

THE SCOPE

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President's Report

Kris Baumgarten

Our Fall Conference will be here soon, October 2 and 3. Britt Ranson Olson (LSSU), Sue Bagley (MTU), Joan Rose (MSU) and Jeff Ram (WSU) have done an excellent job of inviting fine speakers to the conference. We are anticipating attendees from both the Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula, as well as, hopefully, fellow microbiologists from Ontario. All of us should enjoy learning about the "Microbiology of the Great Lakes."

Also invited to the Friday night lecture by Dr. Richard Whitman are area high school and middle school students from both sides of the Soo. Thanks go to Mike Ryan, Past-President, for his efforts in this endeavor. Also thanks to Lake Superior State University and Michigan Technological University for co-hosting the conference.

Besides the three plenary speakers, Richard Whitman, Mohammad Faisal, and Tom Cooley, there will also be one to four student speakers. The branch encourages undergraduates and graduate students to participate in either

presenting a short presentation on their research or a poster highlighting their work. The Gerhardt Award is designed to help with travel expenses for the undergraduate or graduate student. More information on student talks, posters, and the Gerhardt Award can be found on

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Corporate Partners

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Pall Life Sciences
Pfizer Animal Health
Promega
Remel
Sigma Aldrich
USA Scientific
Whatman

Microbiology of the Great Lakes

October 2-3, 2009, Lake Superior State University

Friday, October 2

- 5:30 - 6:30 pm **Plenary Speaker 1**
Dr. Richard Whitman, PhD
Research Ecologist/Station Chief
Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station
U.S Geological Survey
"It All Comes Out in the Swash"
- 6:30 - 7:30 pm Student Mixer
- 7:45 - 9:45 pm MI-ASM Board Dinner

Saturday, October 3

- 7:45 – 8:50 am Breakfast and Registration
- 8:50 – 9:00 am Introduction Superior Room, Walker
Cisler Center
- 9:00 – 10:00 am **Plenary Speaker 2**
Dr. Mohamed Faisal, PhD
Dept of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation
College of Vet. Med., Dept of Fisheries and Wildlife
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Michigan State University
*"Ecology of the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus
(genotype IVb) in the Laurentian Great Lakes"* Superior Room, Walker
Cisler Center
- 10:00 – 11:25 am Poster/Vendor viewing
Coffee break
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm **Student Speakers 1-4** Superior Room, Walker
Cisler Center
- 12:40 – 1:40 pm Lunch and Business Meeting
- 1:45 – 2:45 pm **Plenary Speaker 3**
Thomas Cooley, MS
Wildlife Biologist
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Disease Lab
"Type E Botulism in Michigan: A Historical Review" Superior Room, Walker
Cisler Center
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Board Meeting

Reserve Hotel Room by September 18 for special conference rate (\$85.00 per night). Details, other lodging and directions on the [website](#).

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the branch's website, www.mi-asm.org.

The branch also sponsors student chapters. We currently have nine chapters throughout the state: Michigan Tech, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, UM-Flint, UM-Dearborn, Wayne State, and Delta College. If you are interested in starting a chapter at your school, please contact any board member.

So mark October 2nd and 3rd on your calendars and come up to Lake Superior State to enjoy the conference. We plan on having interesting speakers, great student posters, and exciting displays by our Corporate Partners. Come for interesting talks, fine camaraderie, and beautiful fall colors.

Spring Meeting

John Geiser

Our Spring 2010 meeting is just around the corner. The meeting will be hosted by Western Michigan University. Likely dates

Student Chapters

Check them out online. Most have links to their own websites. <http://www.mi-asm.org/Student%20Chapters/student.html>

Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University Microbiology Club
Michigan State University Microbiology Club
Michigan Technological University Microbiology Club
Tri-Cities Microbiology Club
University of Michigan - Dearborn
University of Michigan - Flint
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University

***** Student Chapters, remember to apply for funding to help defray costs of attending meetings!**

for the meeting are Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10. While still tentative, plans are to focus on industrial microbiology applications (think wine, cheese, bread and other fun things to eat).

Finance Report

Alan Hudson

Tax-exempt status has been renewed at both the state and federal level.

Following the Delta meeting

(Spring 2009), our bank balance is roughly \$13,000. The meeting at Delta was a success financially with a gain of about \$100.

We have additional funds gaining interest with two certificates of deposit. Thus our total net worth is about \$24,000.

Spring 2009 Awards

Poster Presentations

Best Poster Presentation,
Undergraduate
Kawanjit Sekhon, Wayne State
University School of
Medicine
Best Poster Presentation, Grad
Miles Rogers, Western Michigan
University

Spring 2009 Awards

Oral Presentations

Best Oral Presentation, Undergraduate
Molly Estill, Albion College
Best Oral Presentation, Graduate
Rebecca Ives, Michigan State University

Elected Officers

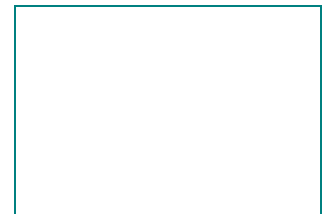
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