



ROCKY MOUNTAIN BRANCH of ASM

Spring 2008 Meeting

April 12, 2008 - 9am to 5 pm

Denver Colorado

Hosted by

Metropolitan State College of Denver

We are proud to announce the Spring 2008 meeting of the RMB of ASM on the Auraria Campus in Denver Colorado. This is an opportunity for faculty, students, postdocs, teachers, clinicians, public health personnel and other microbiologists to present either oral or poster presentations. Prior membership in the Rocky Mountain Branch is not required to attend and participate in this meeting. Therefore, please circulate this information with your friends and colleagues and students. Let's make this a great spring meeting!

Invited speakers and presentation titles for the meeting:

Into the Natural Microbial World: Hot Springs to Human Health

by Dr. Norman R. Pace

Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology (MCDB) University of Colorado (Boulder CO).

Global Patterns in Bacterial Diversity

by Dr. Catherine A. Lozupone

Washington University (St. Louis, MO) Center for Genome Sciences (CGS)
University of Colorado (Boulder, CO). Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

The meeting will take place on the 6th floor of the historic Tivoli Brewery on the Auraria Campus. For MapQuest directions please use the following address:

Tivoli Student Union
900 Auraria Pkwy

Denver CO 80202

Student Travel Awards

Undergraduates and graduate students are HIGHLY encouraged to come and participate. To encourage graduate and undergraduate student participation, ASM has provided RMB travel funding for up to 5 students from the RMB branch. These awards will, at a minimum, pay for the registration fee for the meeting. For students who must travel long distances, additional funds of \$25 to \$50 for gasoline will also be provided. Students who want to be considered for an award must be a student member of ASM (including pending membership) by the start of the meeting AND must also be presenting at the meeting. Car-pooling will be considered as well. Please contact Nancy Sasaki at sasakin@mscd.edu for consideration. Awardees will be contacted by email by April 5th. Checks will be issued to the awardees at the meeting.

Student Presentation Awards

For student presentations, please indicate on the registration form if a graduate or undergraduate student is making the presentation. Students are eligible for cash awards of up to \$100 for best presentations in each category (graduate talk, graduate poster, undergraduate talk, undergraduate poster). You must fill in the call for papers and send to Adela Cota-Gomez at acotagom@mscd.edu BY APRIL 1st.

Registration

Early registration DEADLINE is April 1st, after this date registration will be \$7.00 for students and \$12.00 for non-students. In order to register either fill out the attached registration form and mail it along with payment to the address below **OR** bring the registration form with you the day of the meeting and register then. If you plan on registering April 12th, please send an e-mail copy of your registration to sasakin@mscd.edu so we can get an accurate count for food/drink. The registration form will also be available through the RMB-ASM website:

([http:// www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/microbiology/rmbasm/rmbhp2.htm](http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/microbiology/rmbasm/rmbhp2.htm))

Prior membership in the Rocky Mountain Branch is not required to attend and participate in this joint meeting. Therefore, please circulate this information with your friends and colleagues and students. Let's make this a great first meeting! See you on October 5. If any branch members have questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Last but not least, I would personally like to thank Dr. James Beebe for all the years he dedicated towards the Rocky Mountain Branch. He will be greatly missed and wished well in his new endeavors in California. Along these lines, we will be selecting new officers during the Spring meeting so any interested persons are invited to announce their intentions before the Branch officers meeting on April 12th 2008.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Sasaki, Ph.D.

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