



**Welcome to the 2008 MOCLS and St. Louis  
Chapter of CLMA Spring Conference  
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## General Information

### Registration

Registration deadline is March 31, 2008. Registrations will be accepted as space permits. A late fee of \$15.00 will apply after March 31, 2008. Late registrants are not guaranteed lunch. Refund requests prior to April 1, 2008 will be issued less a \$20.00 handling fee. We will not issue refunds after April 1, 2008. Registration hours are:

Wednesday, April 9:	7:00 am—7:00 pm
Thursday, April 10:	7:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday, April 11:	7:00 am—1:00 pm

### Breaks and Lunch

Morning and afternoon breaks are scheduled between the sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. Lunch is served from 11:00 am—1:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. A morning break is scheduled for 9:30—10:00 am on Friday. There will be no lunch service on Friday. All full and daily registrants (member, non-member and student) will receive a lunch ticket for each day registered in their registration packet. Those attending on an institutional or exhibit pass do not receive breaks or lunch.

### Events

The Exhibitors' Party is scheduled for 4:30 —7:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom. Please plan to attend this event in support of the exhibitors who have helped sponsor this conference. Hor d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Your conference badge is required for entry into the party. Those attending the conference on an institutional pass and those not registered may attend the exhibitors' party free of charge. Please stop by the conference registration booth to receive a complimentary badge.

During the exhibitors' party, we will be holding several fun events to raise money for scholarship funds for both organizations. Please open your hearts and wallets to support our worthy cause.

## **P.A.C.E. Credit**

All keynote and general sessions are P.A.C.E accredited through the Missouri Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (MOCLS). A meeting transcript will be awarded to each participant. The transcript must be validated with a P.A.C.E. seal at the conference registration booth as each participant leaves the conference for the final time. P.A.C.E. credits and numbers will be announced at each session and participants must sign the attendance roster at each session to receive P.A.C.E. credit.

## **Business Meeting**

The MOCLS Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony will be held in the Ballroom from 11:30 am—12:30 pm as lunch is served on Thursday, April 10. All attendees are encouraged to attend! Please note after lunch, dessert will be available in the exhibitor's area.

## **Who are MOCLS and the St. Louis Chapter of CLMA?**

The initials stand for:

MOCLS—Missouri Organization for Clinical Laboratory Science which is the Missouri chapter of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)

National website [www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org) and state website [www.mocls.org](http://www.mocls.org)

St. Louis Chapter of CLMA—the local chapter of the Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA)

National website [www.clma.org](http://www.clma.org) and local website [www.stlouisclma.org](http://www.stlouisclma.org)

Both organizations provide clinical laboratory professionals continuing education, networking and an opportunity to address issues common to all in the field. During the conference both will have membership booths in the area outside the exhibitors' hall. Please stop by and see how you can become a part of a professional organization.

## Exhibitor's Hours

Up to 40 vendors will display their latest technology, products and services in the Grand Ballroom. Hours are:

Wednesday, April 9	11:00 am—7:00 pm
Thursday, April 10	11:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration badges are required to enter the exhibit area. Complimentary badges can be obtained at the registration desk.

## Vendor and Sponsor Support

Our conference would not be a success without the generous support of our vendors and sponsors. Registration fees provide for only a portion of the cost of the conference. The generous donations by the vendors and sponsors listed below help us to provide many opportunities for continuing education. Please thank the vendor representatives, sponsors and speakers as you visit with them and let them know how much we appreciate their support of our organizations and the conference.

### Vendors and Sponsors to Date:

Abbott Diagnostics<sup>o</sup>  
ARUP Laboratories\*<sup>o</sup>  
Beckman Coulter\*<sup>o</sup>  
Bio-Rad Laboratories\*<sup>o</sup>  
Cardinal Health\*  
Denline\*  
Diagnostica Stago\*  
DiRuscio and Associates\*  
Fisher Health Care\*  
Focus Diagnostics\*<sup>o</sup>  
Gen-Probe\*  
HORIBA ABX Diagnostics\*  
Immucor\*  
Inverness Medical Innovations\*  
Lifescan, Inc.\*  
Mayo Medical Laboratories<sup>o</sup>  
Quest Diagnostics\*<sup>o^</sup>  
Radiometer American Inc.\*  
Roche Diagnostics\*<sup>o</sup>  
Saint Louis University<sup>o</sup>  
Sakura<sup>o</sup>  
Sanyo\*  
Sebia Electrophoresis\*  
Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics\*<sup>o</sup>  
Siemens Water Technology  
St. John's Mercy Medical Center—School of Clinical Laboratory Science^  
St. Louis Chapter of CLMA<sup>o</sup>

