Bench techs, supervisors, managers and directors all have an important role as part of a TEAM that manages patients with a variety of different infections.

October 26-28, 2017 | Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine, San Diego, CA
I would like to personally invite each of you to join me and your fellow microbiologists for the 81st Annual Meeting of the Southern California branch of the American Society for Microbiology (SCASM). The meeting will be held in the beautiful city of La Jolla, at the Hyatt Regency.

It’s an exciting time for SCASM, as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always flexible, motivated and responsive to the needs of our microbiologists. Microbiologists in today’s healthcare environment are challenged with getting more done with less, while maintaining quality, accuracy, and timely results to our physicians who treat our patients. Our theme this year is “TEAMWORK: The Key to Quality Patient Care”. This year’s program will focus on the important role that bench CLS, supervisors, managers, and directors play as part of a TEAM that manages patients with a variety of different clinical presentations. Our organization is confronting a time of many changes and we’re meeting these changes during a time of larger nation-wide and global change. The world of microbiology is an exciting area in which to work/study/play, and we’ll continue to meet and bring inspired people together in forums like this, to ensure our organization remains at the cutting edge.

I’ve always enjoyed the comradery, connectivity, and oneness that SCASM meetings provide between the vendors and the microbiologist that are present at the meeting.

This year will be the same but at a higher scale of expectation as we continue to learn and grow.

I am honored to represent SCASM as your President. I am proud about where we are today and excited about where we are headed. On behalf of our SCASM Board of Directors, we would like to thank each of you in advance for attending our 81st Annual Meeting and for bringing your expertise to our gathering. You, as organization leaders and microbiologist, have the vision, the knowledge, and the experience to help us continue to pave our way into the future. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support, leadership, and participation. Throughout this conference, we ask you to stay engaged, give us your ideas, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of SCASM and the field of microbiology by volunteering.

Please save the dates of October 26-28th. It’s going to be a great and exciting two days of learning, networking, food and fun! See you in La Jolla.

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<td>During corporate-sponsored sessions, nationally known speakers will discuss some of the latest methods for diagnosis and management of infectious diseases. Decide which of these five sessions you will attend but come early as this is first come–first served in each session.</td>
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<td>Learn about the latest solutions from bioMerieux to assist in diagnosing and managing sepsis, including VIRTUO™ Microbial Detection System, a fully automated blood culture solution with real-time notification of blood volume, quicker time to detection1 and virtually zero hands on time.</td>
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<td>This session will describe the GenMark ePlex® sample-to-answer pathogen detection system that streamlines the diagnostic workflow from physician order entry to the final test report for improved patient care, reduced cost and increased laboratory efficiency.</td>
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<td><strong>The Power of knowing: The Relationship Between Laboratory Diagnostics and Antibiotic Stewardship</strong></td>
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<td>[Chris Newhouse, PhD; Roche Diagnostics, Inc., Indianapolis, IN]</td>
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<td>The Joint Commission’s Medication Management (MM) standard for antibiotic stewardship fails to clearly define the role of the laboratory, which will be highlighted in this session through a series of examples. Examples will include improved testing options and reporting of results and how such changes can lead to better antibiotic stewardship practices.</td>
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<td><strong>Microbiology Automation, Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Faster Actionable Results</strong></td>
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<td>[Ken Van Horn, PhD, D(ABMM); Kaiser Permanente, Chino Hills, CA]</td>
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<td>Learn about the WASPLO™ automated clinical microbiology system that uses digital algorithms in lieu of the manual reading of plates. Learn how this system is implemented including detailed planning steps, pre and post implementation data, and a financial perspective.</td>
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#### Friday Scientific Sessions

