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75TH ANNUAL MEETING

November 3-5, 2011

Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, La Jolla, California

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH



I invite you to join me in La Jolla for the 75th Annual meeting of the Southern California branch of the American Society for Microbiology. The meeting will again be held at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines in La Jolla, California. This venue offers the beautiful California coastline with fantastic shopping and great restaurants in the area, and is only minutes away from other fun activities in San Diego, such as Sea World and the San Diego Zoo.

The Program Committee has invited many renowned speakers to present the latest findings for diagnosis and research in microbiology. To borrow a line from the timeless *Wizard of Oz*, "We are not in Kansas anymore!" Join me as the speakers help us to navigate the Yellow-Brick-Road of Change with lectures about the newest technologies that are rapidly becoming the reality in the laboratory.

We will again offer a "Meet the Experts" Breakfast on both Friday & Saturday mornings. These four sessions, on select topical issues, are a great way to learn and ask questions in a smaller venue. In addition, you will have opportunities to visit the Exhibit Hall and view the latest in laboratory products and instrumentation during lunch and break times.

The Friday night President's Reception will be held at the Birch Aquarium. Come along to the aquarium by motor coach, chat with old friends and colleagues over cocktails and hor'douerves while viewing the amazing underwater exhibits. This event is included in your meeting registration fee. Vendors are welcome to attend as well (See registration page for more information).

SCASM would also like to encourage under-graduates and graduate students to attend the annual meeting and present their research during the poster session on Saturday. SCASM, in partnership with bioMérieux, will award the top three poster presenters with an all-expenses paid, student travel award, to attend the National ASM 2012 meeting.

I would also like to invite you to become more involved with SCASM and you can begin by attending our Board Meeting, scheduled for Thursday from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. You can pre-register for this event on the registration page.

Please return your reservation form as early as possible to ensure that you will be part of this exciting educational event. There are also special room rates at the Hilton available for SCASM members. Please refer to www.scasm.org for updates to the meeting and information concerning registration.

I look forward to seeing you in La Jolla!

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 3

- 2:00pm - 7:00pm **Exhibitor Set Up** - Grande Ballroom
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm **Registration** - Ballroom Foyer
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm **Board Meeting & Dinner** - Scripps Ballroom I
Sponsored by: Roche Molecular

Friday, November 4

- 7:00am - 5:00pm **Registration** - Ballroom Foyer
- 7:00am - 8:00am **Continental Breakfast**
Sponsored by: Copan Diagnostics
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 7:00am - 8:00am **Meet the Experts Breakfast**
Sponsored by: Bruker Daltonics
- (1) Keeping the Quality in Quality Control
[Kileen Mershon-Shier, PhD, D(ABMM), M(ASCP)^{CM}]
Location: La Jolla Shores
 - (2) New Diagnostic Algorithms for Syphilis & HIV Screening
[Mark Pandori, PhD, HCLD(ABB)]
Location: La Jolla Canyon
 - (3) Update on Rapid Identifications of Bacteria
CLSI Document M34-A2
[Mary York, PhD, D(ABMM)]
Location: La Jolla Cove
 - (4) Clinically Significant Yeast
[Annette Fothergill, MA, MBA, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA)]
Location: Boardroom

Get the hottest and latest information, and get your questions answered related to 4 timely topics. Meet for breakfast & discussion. Due to limited space, select your session on your registration form.



- 8:00am - 12:00pm **Session F-1 Course # 11-075-04 .3 CEU**
Ongoing Revolution of Microbiology
Location: Scripps Ballroom
Moderator: Susan Novak-Weekley, PhD, M(ASCP)

This session will highlight the importance of newer techniques in sequencing and bacterial identification and how those techniques will impact the clinical microbiology laboratory. The landscape of the clinical laboratory is changing and these newer techniques will have applicability in all size laboratories as the technology advances.

