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2016 Spring Seminar and Industry Expo
Thursday, April 14, 2016
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Somerset, New Jersey
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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Visit all the vendors and get stamped to enter the drawing for a chance to win a $50 gift card.
For more details, see **Industry Game Board** in your registration packet.

Location and time of each keynote and scientific session can be found in your registration packet.
Details for keynote and scientific session be found on the following pages of this brochure.

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8:00 AM-8:50 AM
Morning Keynote

Elissa Passiment, EdM, CLS

The Future of the Laboratory – Perspectives from the Field and the CDC

Program Area: General
Location: Grand Ballroom A/B/C/D
Contact Hours: 1.0/ Intermediate

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Extensive study of the current state of laboratory medicine and science, commissioned by the CDC, offers comprehensive assessment of where we are. There are many initiatives and an IOM report that project what our laboratories should look like, what kinds of service we should provide and who should provide those services. This presentation will cover our present and take the attendees through a number of possible futures.

Elissa Passiment is the Executive Vice-President, Emeritus of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). She is also an adjunct assistant professor in the School of Health Related Professions at Rutgers – the State University of New Jersey. She is a clinical laboratory scientist with over twenty years’ experience in clinical laboratories as staff, educator and manager and twenty years in health care consulting and policy. Ms. Passiment came to ASCLS after six years in health care consulting with an international health care firm.

She has also been active as a member of ASCLS, serving on numerous national committees, its Board of Directors and as President in 1988-89. She has served on the congressionally mandated Negotiated Rulemaking Committee convened to standardize and simplify reimbursement for laboratory services under Medicare Part B; presented testimony to Institute of Medicine studies, and represented ASCLS at meetings with the FDA, CMS, and CDC.
SESSION 2 (HEMATOLOGY): Platelet Function Beyond Hemostasis: Where Does the Lab Fit In?
William M. Trolio, BSc, MT, CLT, MBA, FBA
Chief Science Officer, Bio/Data Corporation
Location: Somerset Ballroom F/G / Contact Hours: 1.0 / Level of Instruction: Intermediate

Historically, platelet function was a complicated technology used primarily to diagnose and study heritable disorders. Contemporary aggregometers are being employed to assess the effects of antiplatelet therapy despite the continuing perception of complicated and non-standardized technology. Ongoing research into molecular and signaling functions of the platelet have revealed that platelets have multiple, non-hemostatic functions.
SESSION 5 (BIOCHEMISTRY): Making QC Lean  
Nils B. Person, PhD, FACB  
Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics  
Location: Grand Ballroom A/B / Contact Hours: 1.0 / Level of Instruction: Intermediate  
Quality control is an essential part of laboratory operations. Like other processes, the principles of LEAN can be applied to optimize the process and reduce wasted time and materials. This presentation will focus on making QC efficient and effective.

SESSION 6 (HEMATOLOGY): Quality Control of Hematology Critical Values: What to do and what not to do  
Joshua Hayden, PhD and Su-Chieh Pamela Sun, MPA, MT(ASCP)  
New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical College / Chief Science Officer, Bio/Data Corporation  
Location: Somerset Ballroom F/G / Contact Hours: 1.0 / Level of Instruction: Intermediate  
Clinical laboratories face substantial pressure to report critical values as rapidly as while still ensuring the accuracy of these values. This pressure is especially apparent in hematology where a range of factors can lead to inaccurate critical values (i.e. platelet clumping, clotted sample, etc.). In this talk we will discuss processes required to ensure accurate results; these include sample integrity checks and instances where a smear review is essential. Further we will discuss common processes which unnecessarily delay results, such as automatically repeating critical values. At the end of this talk, participants will be able to critically assess their own policies and implement new quality control approaches for critical hematology values.