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<td>Infectious Disease Diagnostics Around the Globe: Why We Should Care; how We Can Help</td>
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<td>[Ellen Jo Baron, PhD; Cepheid, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA]</td>
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<td><strong>EXHIBITS OPEN – KNOWLEDGE QUEST COURSE 17-075-05</strong> 1 Contact Hr.</td>
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<td>Moderators: Nicole Green, PhD, D(ABMM); LA County Public Health, Los Angeles, CA</td>
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<td>It Grew What?! Unexpected Challenges for the Infection Prevention Team</td>
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<td>[Frank Myers, MA, CIC, FAPIC); UCSD, San Diego, CA]</td>
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<td>2:15pm</td>
<td>Optimizing Specimen Processing to Ensure Quality Results</td>
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<td>[Shelley Miller, PhD, D(ABMM); UCLA, Los Angeles, CA]</td>
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<td>Teaming Up to Boost the Value of Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing and Reporting</td>
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<td>[Jamie McKinnell, MD; Harbor UCLA, Torrance, CA and Romney Humphries, PhD, D(ABMM); UCLA, Los Angeles, CA]</td>
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<td>T.D. Beckwith award &amp; Appreciation Certificates</td>
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Saturday, October 28

7:00am - 2:00pm  Registration - Grand Foyer
7:00am - 7:45am  Continental Breakfast - Aventine Ballroom
Sponsored by: BD Diagnostics
7:45am - 8:45am  CORPORATE SPONSORED SESSIONS
SESSION S-1 COURSE 17-075-07  1 Contact Hr.
During corporate-sponsored sessions, nationally
known speakers will discuss some of the latest
methods for diagnosis and management of infectious
diseases. Decide which of these five sessions you will
attend but come early as this is first come–first 50
served in each session.

(1) New FDA-Approved Molecular Assay for the Diagnosis of
Vaginitis
[Salma Kodsi, MBA, CCRA, MT(ASCP); BD Life
Sciences, Baltimore, MD]
Location: Palatine A
This session will focus on the new BD MAX
Vaginitis assay designed as a practical solution to
aid management of vaginitis, a condition resulting
from a variety of etiologies (Candida, Trichomonas,
BV organisms) and experienced by up to 75% of
women in their lifetime. Clinical utility, specimen col-
lection and clinical performance will be discussed.
Sponsored by: BD Diagnostics

(2) Microbiology's Role in the Success of Antimicrobial
Stewardship
[Margie Morgan, PhD, D(ABMM); Cedars Sinai, Los
Angeles, CA]
Location: Palatine B
This session will focus on two relevant topics impor-
tant to stewardship: (1) the controversies concerning
the laboratory testing of C. difficile and (2) Rapid MIC
testing with the Accelerate Pheno™ System and how
it can improve the antimicrobial therapy of sepsis.
Sponsored by: Accelerate Diagnostics

(3) Use of Specific Antibody Testing to Diagnose CNS Disease
[Oliver Senscheid, PhD; Euroimmun US, Inc,
Mountain Lakes, NJ]
Location: Portofino A
This session will focus on the significance and
requirements for specific antibody determination in
CSF to confirm the diagnosis of acute central
nervous system infections. Euroimmun immuno-
logic assays aid in the diagnosis of a variety of
CNS infections such as neuro-borreliosis or chronic
inflammatory disease such as multiple sclerosis.
Sponsored by: Euroimmun US

(4) Design and Clinical Utility of Novel TMA Assays for Viral
Infections
[Scott Hauenstein, PhD; Hologic, San Diego, CA]
Location: Portofino B
This session will focus on the Hologic® Aptima
assay system that uses real-time transcription (TMA)
for the detection and quantitation of viral RNA or
DNA. This presentation will provide an overview of
assays for HIV-1, HCV, HBV and HSV AND
Future applications of the Hologic® Aptima platform.
Sponsored by: Hologic

(5) Unraveling the Complexities of Syphilis Testing
[Maria Crisostomo; Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.,
Hercules, CA]

Location: San Remo
This session will focus on the evolution of syphilis
testing in the laboratory and compare the
traditional and reverse testing algorithms for diag-
nosis. The latest testing recommendations for
syphilis and the pros and cons of Treponemal
and non-Treponemal tests will be discussed.
Sponsored by: Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.