- 8:00am **DNA Sequencing Applied to Pathogens & Human Microbiomes**
[James Versalovic, MD, PhD]
- 8:50am **State of the Art Testing for Cytomegalovirus**
[Ben Pinsky, MD]
- 9:40am - 10:40am **Exhibits Open & Break**
Sponsored by: Bruker Daltonics
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 10:40am **Bacterial Identification & Beyond, Applications of MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry in the Clinical Microbiology Lab**
[Nathan Ledebuer, PhD, D(ABMM)]

Friday, November 4 (cont'd)

- 11:30am **How to Apply Evolving Molecular Techniques in the Routine Clinical Laboratory**
[Susan Novak-Weekley, PhD, M(ASCP) & Elizabeth Marlowe, PhD, D(ABMM)]
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Exhibits Open & Lunch** - Grande Ballroom
Co-Sponsored by: Cepheid



- 1:30pm - 5:15pm **Session F-2 Course # 11-075-05 .3 CEU**
How to Address Technical & Quality Challenges in Microbiology in 2011
Location: Scripps Ballroom
Moderator: Romney Humphries, PhD, M(ASCP)
- SCASM brings the experts to you in this session devoted to some of the most challenging aspects of clinical microbiology! Learn from the individuals who wrote the IDSA Clinical Practice Guidelines and the CLSI Standards Documents. Be sure to come prepared with your questions, as this unique session will integrate an interactive question and answer period, wherein the panel members will address the technical and quality issues that are most pressing to your laboratory.

- 1:30pm **Dr. Dexter Howard Memorial Lecture -What's New in the New IDSA – Guidelines: MRSA, UTIs, and Clostridium difficile**
[Loren Miller, MD, MPH]
- 2:30pm **CLSI Breakpoints – Where are we now; where are we going?**
[Janet Hindler, CMS, MCLS, MT(ASCP), F(AAM)]

- 3:15pm - 3:45pm **Exhibits Open & Break**
Sponsored by: Bruker Daltonics
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 3:45pm **What's Relevant in Susceptibility Testing for Anaerobes!**
[Diane M. Citron, M(ASCP)]

- 4:15pm **CLSI Updates for Antifungal Susceptibility Testing**
[Annette Fothergill, MA, MBA, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA)]

- 4:45pm **Panel Members – Q&A**
- 5:30pm Buses Depart Hotel for President's Reception at Birch Aquarium

- 6:00pm - 9:00pm **President's Reception and Social**
Co-sponsored by: Meridian Bioscience, Inc., AdvanDX, Inc., & bioMerieux, Inc.
Location: Birch Aquarium

- 9:00pm Buses Depart Birch Aquarium for Hotel

Scientific Exhibit Hours

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| Friday, Nov. 4 | 9:40 am - 10:40 am |
| | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm |
| | 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm |
| Saturday, Nov. 5 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am |
| | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm |

SCHEDULE


Saturday, November 5

- 7:00am - 2:00pm **Registration** - Ballroom Foyer
- 7:00am - 8:00am **Continental Breakfast**
Sponsored by: Gen-Probe, Inc.
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 7:00am - 8:00am **Meet the Experts Breakfast**
Sponsored by: Focus Diagnostics
See descriptions and locations listed on Friday morning for more information.

Clinical Session

-  **8:00am - 12:00pm** **Session S-1 Course # 11-075-06 .3 CEU**
What's New in Public Health Microbiology
Location: Scripps Ballroom
Moderator: Nicole Green, PhD
- This premier session will cover a broad spectrum of issues relevant to the professional practice of domestic and international public health. This series is designed to broaden and enrich your knowledge on the diversity of topics within the field. Speakers will address current perspectives and highlight research findings important to public health microbiology. An improved understanding of Public Health and its relationship with the health of individuals and communities is integral for developing sound management strategies and policies.
- 8:00am **Preparing for the Future of Laboratories: the CDC Perspective**
[May Chu, PhD]
- 9:00am **Exploring the Milky Way: Understanding Breast Milk Transmission of HIV**
[Grace Aldrovani, MD]
- 10:00am - 11:00am **Exhibits Open & Break**
Sponsored by: Aero-Med, LTD
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 11:00am **Tracking Zoonoses: The Rich, "Culturable" Relationships Between People and Animals**
[Emily Beeler, DVM, MS]

