOi>

<https://t.co/dhxeSPyZBd>

<https://t.co/tARoPHwz4j>

<https://t.co/YVcSvqx7N1>

<https://t.co/CR9YkLDbPo>

<https://t.co/QN985GnU2z>

7/X Dennis Carroll's media statements (3) <https://t.co/tffm8ldXZp>

<https://t.co/LurnygAVHM>

<https://t.co/LSv1tX0Kic>

<https://t.co/IJqQc0y3L7>

<https://t.co/BhPTIWBV8k>

links reveal Dennis Carroll's thought patterns either via audio, video or in the press.

Draw your own conclusions!

Expert: Trump coronavirus claims 'dissociated from reality' Former White House health policy adviser Zeke Emanuel and Former Director of USAID's Emerging Threats Division Dennis Carroll analyze President Trump's coronavirus claims amid a r... <https://t.co/vPB7IJHzyS> #Video #USRC pic.twitter.com/4GsVrgLNyS

— Top U.S. & World News\U0001f5fd (@USRealityCheck) [March 16, 2020](#)

8/X Jonna Mazet

Next we will look at what Jonna Mazet has been saying publicly since January. Jonna is a VIP in the US, a Professor, Director of USAID's One Health & Predict Projects, a VIP in the US Covid-19 response team and here we see she is also an important GVP team member



JONNA MAZET

Board Member

Dr. Jonna Mazet is a Professor of Epidemiology and Disease Ecology and Executive Director at the University of California Davis One Health Institute. Her work focuses on global health problem solving for emerging infectious diseases and

conservation challenges. Jonna is the Director of USAID's One Health Workforce – Next Generation, and the Director Emeritus of the USAID PREDICT Project. She is a member of the US National Academy of Medicine and was appointed to the National Academies Standing Committee on Emerging Infectious Diseases and 21st Century Health Threats, assisting with the COVID-19 pandemic response and other emerging diseases. [Learn more...](#)

9/X Jonna Mazet's media statements (1)

CGTN (Chinese TV)

"U.S. researcher who worked with Wuhan lab says virus leak 'highly unlikely'"

<https://t.co/ty2oe9UntV>

<https://t.co/hjWGNGR6S7>

via [@uacjess](#)

<https://t.co/Zp2h3tHUdY>

via [@WhoWuhan](#)

<https://t.co/J5fk6WryAy>

10/X Mazet's media statements (2)

<https://t.co/lKZPnD7uqn>

<https://t.co/n0tIHcHjJW>

<https://t.co/7jTsFah8t1>

<https://t.co/dPBXlihDLe>

<https://t.co/UwFLOM1Lvq>

<https://t.co/DbfTLau9ux>

<https://t.co/PPHgBgiej>

Next we look at her recent statements about the "impossibility" of a lab leak

Professor Jonna Mazet (UC Davis), who has spent time working in the Wuhan virology lab, states it is highly unlikely that SARS-CoV-2 escaped from there. She makes convincing arguments and I believe her. <https://t.co/x1raAejpsD>

— Prof Francois Balloux (@BallouxFrancois) [May 3, 2020](#)

11/X Jonna Mazet's 4 claims:

1. Lab's samples don't match new coronavirus

Mazet worked with Shi via USAID PREDICT:

"I've spoken to her recently, she is absolutely positive that she had never identified this virus prior to the outbreak happening"

<https://t.co/bn0UXwG3Ew>

TRUST?

12/X Remember Zheng-Li Shi's altered then deleted WIV bat virus database?

"Mazet added that Shi set up a secure, shared database into which PREDICT members could upload their work for public release"

I asked her about this today, not expecting a reply ;)

<https://t.co/2u6ZN8ewEI>

You are likely all overloaded with work but appreciate if you could comment on two thorny issues: [@uacjess](#)

1. CCDC cover-up of environmental samples <https://t.co/lXyNgy2fUh>

2, Altered/Deleted WIV & other databases (Tweets 8 - 14) <https://t.co/tJlJNnFrLB>

— Billy Bostickson \U0001f3f4\U0001f441&\U0001f441 \U0001f193 (@BillyBostickson) [May 19, 2020](#)

13/X Mazet's Claims

2. The lab implements rigorous safety protocols

Mazet said Shi's work in the lab and in the field was above reproach:

"In the field, they wear extreme PPE, including multiple layers of gloves, eye protection, full body suits, and masks," she said.

