



south central association for clinical microbiology

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SCACM wants our membership list up to date! New styles of cards are coming next year and we want to include some new information. Take a moment to please update your membership information on our website and include, if you can, the year you FIRST became a SCACM member. This is especially important for our Life Members."

2010 Fall Meetings

The 2010 Fall Meetings were a tremendous success. For a nominal fee, over 300 people received 3 or more PACE CEU and gained priceless contacts in their local microbiology area. Fall meetings are held state by state, so everyone in the SCACM family has something close by.

Audioconference Season

The 2011 Audioconference season is upon us. It is not too late to sign up for a whole year or you can pick what topics sound the most interesting. These audio conferences are a quick, easy way to get CEU for the CMP program, as well as furthering your own knowledge. After listening to the conference, have your manager buy a CD and give everyone a chance to earn those credits. Interested? Visit <http://www.scacm.org/sctele.htm>

Spring 2011 Meeting

It will be a weekend of fun in the (indoor) sun while you are updating your clinical knowledge and telling stories about the worst cultures ever seen, your family can play in the Kalahari Waterpark and Resort . March 23-27 in Cleveland, Ohio
<http://www.kalahariresorts.com/oh>

Scholarship Opportunity

Are you involved in teaching our next wave of Clinical Laboratory Scientists and have an outstanding microbiology student? Please make sure to nominate this person for one of our student scholarships. They are given out in March. For any more information, please email scacm@scacm.org

Taste of Knowledge 2010 Fall Meetings

- Using the term Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae is the more correct term. KPCs are just one type.
- Everything can cause a foodborne illness, just ask your state lab.
- Antimicrobial stewardship should be at the forefront of a laboratorian's thoughts. This can help reduce drug resistant pathogens and hospital acquired infections.
- 37% percent of adolescent females (ages 14-19) will test positive for an STI. The guidelines in your hospital for testing should reflect this fact.
- Feel like you do more respiratory related testing than anything else? You do. More than 75% of acute morbidity and physicians visits fall into that category.
- Herbaspirillum is a rare pathogen that can be found in some cystic fibrosis patients. It is a member of the Burkholderia family.

The average rating of a speaker at the fall meetings is 3.79 out of 4.00. Our lecturers make the Deans List at any University.

What Topics Interest You? Our meeting ideas come from suggestions of our members. Upcoming topics could include
*CLSI and Reporting Updates. Always changing.
*LEAN Microbiology and You.
*Lab LIS, Microbiology, Reporting for the bench
*Integrating Molecular Methods in the Micro Lab

Please follow us on Facebook or visit scacm.org to find out when and where our next meetings will be held.

Congratulations

Carol Young on the birth of her first grandchild.
Dr Linoj Samuel on the birth of his son.

In Memorial Charles M Taylor Sr.

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