Academic Session

-  **8:00am - 12:00pm** **Academic Session Course # 11-075-08 .3 CEU**
Microbial Interactions with the Immune System
Location: Pavilion I
Moderator: Brian Mochon, PhD
- Speakers in this symposium will highlight recent advances in our understanding of specific molecules at the host pathogen interface. Dr. Philip Felgner will discuss the development of *in vitro* proteomes from pathogenic microorganisms and their use in identifying antibody-antigen interactions from vaccinated or infected humans and/or animals as potential diagnostic targets or vaccine candidates. The subsequent speakers will describe mechanisms employed by microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi, to interfere and manipulate the host interaction to the pathogens advantage. Dr. Victor Nizet will speak on how Gram-positive bacteria subvert host phagocyte defense to produce invasive infections and Dr. Scott Filler will discuss how the yeast *Candida albicans* infects the brain by binding to gp96, a unique protein that is expressed on the cell surface of brain endothelial cells.

- 8:00am **Predicting Immunity to Infectious Diseases on a Genome-Wide Scale with Proteome Microarrays**
[Phillip Felgner, PhD]
- 9:00am **Bacteria & Phagocytes: Mortal Enemies**
[Victor Nizet, MD]
- 10:00am - 11:00am **Exhibits Open & Break**
Sponsored by: Aero-Med, LTD
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 11:00am **Mechanisms of *Candida albicans* Invasion of Host Cells**
[Scott Filler, MD]
- 8:00am - 1:30pm** **Collegiate Posters**
Sponsored by: bioMerieux, Inc.
Location: Ballroom Foyer
Moderator: Ann Grasmick, MT(ASCP)
- 7:00am - 8:00am Set Up
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Viewing and Judging
- Students will present their posters and SCASM will continue the tradition of supporting the winning students to present their posters at the next ASM General Meeting. Please come by and support the students in their microbiology research efforts and professional presentations. Encourage them to share their project information with you – they'll be glad to discuss their research.
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm** **Exhibits Open & Lunch**
Location: Grande Ballroom
- 1:30pm - 1:45pm** **Presentation of Poster Winners**
Location: Scripps Ballroom

Clinical Session

-  **1:45pm - 5:00pm** **Session S-2 Course # 11-075-07 .3 CEU**
Case Studies – Help Solve the Mysteries!
Location: Scripps Ballroom
Moderator: Diane M. Citron, M(ASCP)
- This session will present clinical cases highlighting the more unusual organisms encountered in clinical specimens and the methods used to identify them. The presentations will be educational and interactive and provide new clues for the organisms characteristics in a stepwise fashion, to help participants evaluate the data and come to the correct identification. Participants will learn about laboratory findings in diseases caused by various microbes and newer methods used to identify these pathogens.
- 1:45pm - 5:00pm **Case Studies**
[Susan Butler-Wu, PhD, D(ABMM); Romney Humphries, PhD; Jill Clarridge, PhD, D(ABMM), F(AAM)]
- 2:45pm - 3:00pm **Break**
Sponsored by: Aero-Med, LTD
Location: Scripps Ballroom Foyer

GENERAL INFORMATION | REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Education

Education is the major component in the purpose of the Southern California Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (SCASM). Through its educational activities, SCASM contributes to the profession and helps to increase, refine, and perpetuate the microbiologist's body of knowledge. With an exceptional faculty presenting relevant, diverse and stimulating workshops and sessions, this is a meeting you cannot afford to miss! SCASM is recognized by the State of California as an Accrediting Agency for Continuing Education for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Scientific Exhibits

In addition to quality education for a very reasonable price, you will have an opportunity to visit with the companies that provide products and services to your lab. The SCASM Annual Meeting Committee has arranged for an effective exhibit schedule. Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to review new products and ask questions about ones you currently use.

