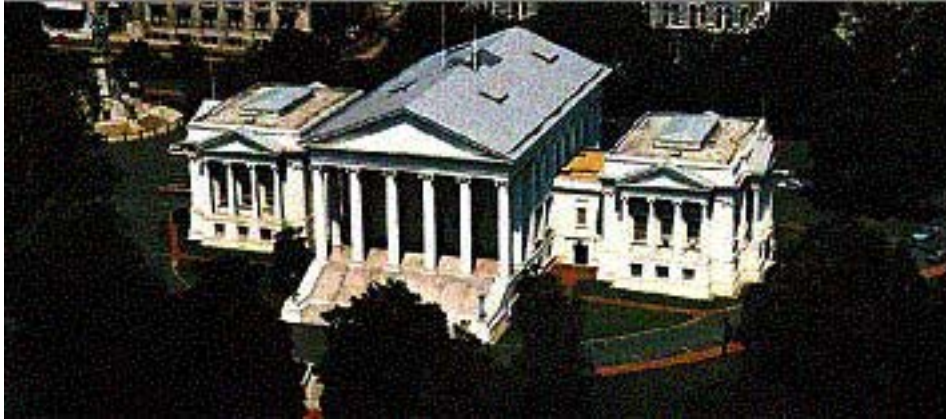


Virginia Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
Annual Spring Meeting and Exhibit

April 6 – 8, 2003



*“Spring into a Capital
Experience”*

Crowne Plaza Hotel
555 East Canal Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Toll-free Reservations:
1-800-2CROWNE

VSCLS Annual Meeting Planning Committee

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Remember

**VSCLS & ASCLS
WANT
Y-O-U**

You can make a difference! Join ASCLS at the meeting

Conference Registration

VSCLS Annual Meeting registration includes P.A.C.E. approved continuing education, exhibition hall passage, all morning and afternoon breaks and one Wine and Cheese Reception to be held on Monday, April 7, 2003 from 4:45 - 6:45 pm.

A FULL Registration includes one ticket for the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on Monday evening at 7:30 pm.

Lunches: On your own both days - Monday, April 7 from 12 noon - 1:25 pm and Tuesday, April 8 from 12 noon - 1:10 pm..

The General Membership Meeting to be held on Monday, April 7, 2003 from 12 noon - 1:30 pm will be open to all members of VSCLS in good standing and a light lunch will be provided.

How to Register????

Register Online

It is quick. It is easy. It is safe. Hurry and visit our web site today

www.vscls.org and click on "Annual Meeting." **Pay online and receive a \$5.00 discount off the Full Registration fee.** Making payment by credit card can be used for online registrations only.

Or

Mail your registration now...the traditional way. Please include the completed Registration Form and your check made payable to: **VSCLS Spring Meeting**

Mail to:

Donna Odom
8900 Michaux Lane
Richmond, VA 23229

To avoid postal delays, we strongly recommend that you register online.

Cancellations and Refunds

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your registration, please notify the designated registrar in writing prior to April 5. Your registration will be refunded, minus a \$10.00 processing fee. Written cancellations/requests must include the registrant's name, address, and the name of the person, company or institution to whom the refund check should be made payable.

On-Site Registration

Registration will be available on-site. A \$10.00 fee will be assessed for on-site.

Meeting Registration Times

Sunday, April 6, 2003
4:00 - 8:00 pm

Monday, April 7, 2003
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 8, 2003
8:00 am - 12 noon

Special Accommodations

If you need accommodations that meet the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please indicate specific requirements in writing and attach it to the registration form.

Member Discounts

The following professional organizations will be recognized and members of any of these will be given a discount on meeting registration. Please place a check mark beside all that apply and print your current membership numbers on the registration form.

ASCLS VSCLS
RSCLS VSSAMT
AMT MAABB
CLMA

Earn P.A.C.E.

"Professional Acknowledgement for Continuing Education"

It is an administrative system established to serve as the quality assurance mechanism for educational programs offered to ASCLS members by ASCLS constituent societies. P.A.C.E. uses contact hours. One contact hour of instruction is awarded for each hour of participation in a continuing education activity. In each breakout session, a moderator will explain how to get credit for your attendance.

If you have any questions, please look for Pam Burke, VSCLS PACE Co- Administrator at the Registration area.

If you would be willing to serve as a Moderator for any of the sessions you will be attending, please stop by the P.A.C.E. table upon your arrival and VOLUNTEER... it is painless!

