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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ASCLS Leadership Academy

I would like to highlight one of the newest opportunities from ASCLS. Three years ago, Lynn Ingram from Tennessee, started the first Leadership Academy. The purpose of the academy is to "... prepare ASCLS members for current and future leadership roles in the organization by providing a structured program of study of critical leadership topics." The 2009-2010 class is the third group of future ASCLS leaders to participate in the leadership academy. Participation in the academy requires participants to attend two national ASCLS conferences and ASCLS Legislative Days. State constituent societies are encouraged to assist with financial support if a participant is selected from their state.

The Leadership Academy curriculum includes:

- History of the Profession
- Introduction to Leadership
- Leadership Styles
- Communication Skills/Styles
- Organizational Skills
- Presentation Skills
- Mentoring/Coaching
- Networking
- Writing Skills
- Team Building
- Motivating People



I would like to encourage all ASCLS members to look within your laboratory for individuals that demonstrate potential as future leaders. The applications for the 2010-2011 Leadership Academy will be available on the ASCLS website (www.ascls.org) beginning January 2010 with the application and letters of recommendation due March 31, 2010.

Cap Wiz

Have you received an Action Alert requesting that you contact your congressmen concerning a bill or proposal that influences the laboratory community? Have you thought about expressing your concerns to your congressmen but didn't follow through because you didn't know how to make the contact or exactly how to word your position? Well – CapWiz – is your answer. ASCLS now uses CapWiz as an

advocacy software that is used to contact congressmen on laboratory related issues. The first such request for action was in August 2009 when ASCLS asked members to contact their senators to oppose a proposed implementation of a 20% laboratory co-pay as part of the healthcare reform legislation. So, the next time you are called to action, please utilize CapWiz for an easy process and suggested wording to contact your government officials.

What Has ASCLS Done for Me?

When I encourage others to join ASCLS as their professional organization, I am often asked to numerate the benefits of belonging. Simply put, belonging to any group provides a unified voice or a benefit that one cannot obtain as an individual. Often, I list the obvious: the *Clinical Laboratory Science* journal, discounts on continuing education, insurance, and car rental, networking with our peers, advocacy for government affairs, and even the development of friendships. For me personally, my involvement with KSCLS and attendance at the regional and national meetings provides the opportunity to expand my network, develop an awareness of the current laboratory issues, and to develop friendships. I have also been able to develop my leadership skills and to have a positive impact on the laboratory profession. I have held positions within KSCLS at various levels and have also become involved at the regional level.

However, I believe one of the most important reasons for belonging to ASCLS is their ability to lobby for the laboratory profession. We can't sit back and reflect too much longer on the successful repeal of competitive bidding which was a tremendous positive impact on the laboratory community. If competitive bidding had not been defeated, many of us would be among the unemployed. The newest government issue has been the laboratory co-pay as a part of the healthcare reform. The initial request was for 20%. It is my understanding that the co-pay still exists but at a much lower percentage. Again, the opportunity to meet with congressmen and to utilize our political lobbyist has SAVED OUR JOBS! Your Political Action Committee dollars assist in supporting our presence on Capitol Hill.

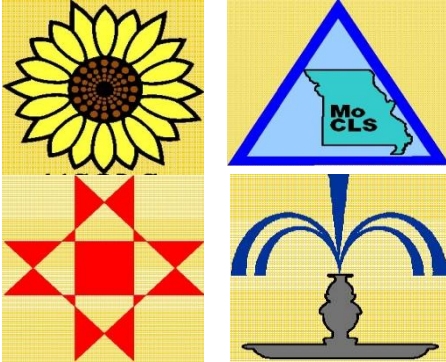


Laboratory Professionals
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April 18-24, 2010

SAVE THE DATE

Patchwork of Knowledge



**A Joint Meeting Sponsored by The
KSCLS & MoCLS, & the KC Chapter of
CLMA will be held:**

APRIL 14-16, 2010

**At the Kansas City Downtown Marriott
200 West 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105**

Every four years, KSCLS and MoCLS together with the Kansas City Chapter of CLMA hold a joint meeting in the metropolitan Kansas City area.

This spring, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 14-16, 2010, laboratory professionals from across both states will meet in Kansas City for three days of great continuing education programs, networking opportunities, and exhibits of the latest advances in technology and diagnostic procedures. This meeting will be held in downtown KC at the Downtown Marriott hotel. We moved the venue this time due to the tremendous growth we have had in attendance for this meeting over the years. We expect close to 60 vendors to display their equipment, kits, and supplies and there will be dedicated time exclusively to the exhibits. Attendees will be able to earn at least 16 PACE accredited CEUs over the full meeting. Social events and activities designed especially for students will be part of this meeting.

The program committee has been working hard to line up outstanding speakers on a wide variety of topics to meet the CE needs of all levels of laboratory professionals. Highlights of the program so far include a full day Microbiology workshop, a half day Gram stain Interpretation Workshop, and information on how the recent merger of NCA and the Board of Registry impacts you and your credentials. Paul Epner, one of the forces behind the "Labs Are Vital" program, will be our closing keynote speaker. Many speakers are still being contacted to confirm their availability, but be sure that no matter what your area of interest is there will be sessions to meet your needs.