SESSION 7 (IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY): Lipoprotein Apheresis for the Treatment of Hypercholesterolemia  
Bruce Sachais, MD, PhD  
Executive Medical Director, New York Blood Center  
Location: Terrace Ballroom / Contact Hours: 1.0 / Level of Instruction: Intermediate  
Lipoprotein Apheresis (LA) employs selective removal of atherogenic lipoprotein (LDL, Lp(a)) over other lipoproteins (HDL) and other plasma proteins. It is indicated for the treatment of Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH), a genetic disorder resulting in very high cholesterol levels, as well as some pediatric patients with renal disease known as FSGS. The presentation will describe the LA procedure as well as data related to the treatment of patients with these indications.

SESSION 8 (MICROBIOLOGY): Advances in Infectious Disease Diagnostics  
Thomas Kirn, MD, PhD  
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
Location: Grand Ballroom C/D / Contact Hours: 1.0 / Level of Instruction: Intermediate  
Overview of recent advances in rapid diagnostic methods for infectious diseases, automation in clinical microbiology and new approaches to antimicrobial stewardship.
Don’t forget to thank your industry vendors for being here today. Without their support ASCLS-NJ would not be able to provide you with quality continuing education events and the opportunity to network with other Medical Laboratory Science professionals.

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (MLPW) provides the profession with a unique opportunity to increase public understanding of and appreciation for clinical laboratory personnel.

MLPW, which takes place the last full week in April each year, is coordinated by a collaborative committee with representatives from 14 national clinical laboratory organizations, including ASCLS. Now in its 41st year, it is important to reflect on the important history of MLPW.

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week originated in 1975 as National Medical Laboratory Week, or NMLW, under the auspices of the American Society for Medical Technology, now called the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). In subsequent years, other organizations have served as cosponsors and campaign supporters.
SESSION 9 (BIOCHEMISTRY):
The clinical laboratory working with physicians to improve patient care
Michael A. Pesce, PhD
Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia-University Medical Center and Medical Director of the Biochemical Genetics Laboratory at New York-Presbyterian Hospital
Location: Somerset Ballroom F/G / Contact Hours: 1.0/ Level of Instruction: Intermediate
This presentation will describe how the clinical laboratory working with cardiologists, emergency department physicians, internists, and pediatricians can develop algorithms that can be used to determine cardiac damage using the results from very high sensitive Troponin assays and how reporting positive pre-natal HIV results to the appropriate medical staff is critical for patient care.

SESSION 10 (MICROBIOLOGY):
Implementation and Impact of Rapid Blood Culture Testing with the Verigene System
Susan Sable, MT (ASCP) SM, CIC
Meridian Health at Jersey Shore University Medical Center
Location: Kennedy Room/ Contact Hours: 1.0/ Level of Instruction: Intermediate
This presentation will describe the best practices for validation, implementation and justification of rapid blood culture diagnostics and discuss the clinical impact observed from implementing Verigene Gram-Positive and Gram-Negative Blood Culture Tests.

SESSION 11 (IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY):
Use of RHD Genotyping for Serologic Weak D Phenotypes
Trina Horn, MS, MT(ASCP) SBB
American Red Cross
Location: Somerset Ballroom H/ Contact Hours: 1.0/ Level of Instruction: Intermediate
This presentation will illustrate when to use molecular testing for RHD genotyping. It will discuss weak D alleles, molecular methods, and the future of molecular testing.

SESSION 12 (MICROBIOLOGY):
Trypanosomiasis
Richard Siderits, MD, FCAP, FASCP, FIAC
Associate Medical Director, New Jersey Department of Health, Public Health and Environmental Laboratories
Location: Terrace Ballroom/ Contact Hours: 1.0/ Level of Instruction: Intermediate
This presentation will briefly review medical, historical, pathobiologic, diagnostic and treatments for trypanosomiasis. Clinical case studies will be presented to illustrate various aspects of this diagnostic entity.
Political preferences aside, you cannot dispute the success of the community organizing principles and tactics utilized during the 2008 and 2012 Presidential campaigns. The fundamental concepts of volunteer awareness and recruitment can be used to increase enthusiasm, participation, and commitment to professional organizations. We will discuss basic concepts and tactics, as well as offer ways to identify and mobilize volunteers for your organization.

