



General Membership Meeting & Professional Development 2006

Networking Opportunities

Social Time

Awards (Years of Service, Key to the Future)

Basket Raffle

Tickets sold support the VSCLS Scholarship and ASCLS Disaster Relief Fund

The 2006 VSCLS Annual Meeting offers the following:

- P.A.C.E. Approved Continuing Education
- Wine & Cheese Reception
- Morning and Afternoon Breaks
- Special Student Activity (Hint: Brush up on your Jeopardy skills)

The VSCLS Board of Directors will meet from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Sunday, April 2, 2006 at the Hampton Inn.

This is a great opportunity to learn the role of the different officers and committees within the society. Please come join us.

Hotel Accommodations:

Hampton Inn

Fishersville, VA (Interstate 64, exit 91)

Call 1-540-213-9500

Room Charge: \$69.00 per night plus tax. The Hampton Inn has set aside a block of rooms for meeting attendees. When making reservations, be sure to identify yourself as attending the VSCLS Annual Meeting.

Meeting Registration Information:

On-line registration is available at this time. Visit www.vscls.org

To register by U.S. Mail, complete the registration form below.

- * Make check payable to: VSCLS Spring Meeting

Mail to:

Barbara Lindsey

Attn: VSCLS Registration

1 Kambis Drive

Richmond, VA 23231

- * Registration forms will not be accepted without full payment. Registration by mail must be postmarked by March 27, 2006. If registering after that date, please use the On-line registration.

Cancellations and Refunds

All refunds, including those for registrations made on-line with Pay Pal, are paid by check drafted from VSCLS. Due to the limitations of Pay Pal, we are unable to issue refunds directly to your credit card account. Please allow up to 2-3 weeks for your refund check to be mailed. There will be a \$5.00 service charge for processing refunds.

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your registration, please notify VSCLS in writing prior to April 3, 2006. A registrant must submit a letter or an e-mail containing the request for refund along with the registrant's name, address and the name of the person/institution to which the refund check should be made payable to. If you cannot cancel your registration before April 3, 2006, please consider sending a substitute in your place.

No refunds will be made after April 3, 2006.

Registration Form

Member rates available to the following groups:

ASCLS – VSCLS – RSCLS – VSSAMT – AMT – MAABB – CLMA - ASCP

Member Affiliation: _____

- Full Registration – Member \$125
- Full Registration – Non-member \$150
- Full Registration – Student Member \$45
- Full Registration – Student Non-member \$55
- Single Day Registration – Member \$75
- Single Day Registration – Non-member \$100
- Single Day Registration – Student Member \$15
- Single Day Registration – Student Non-member \$20

Total Submitted: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

If Single Day Registration, circle one: Monday or Tuesday

Monday, April 3, 2006

8:30 – 8:45 am

Room C

Welcome/ASCLS Update

Bernie Bekken, ASCLS President 2005-6

This has been an extraordinary year for our society, and many changes are in process. Please join ASCLS President Bekken in setting the tone for our "global" meeting.

8:45 – 10:00 am

Room B

New Diagnostics in Autoimmune Disease: Anti-CCP

Barbara L. Greb, MT(ASCP)SI, Clinical Laboratory Scientist III, University of Virginia Health System

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is the most common autoimmune disease among Americans, but traditionally, serologic diagnosis has been very limited. The advent of anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (Anti-CCP) assays offer promise of an earlier, more specific diagnosis of RA.

10:00 – 10:30 am

Room C

Break

10:30 am – 12 noon

Room A

Quandaries in Coagulation Testing - A Case Oriented Approach

Jeffrey S. Dlott, M.D., Medical Director of Coagulation, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Chantilly, VA

Subtleties of reagent characteristics in lupus anticoagulant testing will be discussed, as well as potential pitfalls in reporting Factor Assays without correlation. In addition, key variables in performing mixing studies will be analyzed.

Room B

Trends in Immunohematology

Janice Jesse, M.D., Virginia Blood Services, Richmond, VA

An overview of the services provided by VBS will be presented, as well as a general discussion of the state of the blood supply and other immunohematology trends.

12 noon – 1:30 pm

Room C

General Membership Meeting

Open to members of VSCLS in good standing.

