

Summary of the 2001 ASR / Bartonella Joint Conference
Big Sky, Montana
August 17 - August 22, 2001

Meeting Summary-

The 16th meeting of the ASR took place at Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana. The scenic backdrop of the Rocky Mountains provided a conducive environment to exchange data, interact with colleagues and meet new friends. Most of those in attendance took time out to enjoy Yellowstone National Park, with its incredible wildlife, geothermal wonders and breathtaking scenery. Highlights of the meeting included an eclectic assortment of door prizes, custom-made T-shirts, free dance lessons by "Chameleon"- a country-western band that entertained following the BBQ, a custom flyrod that was raffled off (and won by Jerry Gaywee!) to generate money for the ASR graduate student travel fund, and several outdoor meals in the shadow of Lone Peak.

A total of 196 scientists from around the world were in attendance. A combined total of 165 presentations (45 slide presentations, 90 posters and 30 invited talks) covered a wide range of topics including genomics, epidemiology, genetics and pathogenesis of Rickettsia, Ehrlichia, Anaplasma and Bartonella. A keynote lecture by Gary Olsen on bacterial evolution was particularly fascinating. Phil Baker's synopsis of NIH funding provided useful information and was much appreciated. The ASR and Bartonella societies are grateful to the organizing committee and Sherrill Morris (Big Sky Resort) whose efforts resulted in a memorable meeting.

Minutes of the Business Meeting-

- 1) Phil Baker provided information and statistics on current NIH funding for research on Rickettsia and Rickettsia-like organisms.
- 2) The society approved a motion to hold the next meeting as an international conference in Slovenia (for more information see: www.rickettsia.org).
- 3) Joe McDade and Bob Quackenbush were elected honorary members of the society.
- 4) The nominating committee was chaired by Steve Dumler, and elections were held by ballot.

Results of the 2001 / 2002 election include the following officers:

President- Burt Anderson
Vice President- Dave Silverman
Secretary /Treasurer- Mike Minnick
Councilor-at-Large- William Nicholson

-FINANCE REPORT-

(AS OF JANUARY 11, 2002)

INCOME-

\$ 14,968.36 Balance Forward (from previous finance report)
\$ 4,750.00 Donations from sponsors
\$ 4,998.47 NSF-EPSCoR grant awarded to Minnick for meeting

\$ 845.00 Flyrod raffle (for student travel grant fund)
\$ 1,250.65 Interest (First Interstate Bank)
\$ 58,056.00 Registration fees, membership fees, T-shirts
\$ 84,868.48 Total

TOTAL EXPENSES-

\$(49,514.24) Resort, honoraria, websites, keynote speaker, etc.

AVAILABLE BALANCE-

\$ 35,354.24