9:00am - 12:00pm  SATURDAY SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS
SESSION S-2 COURSE 17-075-09  2 Contact Hrs.
Location: Vicino Ballroom
Moderator: Syreeta Steele; San Diego Public Health
Laboratory, San Diego, CA
9:00am  Molecular Tests in Microbiology: What Lies Ahead for the
Technology and the Technologist?
[Melissa Miller, PhD, D(ABMM), F(AAM); UNC School
of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC]

10:00am - 11:00am  EXHIBITS OPEN – KNOWLEDGE QUEST
COURSE 17-075-10  1 Contact Hr.
Location: Aventine Ballroom
Coffee Break Sponsored by: PoCARED

11:00am  Bench Techs on the Frontline for Outbreak
Investigations!
[Shaun Yang, PhD, D(ABMM); University of NM,
Dept Pathology; TriCore Reference Laboratories,
Albuquerque, NM]

12:00pm - 1:30pm  Exhibits Open & Lunch
Location: Aventine Ballroom
Co-Sponsored by: Accelerate Diagnostics

1:30pm - 5:00pm  SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS (CONT'D)
SESSION S-3 COURSE 17-075-11  3 Contact Hrs.
Location: Vicino Ballroom
Moderator: LaRonda Frazier, MS, CLS, MT(ASCP);
Kaiser Permanente, Berkeley, CA
1:30pm  Off to the Races with Challenging CASES!
[Susan Butler-Wu, PhD, D(ABMM); LA County Public
Health, Los Angeles, CA;
Sukantha Chandrasekaran; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA;
Holly Huse, PhD, UCLA, Santa Monica, CA;
Samia Naccache, PhD, Children's Hospital LA, Los
Angeles, CA]
2:30pm  Presentation of Poster Winners
[Ann Grasmick, MT(ASCP); bioMerieux, Inc., Los
Angeles, CA]
2:45pm  Break
Location: Vicino Courtyard
Sponsored by: Diasorin Molecular

3:00pm  Case Studies Continued

4:00pm  Meet the Experts…Is There Only One Right Answer?
[Susan Butler-Wu, PhD, D(ABMM); LA County Public
Health, Los Angeles, CA;
Jennifer Dien Bard, PhD, D(ABMM), FCCM;
Children's Hospital LA, Los Angeles, CA;
Omai Garner, PhD; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA;
Margie Morgan, PhD, D(ABMM); Cedars Sinai, Los
Angeles, CA]
4:45pm  Closing Remarks
[President – LaRonda Frazier, MS, CLS, MT(ASCP);
Kaiser Permanente, Berkeley, CA]
**Education**

Education is the major component in the purpose of the Southern California Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (SCASM). Through its educational activities, SCASM contributes to the profession and helps to increase, refine, and perpetuate the microbiologist's body of knowledge. With an exceptional faculty presenting relevant, diverse and stimulating workshops and sessions, this is a meeting you cannot afford to miss! SCASM is recognized by the State of California as an Accrediting Agency for Continuing Education for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

**Scientific Exhibits**

In addition to quality education, you will have an opportunity to visit with the companies that provide products and services to your lab. Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to review new products and ask questions about ones you currently use.

**CEU Documentation**

CEU documentation is available and included in your registration fees. If you require CEU's, you should arrive early to your sessions to allow time to check-in. You must attend the entire session and you must check in for each session. CEU credit will also be available for the Corporate Sponsored sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings. A total of 14 units may be earned if you attend all sessions.

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The SCASM 81st Annual Meeting will be held again at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. The hotel is offering a special group rate of $189.00 single or double occupancy. Book your reservation at www.scasm.org, or https://aws.passkey.com/go/SCASM2017. You can also call Hyatt reservations at 888-421-1442 by Thursday, October 5, 2017. To receive a room at this special rate, you must state that you are with the Southern California Branch of the American Society for Microbiology and you must make your reservations by October 5. Reservations received after this date will be taken on a space & rate availability basis. Self-parking is $10.00 per day for overnight guests or $5.00 for day use.

