

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RICKETTSIOLOGY NEWSLETTER



Fall 2018

29TH ANNUAL ASR MEETING

June 16-19, 2018 Milwaukee, WI

The 29th meeting of the American Society for Rickettsiology was held at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The hotel offered a great venue with views of downtown Milwaukee, and the city offered great food and plenty to see within walking distance. Conference attendees enjoyed good weather as they greeted colleagues and friends.

Kansas State University's Conference Services, along

with the Scientific Workshop and Organizing Committee, worked very hard to ensure a well-organized and stimulating meeting. The meeting was attended by 174 participants from 16 countries, and 25 travel grants were awarded (see page 4). The conference began on June 16th with an opening reception that included remarks by ASR president Dr. J. Stephen Dumler. Dr. Arthur Allen delivered an insightful historical keynote address discussing the history of typhus, focusing on the critical contributions of Drs. Rudolf Weigl and Ludwik Fleck.

The remainder of the meeting was an excellent forum for discussion of the most recent developments in Rickettsial research. Concurrent scientific sessions were held to accommodate the number and variety of presentations. Poster sessions provided networking opportunities and showcased many up and coming Rickettsiologists. New officers

NEW 2018 ELECTED OFFICERS

President:

Kelly Brayton, WSU

Vice President:

Kevin Macaluso, LSU

Secretary/Treasurer:

Daniel Voth, UAMS

Councilor at Large:

Stacey Gilk, Indiana U.

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

David Walker, UTMB

David Wood, U. of S.

Alabama

were elected for 2018-2019, including Kelly Brayton as the new ASR President. Additionally, two long time leaders in our society, David Walker and David Wood, were appointed honorary members. The ASR thanks you both for your continual support. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!!

FINANCE REPORT

2017 Balance Forward:

\$46,000

2018 Income:

\$105,742.85

EXPENSES

2018 Expenses:

\$103,916.46

Remaining balance:

\$47,826.39

ASR 2019

Conference Announcement

Don't miss the 30th ASR conference June 8-11, 2019 at the El Dorado Hotel in Santa Fe,

New Mexico! Additional information can be found at the ASR website at:

<http://hs.umn.edu/rickettsiology/upcoming-meetings.php>



ESCCAR 2020

Conference Announcement

The ESCCAR has announced that the 13th International Congress on Rickettsia and Other

Intracellular Bacteria will take place Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2020 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Additional information will be

available soon at: <http://www.mediterranee-infection.com/article.php?leref=853&titre=esccar-study-group->



TTP10

Conference Announcement

The 10th Tick and Tick Borne Pathogen Conference will take place August 24-28, 2020 at

the Pufene Resort on Murighiol Lake in the Danube Delta, Romainia. Additional

information will be available soon at: www.zooparaz.net/ttp10

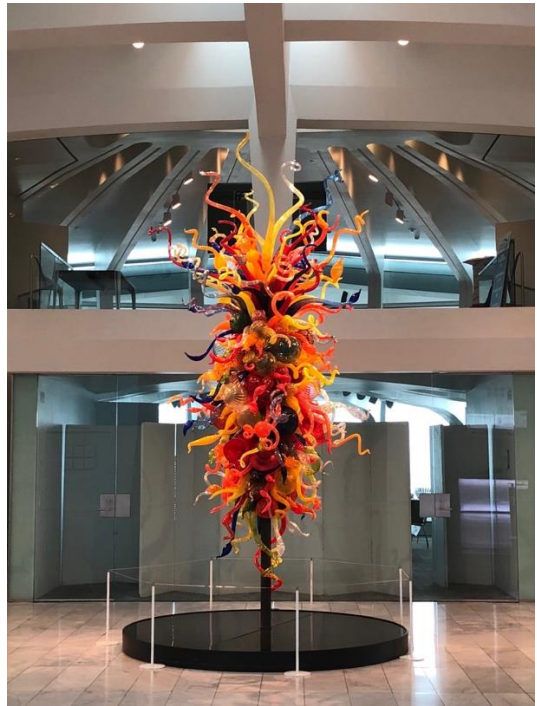


PICTURES

From the 29th Meeting of the American Society for Rickettsiology



Muna Solymon and Susan Noh from Washington State University hanging out with The Fonz.



Milwaukee Art Museum



Miller Park, home of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Amanda Dragan and Katelynn Brann from the Voth lab visiting the Domes



ASR Travel Award Recipients: Tippawan Anantatat, Sharanjeet Atwal, Mebratu Bitew, Khemraj Budachetri, Elizabeth Case, Pedro Curto, Karla Dzul-Rosado, Patrik Engstrom, Chanida Fongsaran, Adrienne Gilkes, Ryan Green, Suchit Kamble, Hwan Keun Kim, Chandramouli Kondethimmanahalli, Lindsey Ledbetter, Carrie Long, Djiba Mamadou Lamine, Ananda Muller, Minal Mulye, Arunachalam Ramaiah, Kathryn Reif, Jeanne Salje, Muna Solyman, Thangam Sudha Velayutham, and Sirima Wongwairot.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Thomas Ray Jerrells

We are sad to write that a long time supporter of the ASR and rickettsial research, Dr. Thomas Ray Jerrells, died May 22, 2018. We are deeply appreciative of Dr. Jerrells' many contributions to

the ASR and will miss his presence. Dr. Jerrells' obituary can be found at:

<http://hs.umt.edu/rickettsiology/documents/thomas-jerrells.pdf>