Light lunch will be provided.

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Room C

Equivalent Quality Control

Elissa Passiment, Executive Director, ASCLS

The proposal for Equivalent Quality Control (EQC) has been debated extensively at several meetings. A discussion of where we are and ASCLS's involvement in the process will be presented.

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Room C

Break

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Room A

Transcutaneous Bilirubin

Judy Blaha, B.S., R.N., Director of Mother/Baby Care Unit, Reston Hospital, Reston, VA; Kimberly Chumley, B.S., R.N., Clinical Coordinator, Reston Hospital, Reston, VA

Neonatal jaundice, including kernicterus and the new AAP guidelines will be reviewed with their clinical implications. Also discussed will be types of various instruments that measure transcutaneous bilirubin (TcB), and their principle of operation. The impact on the laboratory and reflex testing will also be presented, along with case studies and financial considerations involved.

Room B

Benchmarking in the Clinical Laboratory

D. Robert Dufour, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Pathology, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

Benchmarking refers to comparing your performance with that of the competition (or peers in the laboratory community). While such comparisons are commonly used in quality control and proficiency testing, little effort is focused on other aspects of laboratory testing. This presentation will focus on sources of both financial and performance benchmarking data, what data exists on laboratory performance, and the limitations of benchmarks.

Room C

Alternative Career Panel

*Becky Perdue, BS, CLS (NCA), QA, Safety, Training Manager
Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Richmond, VA;
Connie Laubenthal, MS, CLS(NCA), Director, Medical Laboratory Evaluation
program, American College of Physicians Services, Inc., Washington, DC
Karen Gordon, MLT(ASCP), SLS, Northern Virginia Community College,
Springfield, VA*

A panel discussion, whose participants all have experience outside the "traditional" hospital laboratory setting, followed by a question and answer period.

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Room C

Award Ceremony

Join us in recognizing the contributions of VSCLS members to our profession

6:00 pm

Room A & B

Wine and Cheese Reception/"Casino Night"

Texas Hold 'Em and Blackjack by Group Dynamics Entertainment Ready to go "all in"? It's OK, it's only play money. Come enjoy the poker game that is sweeping the nation, Texas Hold 'Em, or play the casino table game, blackjack.

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

8:30 – 10:00 am

Room A

ASCLS Consumer Information Website Case Studies (Chemistry)

Glenn Flodstrom, M.S., MT(ASCP), Associate Professor, Northern Virginia Community College, Springfield, VA

Consumers have many questions about their laboratory tests, and experiences with answering them for the ASCLS CI Website will be presented along with appropriate statistics. The consumer information website, and its connection with Lab Tests Online, will also be discussed within the context of helping to increase the visibility of our profession both here and abroad.

Room B

Patient Safety/Medical Errors

Elissa Passiment, Executive Director, ASCLS

Preventable medical errors, recently have come under close examination in the United States. The role of the laboratorians in this area, and applications to the clinical laboratory, will be discussed within the context of recent developments in this area.

8:30 – 10:00 am (cont.)

Room C

Student “Jeopardy”

And the correct question is..?? Back by popular demand, clinical laboratory students will show off their knowledge in this popular game. We need an audience, too, so come on down!

10:00 – 10:30 am

Room C

Break

10:30 am – 12 Noon

Room A

Bioterrorism Response: Tabletop Drill and Sample Packaging/Shipping

*Jo Ann Jellison, M.S., MT(ASCP), Bioterrorism Response Training Coordinator,
Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Richmond, VA*

A tabletop drill will be facilitated, using scenarios related to various agents of bioterrorism. Participants will assume the roles of those hospital and health department staff that would find themselves involved in a possible bioterrorism event. Also, current information about the proper packaging and transporting of samples to DCLS will be presented.

Room B

Clinical Laboratory Science in the Caribbean

*Karen Gordon, MLT(ASCP), SLS, Northern Virginia Community College,
Springfield, VA*

Laboratory design and planning is a challenge, but even more so with the distractions of a "tropical paradise" of St. Kitt's, an island in the Caribbean. This truly "global" experience is a fitting way to close our meeting, complete with photographs and perhaps refreshments with the little umbrellas (too early!).