CEU Documentation

CEU documentation is available and included in your registration fees. If you require CEU's, arrive early to your sessions to allow time to sign-in. **You must attend the entire session. There will be no exceptions.** CEU credit is not available for the *Meet the Experts Breakfast Sessions*. A total of 12 units may be earned if you attend all other sessions.

Hotel Information

The SCASM 75th Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037 (near San Diego). This Four Diamond Hilton sits above the Pacific Ocean, overlooking the legendary Torrey Pines Golf Course, home of the 2008 US Open.

The hotel is offering a special group rate of **\$169.00 single or double occupancy**. Go to www.scasm.org to book your hotel reservation, or call 858-558-1500 by **October 13, 2011**. To receive a room at this special rate, you must state that you are with the Southern California Branch of the American Society for Microbiology and you must make your reservations by **October 13**. Reservations received after this date will be taken on a space & rate availability basis. Parking is \$8.00 overnight or day self parking. **If this hotel room rate would prohibit you from attending this meeting, please call the Conference Manager, Diane Guthrie, at 858-487-7759 to discuss possible financial assistance.**

SCASM Membership Discounts

Current members of SCASM for the 2011 membership year (by Oct. 1, 2011) are eligible for the members' discount rate on registration fees. If you are not a current member, and wish to become one go to www.scasm.org to join or renew, or complete the enclosed Membership Application and send it with your membership fee directly to the address on the form. If you are not a current member and you take the meeting discounts, you will be billed for the difference, and will not be registered at the meeting until the balance due is paid. Please submit a separate check for membership, made payable to SCASM. **DO NOT** include in the same check with your Annual Meeting registration.

Attention Young Techs – The New Technologist Scholarship Program will be held again this year.

Details will be forthcoming by email and on the website, www.scasm.org. Watch for it!

Annual Meeting Management

Questions related to registration for the Annual Meeting can be directed to 858-487-7759 or info@scasm.org.

Registration Options

Register online now at www.scasm.org or complete the registration form in this brochure.

Full Registration

Your full registration includes all of the Sessions, Scientific Exhibits, continental breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, as well as the President's Reception at the Birch Aquarium on Friday evening.

Meet the Experts Breakfast Registration

Get the hottest and latest information (as well as getting your questions answered) related to four fascinating topics each day. We will meet for breakfast and a full hour's discussion on both Friday and Saturday. **DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, WE WILL TAKE ONLY 10 PEOPLE PER TOPIC, AND IT WILL BE MANDATORY TO SELECT THE TOPIC IN WHICH YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND SIGN UP IN ADVANCE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM.** No charge to program registrants – **FIRST COME–FIRST SERVE.**

Guest Registration

Guest registration includes Scientific Exhibits, continental breakfast and lunch for one or two days (depending on registration choice). This registration option is for **non-scientific guests only**. If a guest plans to attend the Sessions, the regular Full Registration fee must be paid.

Student Registration

Student registration includes all of the Sessions, Scientific Exhibits, continental breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, as well as the President's Reception on Friday evening. Each student pre-registration must be counter-signed by his/her department chair, major professor or laboratory director.

One Day Registration

One day registration includes Sessions, Scientific Exhibits, and continental breakfast and lunch for the day.

Food & Beverage Functions

If you purchase a full registration, it includes admission to the continental breakfast and lunches each day, as well as the President's Reception on Friday evening.

If you purchase a one day or guest registration, it includes admission to the continental breakfast and lunches on the day you attend, but **DOES NOT** include the President's Reception on Friday evening. You must purchase a separate ticket for that evening if you'd like to attend.

Friday Evening President's Reception: Birch Aquarium

We invite you to join us for the President's Reception on Friday night at the Birch Aquarium. This is a night you won't want to miss.

