

THE S O S H O W M E



Summer 2014

President's Column

As the month of August approaches, I realize my term as President will soon be over. We have had a wonderful year in Missouri. I am pleased to say that our membership grew from 94 last September to 119 in April 2014. Sarah Schumacher and committee have worked diligently to make the finishing touches on the MoCLS Handbook, which hasn't been updated in years. Thank you to everyone involved. The District Reps have been working hard to provide continuing education for their local members. We hosted one event in St. Louis in January 2014 and the next one is scheduled for later this year in Cape Girardeau.

The spring meeting was also a great success. We did a joint meeting with KS-ASCLS and KC-CLMA. The Patchwork Conference was held at the Marriott Overland Park Conference Center April 15-17, and it offered over 70 continuing education sessions (PACE accredited), including new BOC review sessions for attending students.

Effective August 1, 2014, our state organization will undergo a name change, from MoCLS (Missouri Organization for Clinical Laboratory Science) to ASCLS-MO (American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Missouri). This request was made by the National ASCLS Organization to make it easier for members to find their state chapter. A survey was sent out to membership in January 2014 and it was voted upon at the state meeting in April.

I hope you all had the opportunity to celebrate Medical Laboratory Professional's

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Week! Continue to promote our profession to all of the people you meet. Our work makes an impact every day in the lives of our community, friends and family. Don't be afraid to promote the value of our profession!

Lastly, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for 2013-14. I could not have done it without the help of my hardworking board members. Thank you for your dedication and interest in the CLS profession! This year we added 7 new members to board and several committee positions. We have additional opportunities for you to serve ASCLS-MO so please don't hesitate to contact me at djb368@sbcglobal.net or Pres-elect Sharon Duessel at sharon.duessel@gmail.com for more information.

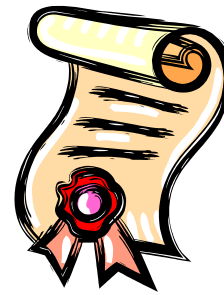
Debbie Baudler

2013-2014 President

Missouri Organization for Clinical Laboratory Science

2014 Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our 2014 winners!!



A Presidential certificate of appreciation was awarded to all of ASCLS-Missouri's Leadership!

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National

Renee Setina, Political Action Committee Chair
Tim Randolph, Leadership Development Chair

Regional

John Koenig, Government Affairs Chair
Sharon Duessel, Region Membership Chair
Debbie Baudler, Board Member

State

Jackie Ensley, St. Louis District Representative
Nicole Mueller, Student Director
Sarah Schumacher, Handbook/Position Descriptions
Lucia Johnson, TRMSF/PACE/Spring Meeting Liaison
Alese Furnald, Membership Chair
April Hansen, Treasurer
Amanda Reed, Scientific Assembly Co-chair

10 Year Members

Jackie Ensley
David Ashby

25 Year Member

Beverly Massey

Key to the Future

Jackie Ensley

New Professional of the Year

Alese Furnald

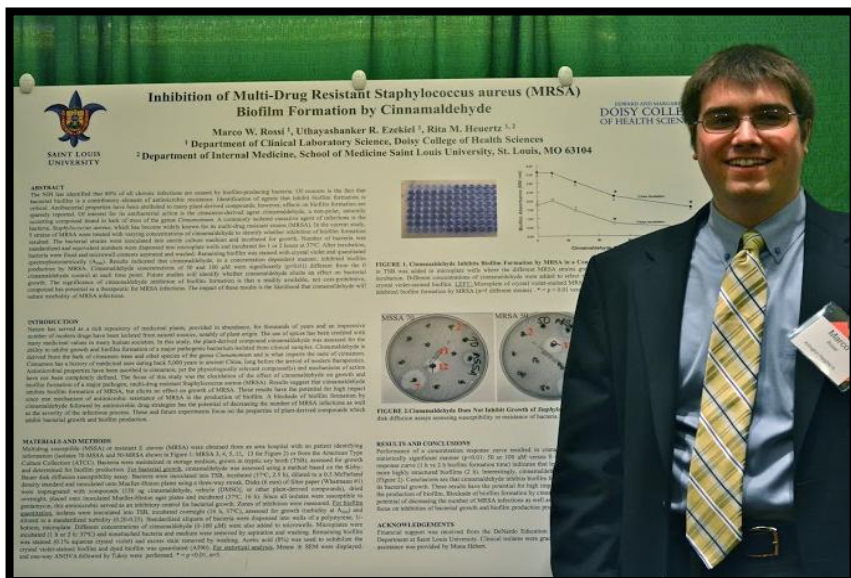
Member of the Year

Lucia Johnson

Student Research Poster Award

This year's research poster award goes to Saint Louis University student **Marco Rossi** for his research "**Inhibition of Multi-Drug Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) Biofilm Formation by Cinnamaldehyde**". Marco's research mentor was Rita Heuertz, PhD, MT(ASCP), Professor in the Biomedical Laboratory Science Department at Saint Louis University. Congratulations Marco!

Thank you to all of our student participants and judges!



Logo Design Guidelines

We need your help! The recent change of our name from the Missouri Organization for Clinical Laboratory Science (MoCLS) to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science – Missouri (ASCLS-MO) means we need to update our logo.

- The new logo should incorporate the State of Missouri and the Clinical Laboratory Science field
- Submissions should not be offensive, obscene or inappropriate
- Submissions should not be illegally copied from other logos/designs
- While preferred, submissions need not be from ASCLS-MO members

Send submissions to Sharon Duessel at sharon.duessel.mls@gmail.com



Follow ASCLS-MO on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn! Network with fellow laboratory professionals and share your thoughts. Stay up-to-date on the latest ASCLS activities and laboratory news in your area.

Calendar of Events

Continuing Education Opportunities

July 29th-Aug 2nd, 2014

ASCLS 82nd Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo
Marriott Hotel Downtown/McCormick Place
Chicago, Illinois
See ASCLS.org for more information

From the Microbiology Corner:

What is LRN?

In an effort to increase responsiveness and create a nationwide ability to rapidly detect covert or overt deployment of bioterrorism agents in the USA, the CDC, FBI, United States Army Military Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) and Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) established the Laboratory Response Network (LRN). The goal of the LRN is to decentralize testing capabilities and link state/local laboratories with advanced capacity testing laboratories. The LRN is a three-tier system of laboratories: sentinel, reference and national. Sentinel laboratories are located within the community (e.g., hospital labs) and have microbiologic capabilities, BSL-2 level facilities and established protocols to rule out/in presence of suspect agents. The role of the sentinel lab is to recover and refer suspicious isolates to reference labs who have technology and reagents for identification and confirmation testing of pathogens. Reference labs may be within state public health departments or DOD medical center labs. Confirmed bioterrorism agents are sent to a national laboratory, such as the CDC or USAMRIID for definitive characterization as bioterrorism agents. Rapid communication among sentinel, reference and national labs is essential. Chain of command is as follows: sentinel lab rules in/out whether microbial isolate is suspect as a bioterrorism/select agent; reference lab performs microbe identification; and national lab performs definitive assessment. The FBI has primary responsibility for identifying bioterrorism since the event is, first and foremost, a criminal investigation. FEMA assumes the lead role in consequence management and receives assistance from many federal agencies (DOD, DOE, DOT, EPA, USDA, DHHS).

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The Department of Clinical Laboratory Science at Saint Louis University has recently changed their name to the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Science (BLS).

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