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**Attention Young Techs**

The New Technologist Scholarship Program will be held again this year. Details will be forthcoming by email and on the website, www.scasm.org. Watch for it!

**CORPORATE SPONSORED SESSIONS**

We’re offering the Corporate Sponsored Sessions again this year. The 7:45am sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings will be a selection of scientific sessions, with nationally known speakers presenting topical information about new methods and instrumentation. DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, IT WILL BE FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE TO THE FIRST 50 PEOPLE IN EACH ROOM. No charge to program registrants - FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE.

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Register on line now at www.scasm.org or complete the registration form in this brochure and return as indicated with your check made payable to SCASM.

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Your full registration includes all of the Sessions, Scientific Exhibits, breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, as well as the President's Reception on Friday evening.

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Guest registration includes Scientific Exhibits, breakfast and lunch for one or two days (depending on registration choice). This registration option is for non-scientific guests only. If a guest plans to attend the Sessions, the regular Full Registration fee must be paid.

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**One Day Registration**

One day registration includes Sessions, Scientific Exhibits, and breakfast and lunch for the day.

**Food & Beverage Functions**

If you purchase a full registration, it includes admission to the breakfast and lunches each day, as well as the President's Reception on Friday evening.

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**Friday Evening President’s Reception**

We invite you to join us for the President’s Reception on Friday night poolside at the Hyatt. This is a night you won’t want to miss. If you are not a “full meeting registrant”, you can still attend this reception for a modest fee of $75.00, which includes cocktails, heavy hors d’oeuvres and entertainment for the evening. All exhibitors are entitled to two passes per paid booth to this reception, included in their exhibit fee.

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The support of our exhibitors makes this meeting possible. May we share your contact information with them? □Yes □No

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   (includes sessions, meals, President’s Reception & exhibits)
   (Please Check One Category)        SCASM Member Non-Member
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   Regular Rate (postmarked by 10/1)      $205      $235
   On-Site Rate (postmarked after 10/1)   $225      $255
   Student Rate (anytime)                 $70       $100
   Emeritus Rate (anytime)               $80

2. One Day Registration Fees (includes sessions, meals & exhibits)
   MUST Choose Day to Attend:   □ Friday □ Saturday
   SCASM Member Non-Member
   1 Day (postmarked by 8/25)        $110      $140
   1 Day (postmarked by 10/1)        $130      $160
   1 Day On-Site Rate (after 10/1)   $150      $180
   Student Rate (anytime)             $45       $75
   Emeritus One Day (anytime)        $50

NOTE: Student Registrants must provide student ID at registration desk on site.

3. Guest Registration Fees
   Guest registration is for non-scientific guests only and includes all meal functions, but not the Friday Night President’s Reception or any sessions
   MUST Choose Day(s) to Attend: □ Friday □ Saturday
   One Day □ $90 Two Days □ $175

4. Friday Night President’s Reception Registration
   a. Full Meeting Registrant - No Fee. Will you attend? □ yes □ no
   b. I need to purchase additional tickets for the President’s Reception
      □ $75 per person  # of tickets required at $75 ea:____________
      Exhibitors receive 2 tickets per booth, included with exhibit fee.

5. Exhibits Only Registration (This registration includes admission to exhibits only, no meal functions.)
   □ $25 per day

6. Registration Fees Total
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   $_________________My total registration fee for Annual Meeting.
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7. PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS
   Dietary: □ Diabetic □ Vegetarian □ Low Salt
   □ Low Fat □ Vegan □ Shellfish Allergies □ Other (please explain)____________________

   Physical: The Hyatt Regency La Jolla is ADA compliant.
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   DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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