A mollusc on the leg of a beetle: human activities and the global dispersal of vectors and vector-borne pathogens

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"On the dispersal of freshwater bivalves"





Passive dispersal











In 1982, 1000 km from the coast ...



Aedes albopictus, the Asian Tiger





Memphis: a long way from Asia anywhere



How did it get there?

- Airplane?
- Ship?
- Cargo?



In the old days ...





Days, even weeks in port!





Before globalization ...



The romance of the sea ...!



... satellites, computers, containers ...





...less than one minute to load ...!









"Can't you stay a little longer ...?"



Inspection is not an easy task...





...nor a very happy one!





... and if we find insects, a big job!





1985: Ae. albopictus in Houston...





The Federal Government steps in!





A world trade in used tyres!!!



Japanese exports of used tires



U.S. imports of used tires



U.S. exports of used tires



In the Dominican republic ... WHO vehicle



Snow tires, South Korea



Tire taxonomy ...



Made in Great Britain



In the Dominican Republic...



Made in the German Democratic Republic



In the Dominican Republic...



Made in France



Distribution of Ae. Albopictus, 2004





Infestations of Ae. Albopictus: 1979-2007



Aedes albopictus, 2008





Dengue in the Hawaiian Islands, 2001



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Aedes albopictus vs. Ae. aegypti

| | Tahiti | Hawaii |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Population | 220,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Mosquito | Ae. aegypti | Ae. albopictus |
| Dengue (2001) | 35,000 | 64 |





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Back to history ...





Its raining crows!





















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A firestorm of infections

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50 km



Back to history again ...





A beautiful ship ...





A tragic era ...





The Triangle Route ...





Humans ... and mosquitoes...and viruses





And yellow fever outbreaks ...





1878: widespread Yellow Fever epidemic



100,000 cases, 19,500 in Memphis



AUX MEDECINS ET PHARMACIENS MORTS

CHEVRIER GUILEAUD MATHIS MINIER BABBEDOR

VICTIMES DE LEUR DEVOUEMENT PENDANT L'EPIDEMIE 1878

1878

Goré Island, Senegal



Yellow Fever & West Nile virus are now enzootic ...





Conclusion

Quantum leap in:

- Mobility of vectors
- Mobility of pathogens
- Difficulty of interception



And now...









Castiglione di Ravenna, Ravenna RA, Italy

Classic passive dispersal

- World trade: used tyres
- Japanese mosquito ----> USA
- Exotic mosquito: ——> Europe
- CHIK: forest ----> coast
- Urban epidemics: Mombassa & Lamu
- CHIK: Africa ——> oceanic islands
- CHIK: Mauritius India
- Urban epidemics: India —> pandemic Asia
- CHIK: India —> Italy





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WHO press statement ...

"We cannot say that the disease was caused by climate change, but the conditions in Italy are now suitable for the Tiger mosquito."



"This is the first case of an epidemic of a tropical disease in a developed, European country", said Dr. Roberto Bertollini, director of the World Health Organization. "Climate change creates conditions that make it easier for this mosquito to survive...this is a real issue...it is not something a crazy environmentalist is warning about ... "

... what a relief ...!

"There is now no chance that it will spread over the mountains to Germany. The temperature in the mountains is now very low. The mosquitos are dying off."



Delta of the River Po

Castiglione di Ravenna, Ravenna RA, Italy

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The super vector!





Climate change?





Recent introductions

- *Trypanosoma evansi*:
 Rift Valley fever:
- Bluetongue:

France Comorro Islands Europe