As usual, we will have a great Vendor Appreciation party on Wednesday, and lunches on Wednesday and Thursday, and breakfast on Friday, plus continuous beverages and occasional snacks to keep you going throughout the day. This year we will have a huge raffle to raise funds for each organization's scholarship program with multiple items that participants can try to win. Since we are only three city blocks from Kansas City's new Power and Light District, the Thursday night social will be replaced by an 'On Your Own' night. Lists of restaurants, movies, shows, and concert events happening that night will

be provided to all participants.

So mark your calendars, ask for the time off, consider purchasing an Institutional Pass for your lab, and plan to attend the full meeting. We have been able to keep the Registration Fee the same as it was 4 years ago, and we have reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott for out of town attendees.

The most up to date information about the meeting will be posted on the websites of each organization as it becomes available. The mailing of the registration packet will go out in early February, so look for it and plan to attend the 2010 Patchwork of Knowledge Meeting. We can't wait to see you.

Jan Hudzicki and Carla Orner
Co-General Chairs

KSCLS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2010-2011

Now is your opportunity to become a part of the KSCLS Leadership. If you would like to run or know someone who would be good at one of the positions listed below, please email me at jessicadirks@kscls.com.

Positions to be on the ballot this year:

1. President-Elect - 3 year commitment
2. Treasurer - 2 year term
3. One year board member
4. Two year board member
5. Three year board member
6. Northwest District Representative – 1 year term
7. Southwest District Representative – 1 year term
8. Northeast District Representative – 1 year term
9. Southeast District Representative – 1 year term

KSCLS Board Meeting News

The KSCLS Leadership recently drafted major revisions to the society's bylaws and standard operating procedures (SOP's). Updating the member's handbook will follow. If any member would like more information or input to the document revisions, please contact a member of the KSCLS Leadership as soon as possible. All KSCLS Members attending the annual KSCLS Business Meeting at the Annual Spring Meeting in 2010 will be asked to vote to approve the suggested revisions to the KSCLS Bylaws and SOP's. The KSCLS Leadership sincerely thanks Jan Hudzicki for coordinating the document updates.

Marla Williams

By-laws Chair

CLSI 2010 AST Update

February 3, 2010 • 1:00–2:30 PM ET or
February 4, 2010 • 3:00–4:30 PM ET

Description:

Each January, CLSI updates standards for antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST). It is important for clinical laboratories to incorporate the new recommendations into routine practice to optimize detection and reporting of antimicrobial resistance. In January 2010, the annual update of the M100 tables (CLSI document M100-S20) will be published. A major change will involve revised interpretive criteria (breakpoints) for several cephalosporins and Enterobacteriaceae. This session will highlight the revised breakpoints and other new recommendations found in M100-S20.

[Please download the course flyer for full details. \(PDF\)](#)

[Click here for online registration](#)

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this program, the participant will be able to:

- Identify the major changes found in the new CLSI M100-S20 standard.
- Design a strategy for implementing the new practice guidelines into his or her laboratory practices.
- Develop a communication strategy for informing clinical staff of updates.

Speaker:

Janet A. Hindler, MCLS, MT(ASCP), Clinical Microbiology, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Audience:

This intermediate-level program is designed for clinical, public health, or veterinary microbiologists, pathologists, managers, supervisors, and infectious disease specialists who provide information on antimicrobial susceptibility testing and reporting.

Continuing Education Credit:

The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. Participants will be awarded 1.5 contact hour(s) for each program they successfully complete. P.A.C.E.® is accepted by all licensure states except Florida. Florida continuing education credit will be offered based on 1.5 hour(s) of instruction. This course has been approved for 1.5 contact hour(s) in the category of Microbiology/mycology/parasitology for Florida Laboratory Licensees.

Registration:

Registration deadline February 1, 2010

- Registration fee per site (for one phone line): \$95.00 per site for the program plus access to the archived web cast for 6 months.
- Select a Site Facilitator who can receive all communication via email.
- Site Facilitator must register online at www.aphl.org/clsi.
- If you have difficulty with the online registration process, please email registrar@aphl.org or call 240.485.2727 from 8:00 AM–4:30 PM (ET). After your facility's registration is confirmed, the Site Facilitator will receive all necessary instructions and paperwork via email.
- For program content information, please email teleconference@aphl.org.
- A recorded copy of each teleconference will be available for six months after the presentation date. There will be no additional cost for teleconference participants to access the recording. The recorded teleconferences are available to new participants for the list price and participants will be eligible for P.A.C.E. credits.

This program is sponsored in part by an unrestricted educational grant from bioMerieux Inc

For more detailed information, please refer to the course flyer.

The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Department of Continuing Education and Training sponsors educational programs on critical issues in laboratory science. For a complete list of courses, visit www.aphl.org/courses

WELCOME

KSCLS would like to welcome our newest members. Please congratulate these lab professionals on choosing to join KSCLS and let them know we appreciate them!

Anita Young
Adelisa Franchitti
Gabriel Metzler
Cierra Clark
Krystal Ocker
Eric Elsinghorst

Upcoming Events

ASCLS Legislative Days
March 15 & 16, 2010, Washington, D.C.

2010 Patchwork of Knowledge
April 14 -16, 2010, Kansas City

2010 ASCLS Annual Meeting
July 27-31, 2010, Anaheim, CA