If you are not a "full meeting registrant", you can still attend this reception for a modest fee of \$75, which includes your transportation by motor coach from the Hilton to the Aquarium and cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres for the evening. All exhibitors are entitled to two passes per paid booth, included in their exhibit fee.

There will be no on-site registration for this event. You must have a reservation in advance so that we can plan accordingly. See the registration page for further details.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

A full refund, less a \$50.00 processing fee, will be granted for cancellation requests received in writing by October 1, 2011. No refunds will be granted after this date.

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Phone _____ SCASM Membership# _____ Expires _____

The support of our exhibitors makes this meeting possible. May we share your contact information with them? Yes No

1. Full General Registration Fees

(includes sessions, meals, reception at Birch Aquarium & exhibits)

(Please Check One Category) **SCASM Member** **Non-Member**

Early Bird (postmarked by 9/15) \$175 \$205

Regular Rate (postmarked by 10/25) \$195 \$225

On-Site Rate (postmark after 10/25) \$215 \$245

Student Rate (anytime) \$60 \$90

Emeritus Rate (anytime) \$70

Choose One—no charge—Friday Breakfast with the Experts

Quality Control Algorithms Rapid Identifications Yeast
Registration limited to first 10 registrants per topic.

Choose One—no charge—Saturday Breakfast with the Experts

Quality Control Algorithms Rapid Identifications Yeast
Registration limited to first 10 registrants per topic.

2. One Day Registration Fees (includes sessions, meals & exhibits)

Choose Day to Attend: Friday Saturday

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1 Day (postmarked by 9/15) \$105 \$135

1 Day (postmarked by 10/25) \$125 \$155

1 Day On-Site Rate (after 10/25) \$145 \$180

Student (anytime) \$35 \$55

Emeritus One Day (anytime) \$40

3. Guest Registration Fees

Guest registration is for **nonscientific guests only** and includes all meal functions, but not Birch Aquarium Reception or any sessions.

Choose Day(s) to Attend: Friday Saturday

One Day \$80 Two Days \$130

4. Birch Aquarium Reception Registration

Full Meeting Registrant - No Fee

Attending Aquarium yes no

For add'l exhibitors (beyond first 2 included with exhibit fee), attendee guests, one day registrants – includes transfer, cocktails & hors d'oeuvres:

\$75 per person # of tickets required at \$75 ea: _____

***Must be postmarked by dates indicated, without exception, to receive discounted rates. Pre-registration can not be accepted by phone, fax or mail after October 25, 2011. All registrations after October 25 will be accepted on-site, at the on-site rates.**

5. Exhibits Only Registration (This registration includes admission to exhibits only, no meal functions.)

One Day \$15

6. I will attend the Board Meeting on Thursday yes no

7. Registration Fees Total

\$ _____ Registration Fee

\$ _____ Birch Aquarium Ticket(s)

\$ _____ is my total registration fee for Annual Meeting.

I prefer to pay by check. Please make the check payable to SCASM & mail with this registration form to:

SCASM, 10889 La Alberca Avenue, San Diego, CA 92127

If you would like to pay by credit card, please go to the web site www.scasm.org to register.

8. PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS

Dietary: Diabetic Vegetarian Low Salt

Low Fat Vegan Shellfish Allergies

Other (please explain) _____

Physical: The *Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines* is ADA compliant.

Please check here if you require special accommodations in order to participate in the Annual Meeting **AND** send written description of your needs to info@scasm.org.

9. Cancellation/Refund Policy

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10. Membership – Current Members & New Members

To be eligible for the member registration fee, you must be a 2011 SCASM member by **October 1, 2011**. If you are a current member and want to renew your membership or if you are not a member and want to become a member, go to www.scasm.org to join or renew, or complete the enclosed Membership Form and send it with your membership fee directly to the address on the form. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

** PHONE REGISTRATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

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