Are you interested in helping mentor current/future clinical microbiologists but may not have the resources you need? Below is a summary of our activities and available materials. Please let us know what else we can do (send to pmcnult@asmorg.org).

Background and Membership

The CMMC is part of the Professional Practice Committee and was organized in 2012.

Members:

Kevin Alby, University of Pennsylvania Health System
David Craft, Hershey Medical Center
Scott Cunningham, Mayo Clinic
Janet Hindler, UCLA Health System (Chairperson)
Kristie Johnson, University of Maryland Health System
Marie Pezzlo, Irvine, CA
Irving Nachamkin, University of Pennsylvania Health System
Peggy McNult, ASM

Goal:

To Mentor:

- Practicing Clinical Microbiologists (CM)
- Future Clinical Microbiologists (expose students to CM as a career option)
Materials Available to Help You Mentor

Location: ASM Clinical Microbiology Portal

Video (5 min) – “Life in the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory”; select “See and Hear What a CM Does”

Clinical microbiologists are highly skilled and trained in the basic sciences. This knowledge bridges the gap between the basic sciences and the practice of medicine, often referred to as “the bench to the bedside” of patient care. Clinical microbiologists investigate real life “who done it” mysteries in which they systematically piece together the real time unfolding of evidence to support the diagnosis and treatment of patients with infectious diseases. In this video, you will observe a clinical microbiologist evaluating cultures, identifying the organisms causing the infection, and predict what antimicrobial therapy should be utilized. You will then see how a clinical microbiologist interacts with the patient care team to educate, inform and advise. Please enjoy this snapshot into this exciting career field.

• Brief Case Studies (PowerPoint format); select “View CM Case Studies”
• PPT presentation – “Preparing Students for a Career in Clinical Microbiology”; select “Career Presentation Materials”
• Brochure – “Focus on Careers in Clinical Microbiology”; select “Careers in Clinical Microbiology”
• Additional mentoring materials

Programs Scheduled for ASM General Meeting 2015

• New Microbiology Technologist Professional Development Grant Program (described below)
• Workshop: Clinical Communication: How to Write and Present Microbiology for a Clinical Audience (no charge; limited to 40 participants)
• Participate in Mentoring Workshop sponsored by the Education Board - Microbiology Career Choices: What’s Available and How to Succeed? (Saturday May 30, 2015 1:00-4:30 pm)
• Participate in other career programs and student mentoring activities
Additional Projects

• Assist ASM with career information for students / Post Docs / Others attending various programs including: ASMCUE (ASM Conference for Undergraduate Educators) and Kadner Institute

• Developing Compendium of Professional Resources for practicing CMs

New Microbiology Technologist Professional Development Grant Program 2015

• 10 grants of $1500 each awarded to non-doctoral-level clinical microbiology technologists who:
  o have worked as clinical microbiologists for less than 5 years;
  o primarily work at the bench and have aspirations of doing more;
  o are members of ASM;
  o have never attended a national ASM General Meeting.

• Designed to inspire newer bench-level clinical microbiologists to get more engaged in our profession by attending the ASM General Meeting in New Orleans, May 30-June 2.

• Recipient will be mentored by a member of CMMC, attend scientific sessions, meet with commercial vendors, interact with other clinical microbiologists and report back to their mentor for future professional development.

• The Grant program is designed to encourage and recognize a new generation of leaders in clinical microbiology.

For more information go here: http://clinmicro.asm.org/index.php/professional-status/asm-awards-fellowships-travel-grants/441-bench-technologist-supervisor-bench-technologist-supervisor

The awardees for the 2015 New Microbiology Technologist Professional Development Grant Program are:

- Robert Bowden, University of Florida
- Abigail Cunanan, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
- John Ford, United Regional Lab
- Phillip Lansang, Kaiser Permanente S. CA Regional Lab
- Melissa Olson, Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Yvette Phillips, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center
- Vincent Piscitelli, V.A. Connecticut Healthcare System
- Kristen Romero, Tri-Core Reference Lab
- Megan Waller, Inova Health Systems/Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Kayla Wieting, OSU Wexner Medical Center

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