Jeff Ingram worked as a community organizer for President Barack Obama’s 2008 and 2012 Presidential campaigns. Mr. Ingram also worked for the Democratic National Committee as a community organizer for the 2010 mid-term elections and the 2009 push for the Affordable Care Act.
Diane Davis, Ph.D. MLS (ASCP)CM, SCCM, SLS
Dr. Davis is currently Full Professor and Program Director, of the Medical Laboratory Science Program, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD. She has 28 years experience teaching. Also, she is currently the Chair of Department of Health Sciences. For 7 years (1980-87) Dr. Davis was employed full-time in automated and special chemistry, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, MD. In 1987, Dr. Davis was a “Stand-by” employee to present in special chemistry where toxicology tests were performed. Degrees include: M.Ed. with concentration in science in 1989 and Ph.D. in clinical lab science with concentrations in clinical biochemistry and immunology in 2000.

Joshua Hayden, PhD
Professor Joshua Hayden is a board certified clinical chemist and current assistant director for the Central Laboratory at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical College (NYP-WCMC), which processes over 5.5 million hematology results annually. As a faculty member at Weill Cornell, Professor Hayden has published on laboratory practice in leading peer-reviewed journals and presented at national conferences.

Trina Horn, MS, MT(ASCP) SBB
Trina Horn worked as a blood bank technologist for 6 years and obtained her Master’s degree in molecular biology in 2006. Ms. Horn started at the ARC in the National Molecular Lab in 2006 where she moved into a Supervisor position in 2010, and then manager in 2015. Ms. Horn obtained her SBB certification in June 2014.

Thomas C. King, MD, PhD
Dr. Thomas King is Chief of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was previously the Medical Director of the Departments of Pathology at both the William W. Backus Hospital and Day Kimball Hospital, located in Connecticut, and an Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine. He was also a Partner at University Pathologists, an independent, sub-specialty pathology practice group based in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Dr. King was awarded his medical doctorate as well as a PhD in 1984 from Washington University in St. Louis. He went on to complete a residency in pathology at Washington University Medical Center and a fellowship in experimental pathology at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Dr. King is board certified in anatomic pathology and specializes in molecular and surgical pathology, with expertise in laboratory automation. He has published multiple articles in the field of molecular pathology and is also the author of Elsevier's Integrated Pathology, a textbook for medical students that integrates the core knowledge of pathology across other medical disciplines. Dr. King is a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists, and currently serves as an Inspector for that organization. He is also a member of the Association for Molecular Pathology and the American Society for Clinical Pathology.

Thomas Kirn, MD, PhD
Dr. Kirn received his MD/PhD from Dartmouth in 2005 and completed his Residency Training at Penn in 2008. Dr. Kirn is Board Certified in Pathology and Clinical Microbiology and is currently the Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Medical Director of Infectious Disease Diagnostics at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.
Sandra Nance, MS, MT(ASCP) SBB
Ms. Nance has over 20 years directing laboratories that resolve the most difficult immunohematologic cases and directing the American Rare Donor Program. Ms. Nance is the former Chair of the International Society of Blood Transfusion Working Party on Rare Donors.

Nils B. Person, PhD, FACB
Dr. Person is a Board Certified Chemist with 15+ years experience as a hospital based laboratory director. Dr. Person is a contributing author to Dr. Westgard’s recent book, Quality Control in the Age of Risk Management. Dr. Person is also a contributor to CLSI documents, EP23 Quality Control based on Risk Management and C24 Statistical Quality Control for Quantitative Methods.

Michael A. Pesce, PhD
Dr. Pesce is Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Cell Biology and Medical Director of the Biochemical Genetics Laboratory at Columbia-University Medical Center, New York Presbyterian Hospital. He has authored or co-authored 74 publications in all areas of clinical chemistry, 30 chapters in medical and clinical pathology textbooks, 62 abstracts and has presented roundtables and workshops at National AACC meetings. Dr. Pesce has a PhD in synthetic organic chemistry and has worked for over 40 years as a laboratory director at New York Presbyterian Hospital. His research interests are in the use of bio-markers for the detection of cardiac disease, automation of the clinical laboratory and the detection and elimination of interferences in immunochemical assays.