She lied



14/X Mazet's Claim2

She says something strange:

She noted, however, that she has not personally visited the WIV & "couldn't speak to all the research done there"

(Very similar phrase used by Edward Holmes)

She was reported to have trained WIV lab workers.

Where? Galveston, USA?

15/X Mazet on Samples (1)

"Samples collected from bats get immediately split between vials that contain chemicals that deactivate the virus, & other containers that leave the virus alive.

All samples are then dunked into liquid nitrogen on the spot, which freezes them,

16/X samples (2)

Then vials disinfected & transported to lab.

Scientists wearing PPE unload them into a freezer set to minus 80 C.

When samples are studied later, researchers only use deactivated, non-infectious ones.

Vials with viable virus are locked down in a special area.



17/X Mazet's Claim 3

"coronavirus is latest in long line of zoonotic disease outbreaks (spillovers) & is more likely latest disease to jump from an animal host to humans "experts" say"

Oh, right, experts from GVP!

You can read her supporting examples here:

<https://t.co/bn0UXwG3Ew>

18/ X Claim 3

She states:

Cross-species hop also led to outbreaks of Ebola & SARS, which originated in bats.

3/4 of EID from other species.

Coronavirus is 7th zoonotic virus to have spilled over into people in the last century.

2009 H1N1 swine flu killed 300,000 people via pigs

19/X Claim 3

Bird flu via direct contact with infected poultry.

Pandemic influenza strains:

1957 Asian flu & 1968 HK pandemic likely started in birds

In last 45 years, at least 4 epidemics have been traced back to bats.

THESE FACTS IN NO WAY INVALIDATE A LAB LEAK HYPOTHESIS

20/X Claim 4

"Everyday people" more likely to get infected than researchers who wear protection (dog whistle safe sex)

Caves where samples get collected from bats are dangerous places for people, since humans can be exposed to live viruses.

WIV Team entered caves without PPE!!



21/ X Claim 4

Mazet continues to lie:

"Shi's researchers navigate those caves in full PPE; but tourists, hunters, poachers, and other people who rely on animals in some capacity for food or trade wander into such places less protected"

Blame the bloody tourists, right?

22/X

"Eroding confidence between US & Chinese researchers"

Yuan Zhiming, director of the WIV's biosafety laboratory, told Reuters that "malicious" claims about the lab had been "pulled out of thin air" and contradicted all available evidence

What evidence? What the PLA took away?



23/X Nitty Gritty

"persistent circulation of lab-leak theory could impact future scientific cooperation & information sharing between US & China"

"What's happening sociologically right now is biggest risk, who will want to work on this if they're the ones put under a microscope?"



TWITTER.COM

China Daily on Twitter

"Take a look at the largest #virus bank in Asia! Wuhan Institute of Virology in..."

24/X Nitty Gritty

"real danger of what's going on now is that experts like Shi & myself may not be able to keep collaborating to identify viruses because of government pressures."

Mazet worries a blame game could even put lives at risk in the short term.

WHAT ABOUT OUR LIVES?



25/ X Bedtime for me, will continue tomorrow with:

Michael Kurilla the biowarfare expert

other GVP leaders:

Greedy Edward Rubin (Metabiota)

& Jennifer Gardy, Deputy Director, Surveillance, Data, and Epidemiology for Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Malaria team
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JENNIFER GARDY

Board Member

Dr. Jennifer Gardy is the Deputy Director of Surveillance, Data, and Epidemiology within the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Malaria team. Previously, she spent ten years at the BC Centre for Disease Control and the University of British Columbia's School of Population and Public Health, where she held the Canada Research Chair in Public Health Genomics. Her research focused on the use of genomics as a tool to understand pathogen transmission, bioinformatics, modeling, information visualization, and the social sciences. Jennifer is also an award-winning science communicator. [Learn more...](#)
