

Summary of the 15th Sesquiannual ASR Meeting
Captiva Island, Florida
April 30 - May 3, 2000

Meeting Summary-

The 15th meeting of the ASR was held in sunny Florida along the Gulf of Mexico. The meeting was a great success as measured by relaxation and a rich exchange of scientific data. A total of 143 scientists from around the world were in attendance. A combined total of 105 presentations (49 slide presentations and 56 posters) covered a wide range of topics including the molecular biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis / treatment and epidemiology / ecology of Bartonella, Coxiella, Ehrlichia, Rickettsia, etc. Posters continue to grow in favor with presenters and were well attended by the crowd. Keynote lectures by Dr. Tom Schwan (NIH) and Dr. Jorge Galan (Yale University) provided exciting overviews of transmission-associated proteins in Borrelia spp. and utilization of the actin cytoskeleton by Salmonella during infection, respectively. The society is grateful to the organizing committee (Burt and his gang), who did a terrific job in managing the meeting and its many events.

Minutes of the Business Meeting-

- 1) Burt Anderson urged all in attendance to submit current contact information to update the ASR member directory. It was agreed that members who have not been actively attending meetings and/or paying dues would be purged from the database. Once completed, the updated directory would be posted on the ASR website. A hard copy of the directory would be made available at the next ASR meeting.
- 2) It was decided that ASR Newsletters would be e-mailed to active members and posted on the ASR website to help reduce costs associated with mailing and printing paper copies.
- 3) The society raised dues from \$15 per year to \$25 per 18 months of membership. Dues will be paid when members submit their meeting registration fees.
- 4) Dr. Oz Baca was selected as an honorary member of the society.
- 5) The society decided that the next meeting would be an international joint conference of the ASR and the Bartonella as an Emerging Pathogen Group. Yellowstone National Park was selected as the next meeting site.
- 6) The nominating committee was chaired by Ted Hackstadt, and elections were held by ballot. Results for the 2000 / 2001 Officers include President Steve Dumler, Vice President Burt Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer Mike Minnick and Councilor-at-Large Bob Heinzen.

-Joint Conference of the American Society for Rickettsiology
& Bartonella as an Emerging Pathogen Group-

Big Sky Resort, Big Sky Montana
August 17-22, 2001

Big Sky, Montana will serve as the site for the 2001 ASR meeting. Big Sky Resort is a scenic one-hour drive south of Bozeman, along the Gallatin River- a favorite destination for flyfishermen, rafters and kayakers. The resort has excellent amenities and services (see: <http://www.bigskyresort.com/>) and is only 47 miles from the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone's geysers, abundant wildlife and scenic beauty are legendary. The weather should be warm (90oF), with nice cool evenings (50oF). We are looking forward to a great meeting and hope you will attend the conference!

For more information on the joint conference, we urge you to occasionally check the website (<http://biology.dbs.umt.edu/asr2/index.htm>) for details regarding registration, conference schedules, airline information, etc. Changes will be made periodically.

**-FINANCE REPORT-
(AS OF OCTOBER 20, 2000)**

INCOME-

\$ 11,981.96 Balance Forward from previous secretary-treasurer
\$ 5,543.00 Deposit from 2000 ASR meeting
\$ 68.40 Interest
\$ 17,593.36 Total

EXPENSES-

\$ 125.00 Fee- Website contractor
\$ 2,500.00 Deposit- Big Sky Resort
\$ (2,625.00) Total

BALANCE-

\$ 14,968.36