Hotel Accommodations

Our host hotel, the Crowne Plaza Hotel, is situated in the heart of the historic district, minutes from Shockoe Slip, Sixth Street Market Place, museums, theaters, and fine dining. Located just north of I-95/I-64 at the corner of 5th and Canal Streets, the hotel has Richmond's best view of the James River. The hotel is located 9 miles from the Richmond International Airport.

The hotel has 16 floors and 299 beautifully appointed rooms. All guest rooms have 2 direct dial telephones with data port, voice mail, coffeemakers, ironing board/iron, cable TV, and hair dryer. The hotel offers a health club, sauna, whirlpool and indoor pool.

The *Pavilion Café* features casual dining for breakfast, lunch with create your own pasta bar, and dinner. Relax with your favorite cocktail in the *555 Canal Club*.

The hotel provides overnight guests with complimentary shuttle, based on availability, within a five-mile radius of the hotel.

Parking is available in a covered parking deck for \$7.00 for overnight guests with in/out privileges. Parking is free on the street. There are also other parking lots in the vicinity of the hotel.

The hotel has over 8,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, big enough for our banquet, exhibit hall, and meeting rooms.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Checkout time is 12 noon.

A limited block of rooms has been reserved for our conference. Make your reservations now to avoid disappointments. The block of rooms will be held until March 6, 2003. Reservations will be accepted after the cutoff date, based on availability.

The following rates will be offered to the VSCLS, \$95.00 plus tax, single/double occupancy (taxes currently 12.5%). \$129 quad/suite.

The Crowne Plaza will extend the same group rate for two days prior and 2 days after the conference dates.

In order to guarantee reservations, individuals will be asked to send in a deposit in the amount of the first night's lodging or provide a major credit card number.

ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING:

**CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
555 East Canal Street
Richmond, VA 23219
Reservations: (804)788-0900
Toll free reservations: 1-800-2CROWNE**

Directions:

From I-95 North or South:

Take Exit 74A to Downtown Expressway (I-195) to East Canal Street.

From I-64 East or West:

Get on I-95 South, take Exit 74A to Downtown Expressway (I-195) to East Canal Street.

By Airline:

Richmond International Airport is about 9 miles from the hotel.

Special Event

What? Our Annual Fund Raiser

Why? Our fundraiser benefits the Children's
Miracle Network, the ASCLS National Charity
and
Our VSCLS Student Scholarship

When? All day Monday, April 7, 2003

How? Purchase of “Keep This One” tickets for \$1.00 putting one half of the
“Keep This One” ticket on a “Gift Basket” of your choice, while holding onto the other
half, with the hope your ticket will be pulled out as the winner during the Wine & Cheese
Reception.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Sunday, April 6 -Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Sunday, April 6

12 noon — 4:00 pm

Virginia Clinical Laboratory Educators Consortia

Program agenda TBA through email to individual Laboratory Science Programs

War on Terrorism and Changes in CLS/CLT Curricula

Connie Mahon, MS, CLS

Walter Reed Army Medical Center

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

VSCLS Board Meeting

9:00 pm

Annual Spring Meeting Committee

Monday, April 7

8:30 am—10:00 am

▶ *Evaluation of the E.D. Patient with Chest Pain* *David Plaut*

▶ *Developing Proficiency in Direct Smear Examination and Interpretation : A Case Study Approach* *Connie Mahon*

▶ *Update of Department of Transportation (DOT) Collection Procedures for Drug & Breath Alcohol Testing* *Darrell Little*

10:00 am—11:00 am Break with Exhibitors

11:00 am—12 noon

▶ **Keynote Address**

“Professionalism and Human Nature: What's the Connection?”

Mary Ann McLane

12 noon—1:30 pm General Membership Meeting

All active members in good standing are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Members, **please** mark your intention to attend on registration form.

Monday, April 7 continued...

1:30 pm — 3:00 pm

▶ *Who Are You?*

David Plaut

A session utilizing the Meyers-Briggs Test

▶ *QA for the Lab and Beyond*

Wade Atkins

This session will point out where else you can be using your hidden talents.

▶ *Personnel Shortage*

Elissa Passiment

Update from the Laboratory Coalition on Workforce Shortages

▶ *West Nile Virus: Surveillance in the Commonwealth of Virginia*

Dee Pettit

This presentation will describe the surveillance strategies used to detect WNV in animals & humans and the environmental conditions associated with increased risk for human infection.