Susan Sable, MT (ASCP) SM, CIC
Susan Sable manages the Microbiology and Molecular Department for Meridian Health at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey. In addition, she is a faculty member for Florence M Cook School of Medical Laboratory Science. She has 25 years experience as a clinical microbiologist and is certified in Infection Control and Prevention.

Bruce Sachais, MD, PhD
Dr. Bruce Sachais is the Executive Medical Director at the New York Blood Center, and President Elect of ASFA. After completing a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry at Lehigh University, he did his residency training in laboratory medicine and fellowship training in transfusion medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was also faculty for 13 years, attending on the transfusion and apheresis services, and serving as the director of the transfusion service. He has published over 55 peer reviewed manuscripts, primarily in the fields of transfusion and apheresis medicine and related to the diagnosis and treatment of Heparin Induced Thromobocytopenia.

Richard Siderits, MD, FCAP, FASCP, FIAC
Dr. Siderits is Board certified in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology and dual board certified in cytopathology. He is primary fellowship trained in experimental pathology and is an Associate Professor at Rutgers Medical School where he teaches medical students, residents and fellows. He is the Associate Medical Director of the public health laboratory at the NJ DOH.
Su-Chieh Pamela Sun, MPA, MT(ASCP)
Su-Chieh Pamela Sun is a certified medical technologist with extensive background in Hematology with especial expertise in peripheral blood/bone marrow aspirate morphology. She is currently working as the hematology supervisor in the Central Laboratory at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center overseeing Hematology, Special Hematology and Special Coagulation. Her work on optimizing laboratory practices in hematology was recently recognized at the 2015 ASCP national meeting.

William M. Trolia, BSc, MT, CLT, MBA, FBA
William M. Trolia has 20+ years of clinical laboratory experience from the bench to administrator of rural academic medical center’s clinical, anatomic, regional, and research laboratories. Mr. Trolia has 17+ years in the hemostasis sector of the diagnostics industry with responsibilities for business development, research and quality assurance laboratories, contract research projects, clinical trials, and professional services and support. Mr. Trolia has over twenty publication and three pending patent applications.

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     1861 International Drive, Suite 200
     McLean, VA 22102
   - Or continue to register online by clicking on Online Application or Online Renewal. The eligibility requirements provided below will help you to determine which membership category you belong.

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Accommodations and local Attractions

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2015-2016 ‘Each One Recruit One’ Campaign

2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP GOAL ACCOMPLISHED!
The 2014-2015 ‘Each One Recruit One’ Campaign increased ASCLS-NJ membership from 239 members in April 2014 to 275 members in April 2015, over a 15% increase.

2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT GOALS
Goal for 2015-2016 ‘Each One Recruit One Campaign’ is to increase membership by 10% or bring in 28 new members by April 2016.

MEMBERSHIP INFO
If you are currently a member and would like to become more involved with ASCLS-NJ or a non-member looking for more information, please e-mail us at ASCLS.NJ@gmail.com.

Are you a member of ASCLS-NJ and know a work associate, student, or friend who is interested in joining ASCLS-NJ?
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By recruiting a laboratory professional into ASCLS-NJ by March 31, 2016 you and your recruit have a chance to win a $25 gift card at the ASCLS-NJ 2016 Spring Seminar on April 14, 2016. To enter the drawing e-mail both names to ASCLS.NJ@gmail.com.
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2. Competent, credentialed, laboratory professionals are the foundation to quality laboratory medicine.
3. Everyone deserves access to safe, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered healthcare.
4. Advancing the laboratory profession advances health care.

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2. Defining the characteristics of competent personnel within the profession and providing professional development opportunities so that practitioners can maintain competency are essential roles of a professional association.
3. Enabling laboratory professionals to function at their highest level of competence will contribute to cost effective health care.
4. Promoting diversity supports the delivery of quality laboratory service.
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