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**Michigan Branch- American Society for Microbiology
Fall 2007 Conference**

"Emerging Infectious Diseases"
Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13

At the historic Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, MI

The Fall 2007 meeting of the Michigan Branch-American Society for Microbiology will be held at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, MI. On Saturday, October 13, 2007, three seminars will be given on "Emerging Infectious Diseases" by Drs. Sandro Cinti (University of Michigan/VA Medical Center), Peter Davidson (Michigan Department of Public Health), and Mark Miller (McGill University). There will be a student poster session and corporate sponsor exhibits. Please mark your calendars for this event!



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President's Report (Mary Ann Cardani; mcardani@umflint.edu)

I am pleased and honored to serve as the current president of the Michigan branch of the American Society for Microbiology (MI-ASM). When I joined the MI-ASM board in 2002 the knowledge, commitment and fun-loving spirit demonstrated by the group impressed me. It is this support and co-operation that makes MI-ASM such a successful organization. I want to thank the members of the board for the hard work they do behind the scenes to make our Fall and Spring meetings and other activities possible. Special thanks are due to Dr. Michael Ryan, president elect, (Ferris State University) and Dr. Daniel Clemans, former past president (Eastern Michigan University) for the detailed planning for the Fall '07 meeting.



I also want to applaud our student chapters who supply the 'life-blood' of MI-ASM. We welcome our newest student chapter from Wayne State. I have read their constitution and am impressed with the thoroughness of the document. It is my hope that student chapters will take time to exchange ideas with each other, and the Friday night mixer provides a perfect opportunity for such exchanges. Please plan to attend. The food is free and the company good!

As microbiologists and students of microbiology, we are aware that microbes are constantly evolving, so it is no surprise that the topic of emerging infectious diseases is at the forefront. News articles and occasional TV documentaries remind us of these potential threats. Our speakers at the Fall '07 meeting will share their expertise on Avian influenza, drug resistant TB and Clostridium difficile infections with us. On behalf of all MI-ASM, I want to extend a warm welcome to our guest speakers.

President-Elect's Report (Mike Ryan; ryanm@ferris.edu)

As new President elect and with Mary Ann Cardani's (UMFlint) leadership, I have been working with Dan Clemans (EMU), Mike Cohen and Ralph Gorton (LLC) to insure a successful fall meeting in Traverse City on Saturday, 13 October 2007. Dan has lined up three great speakers, Mike is demonstrating his expertise as our corporate partners liaison and as always, Ralph is doing an outstanding job as web master. As is the tradition of our Branch, success is the result of a group effort!

Treasurer's Report (Michael Huband)

Our current account balance is \$18,783.43. This reflects income from registration fees for the April meeting of \$2,489.00, and contributions from vendors and others totaling (so far) \$1,950.00. We also received \$600.00 from the National ASM Office for support of two student chapters, and \$2,700 from the National ASM via the Regional Funding Program. The April meeting costs have all been paid. For everything, including food, parking, etc, the total cost of that meeting was \$7,922.09. In addition, one Research Award of \$400.00 and seven Travel Awards of \$100 each were given at the meeting. We currently have \$600 encumbered for two student chapters that have requested funds.

Current MI-ASM Student Chapters

Central Michigan University Microbiology Club, Eastern Michigan University Microbiology Club, Western Michigan University Microbiology Club, University of Michigan-Flint Microbiology Club, Michigan State University Microbiology Club, Michigan Technological University Microbiology Club, & Tri-Cities Microbiology Club.

POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

The Michigan ASM encourages undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and other professional microbiologists to present posters at our Fall and Spring meetings. **STUDENTS who present a poster do not pay the conference registration fee and they receive a one-year free membership in MI-ASM. STUDENT ENTRIES will be judged and the winner of the "Best Student Poster" will receive a framed certificate, a copy of Dr. Philipp Gerhardt's classic text, and a free membership to the National ASM. To be eligible, the student presenter must be at their poster to discuss the findings with the judges during the judging period.** At this meeting we will provide easels. Presenters should bring their posters on stiff material (e.g., foam board) with a recommended size of 3' by 5'. Complete guidelines are available at

<http://mi-asm.org/fall07meeting/posterguidelines.htm>

If you have specific questions regarding posters, please contact either Dr. Mike Ryan (ryanm@ferris.edu) or Dr. Daniel Clemans (dclemans@emich.edu).

*****PLEASE COPY AND POST IN YOUR DEPARTMENT!*****



Fall 2007 MI-ASM Conference

"Emerging Infectious Diseases"

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, MI

Friday, October 12, 2007

5:00-8:00 PM **MI-ASM Reception & Student Mixer**, Courtyard I and II

7:00-9:00 PM **MI-ASM Board Dinner** (speakers & Board members), Minervas Board Room

Saturday, October 13, 2007

7:15-8:00 AM **Meeting Registration**, Continental Breakfast, Poster and Corporate Exhibit set-up

8:00-8:10 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Dome Ballroom

8:15-9:15 AM **Dr. Sandro Cinti**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Infectious Diseases, University of Michigan Hospitals/VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI

"Avian Influenza: Should we be Worried?"