3:00 pm—3:30 pm Break with Exhibitors

3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

▶ *Free PSA/Complex PSA: Which One Is For You?* *David Plaut*

▶ *Phlebotomy Update* *Emmy Morris/Pam Brown*

Preanalytical issues & Safety Equipment Update

▶ *Factor V Leiden and PT 20210*

Dianne Toler

▶ *Variant CJD in the Blood Supply*

Pam Clark

How CJD can contaminate our nation's blood supply.

4:45 pm — 6:45 pm Social Time with Exhibitors

7:30 pm Annual Banquet

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 am - 9:00 am

▶ *An Overview of WHO Classification of Hematopoietic Neoplasm*
Laura Spinelli

▶ *From 2 Sigma to 6 Sigma in 60 Minutes or Less* *David Plaut*
An overview of past and new QC methodology

▶ *Antigen Specific IgE Testing* *Steve Grabosky*
New advances in IgE testing

9:00 am—9:30 am **Break with Exhibitors**

9:30 am— 11:00 am

▶ *CLIA, Legislative and Regulatory Updates* *Elissa Passiment* CLIA Final Rule
and other legislative & regulatory updates

▶ *D-Dimer Evaluation* *David Plaut*
Using D-dimer saves time, money and lives. Are you offering it?

▶ *Bioterrorism Preparedness Update*
Ellen Basinger/JoAnn Jellison
Update & overview for Id and shipping of organism that may be used as bioterrorism agents. Role of DCLS in helping Sentinel Labs (Level A Micro) and information on safety in the laboratory.

▶ *Artificial Blood Products* *William Spiess*
What are they and how can they be used

Tuesday, April 8 continued...

11:00 am—12 noon

▶ ***Adverse Effects of Transfusion*** ***William Turcan***

Identify causes, treatment and prevention of transfusion reactions and transfusion transmitted diseases. Current hot Blood Bank topics such as CJD, TRALI, NAT and universal leukodepletion will also be discussed.

▶ ***Arterial Blood Gas Update*** ***David Plaut***
CO₂ L TO₂ LS pHor Techs

▶ ***Clinical Cytogenetics Testing*** ***Colleen Jackson-Cook***
Colorful new advances in the field of cytogenetics.

▶ ***Laboratory Response to Foodborne Disease Threats*** ***Denise Toney***
Overview of the current lab surveillance outbreak response for the identification and characterization of foodborne pathogens & future plans to address foodborne bioterrorism.

12 noon—1:10 pm Lunch

12 noon—1:10pm ***Special Event for Students***

Students: Come join us for free box lunch roundtable discussions. Hear laboratorians discuss various work options within the profession. Students must register for this session by checking the appropriate box on the registration form.

1:15 pm—2:30 pm

▶ ***Smallpox and Vaccinia Update*** ***Lisa Weymouth***

Overview of the role laboratory testing will play in surveillance for Smallpox and in diagnosis of Vaccinia infection.

▶ ***Homocysteine*** ***William Korzun***
Biochemistry, Measurement, Interpretation and Clinical Significance

▶ ***Laboratory Response and Preparedness for Chemical Terrorism Update/ Biomonitoring*** ***Tim Croley/Alan Messing***
Introduction to chemical weapons, their history, modes of action, decontamination & treatment for exposure & state labs efforts to prepare & respond. Also an overview and description of the DCLS' proposed biomonitoring plan.

▶ ***The Science and Ethics of Stem Cell Research*** ***Tom Huff***

Note:

Speakers credentials and work affiliations will appear in the final program.

Membership Categories

Professional—full voting privileges

- **Professional I**
Includes basic benefits plus the award winning journal, *Clinical Laboratory Science*
- **Professional II**
Includes basic benefits only.
National Dues:
Professional I - \$90
Professional II - \$66
plus State Dues: VA \$10

Collaborative (Non-voting Privileges)

Available to any individual who currently holds membership in any other *health related national organization* and **has never been a member of ASCLS.**

National Dues only: \$34.00

First Year Professional* (Full Voting Privileges)

Open to persons who have graduated within the last twelve months. Not required to be a previous ASCLS member.

National Dues: \$40.00

State Dues: VA \$10

Student*

Open to persons enrolled in a structured program of training or academic instruction in clinical laboratory science, or to full-time graduate students in related science area.

National Dues: \$25.00

State Dues: VA \$5

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