9:15-10:15 AM **Coffee Break and Poster Viewing/Judging** with poster presenters in attendance.

10:20-11:20 AM **Dr. Mark A. Miller**, Chief of the Department of Microbiology, Head of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Chair of the Infection Prevention and Control Unit, and Associate Professor of Medicine and Microbiology/Immunology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

"Clostridium difficile-associated disease (CDAD): a gut-wrenching world problem"

11:30-12:30 PM **Lunch and Business Meeting**; Awarding of Prizes for Winning Student Posters

12:40-1:40 PM **Dr. Peter Davidson**, TB Program Coordinator, Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Communicable Disease, Lansing, MI

"Re-emergence of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: Public Health Impact"

1:50 PM **Adjourn**

2:00 PM **MI-ASM Board Meeting**

For additional information and registration, please visit:

<http://www.mi-asm.org>.

Online registration will ensure reservations for the meeting and lunch.

CONFERENCE LOCATION, PARKING, & MISC. INFORMATION.

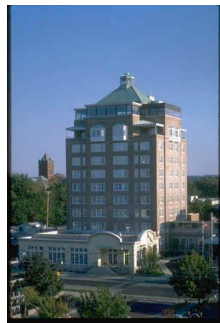
Meeting Organizers and Contacts: Mike Ryan (FSU) and Daniel Clemans (EMU)



Meeting Location:

Park Place Hotel at 300 East State Street Traverse City, MI 49684

Lodging:



Park Place Hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved in the historic Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, Michigan. Centrally located in town, this hotel is within a short distance of many of Traverse City's attractions. You **MUST** reserve your room soon with the ASM group to get the discounted rate of \$129.00 per room per night. This rate includes free wireless Internet service. To reserve your room, call (231) 946-5000 and Be sure to state that you want the group rate for the Michigan ASM meeting. For more information, check out their web site, at <http://www.park-place-hotel.com/>

Other hotels. There are also a variety of other hotels in the Traverse City area. A partial listing is available at <http://hotel-guides.us/michigan/traverse-city-mi-hotels.html> for interested individuals.

Directions to the Park Place Hotel:

(see meeting website for further details)

The Park Place Hotel is located on 300 E. State St in Traverse City, MI. Please note that State Street is an east-bound one-way road. You may get driving directions to the hotel on Google.com by entering "300 E State St Traverse City, MI 49684" in the search field.

From the north:

Proceed south on I-75 and take exit 282 for M-32 toward I-75-BL/Downtown Gaylord. Turn right at M-32/W M-32/W Main St and continue for 4 miles. Next, turn left at Alba Rd/CR-C42 and then a slight left to join US-131. Turn right at M-72/W Mile Rd and follow M-72 for 17 miles. Go left at M-72/US-31 and continue on E Front St. Finally, turn left at Park St and left again on E State St.

From the direction of Kalamazoo:

Proceed north on US-131. Exit and turn left at M-113. After 10.7 miles, turn right at CR-611/Garfield Rd and follow it for 12 miles. Turn left at S Airport Rd and then right at Cass Rd. After 2 miles, turn right at E State St.

From the direction of Lansing:

Proceed north on US-127 N toward Flint. Take the exit onto M-115 W/US-10 W toward Ludington/Cadillac. Then take the M-115 exit toward Cadillac. After about 34 miles, turn right to merge onto US-131 N toward Cadillac. Exit and turn left on M-113 and follow the remaining directions as from Kalamazoo.

From the direction of Detroit:

Proceed north on I-75 and take exit 254 on the left toward Downtown Grayling/Traverse City. Merge onto and follow I-75 business loop north for 1.5 miles. Then turn left at M-72/M-93 and continue to follow M-72 for 18 miles. Turn right at CR-571/Darragh Rd and then left at CR-612/Nash Rd NE after about 2 miles. Continue straight onto M-72/W Mile Rd and then E Front St. After about half a mile, turn 0.4 mi left at Park St followed by a final left on E State St.

GERHARDT ENDOWMENT

Through the generosity of Dr. Philipp Gerhardt and his wife Vera, the Michigan Branch provides substantial support for student research and travel. The Gerhardt Endowment is used to enhance the microbiology research training of undergraduate and early stage graduate students in Michigan.

The Endowment funds are stipulated for: 1) Research Excellence Awards: awarded to students who demonstrate exemplary accomplishment in experimental design and results that are reported as a poster or an oral presentation at a MI-ASM meeting. 2) Travel Awards: granted to students to supplement other financial resources for travel so as to allow the awardees to attend an appropriate microbiology-related scientific meeting, or to obtain special microbiology-related research training.

The application procedure, amount and availability of the awards is published on the **MI-ASM website (MI-ASM.org)** and distributed to Michigan educational institutions offering microbiology-related programs.

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