## Vendors and Sponsors to Date: (continued)

St. Louis Pathology Associates, Inc.^

Sysmex America, Inc.°

The Binding Site\*°

Ventana Medical Systems\*

ZymeQuest, Inc. °

\*Booth in the exhibit hall

°Sponsoring speaker(s)

^Sponsoring breaks, lunches, prizes, and other items or events

## Wednesday, April 9

**Keynote Address 8:00-9:00 am**

**Location—Ballroom**

**Driving Patient Safety Beyond the Lab**

**Location—Ballroom**

**Paul Epner, MEd, MBA**

**Sponsor—Abbott Diagnostics**

**Morning Break 9:00-9:30 am**

**Location—Concourse**

**Concurrent Sessions 9:30-11:00 am**

**Session #1**

**Kleihauer-Betke: Is There a Better Way?**

**Speaker—Susan Treese, MT(ASCP)**

**Session #2**

**Diagnosis and Monitoring Monoclonal Gammopathies with Serum Free Light Chain Assays**

**Speaker—Dr. Sairah Alvi, PhD**

**Sponsor—The Binding Site**

**Session #3**

**Practical Applications of Quality Control**

**Speaker—Michael Toyoshima, BS, MT(ASCP)**

**Sponsor—Bio-Rad Laboratories**

**Session #4**

**On-Line Educational Opportunities—Beyond the Bachelor Degree**

**Speaker—Debbie Baudler, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB**

**Box Lunch 11:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Location— Concourse**

**Exhibits 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Location— Grand Ballroom**

**Wednesday, April 9**

**Concurrent Sessions 1:00—2:30 pm**

- Session #5      Transforming Transfusion Medicine  
Speaker—Samira E. Johnson  
Sponsor—ZymeQuest, Inc
- Session #6      Cryoglobulinemia  
Speaker—Mary Mayo, PhD, MT(ASCP), NRCC-CC
- Session #7      Making the Most of Multiplex Immunoassays for  
Immunology, Microbiology and Virology: A Reference  
Laboratory Model  
Speaker—Mary Lapé Nixon, MS  
Sponsor—Focus Diagnostics
- Session #8      CMS Rule Changes - Effect on the Future of Healthcare  
2008 and Beyond  
Speaker—Tom Zimmerman  
Sponsor—Sysmex America, Inc.

**Afternoon Break 2:30-3:00 pm**

**Location—Concourse**

**Concurrent Sessions 3:00-4:30 pm**

- Session #9      Practical Aspects of Pediatric Phlebotomy  
Speaker—Miranda Cooper
- Session #10      Workflow Redesign Based on Histology Automation  
Speaker—John P. J. Coleman, HT(ASCP), QI HC  
Sponsor—Sakura Finetek, USA, Inc.

**Concurrent Sessions 3:00-4:30 pm (continued)**

Session #11      Update on Gleevac Therapy and Approach to Drug Resistance  
Speaker—Tim R. Randolph, MS, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA), PhD (ABD)  
Sponsor—Saint Louis University

Session #12      Systems Integration: Community Laboratory Outreach  
Speaker—Rodney W. Forsman  
Sponsor—Mayo Medical Laboratories

**Exhibitors' Party 4:30-7:00 pm**  
**Location—Grand Ballroom**

**Thursday, April 10**

**Keynote Address 8:00-9:00 am**  
**Location—Ballroom**  
CLS Professionals Work Real Magic  
Speaker—Nancy Wegge, EdD  
Sponsor—St. Louis Chapter of CLMA

**Morning Break 9:00-9:30 am**  
**Location—Concourse**

**Concurrent Session 9:30-11:00 am**

Session #13      Microbiology Case Studies  
Speaker—Dr. Joseph Campos  
Sponsor—Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics

Session #14      Automated Hematology in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Therapy  
Speaker—Michael H. Creer, MD  
Sponsor—Sysmex America, Inc.

**Concurrent Session 9:30-11:00 am (continued)**

Session #15      Inflammation and Heart Disease  
Speaker—Rita H. Heuertz, PhD, MT(ASCP)  
Sponsor—Saint Louis University

Session #16      Best Practices in Point of Care Testing: Achieving  
Patient Safety and Compliance  
Speaker—Frederick L. Kiechle, MD, PhD  
Sponsor- Roche Diagnostics

**Lunch 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Location—Ballroom**

**Dessert will be served in the Exhibit area**

**Exhibits 11:00 am—1:00 pm**  
**Location—Grand Ballroom**

**Note: The exhibits close Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Please take time to visit the exhibitors during lunch.**

**MOCLS Annual Business Meeting and Awards 11:30 am—12:30 pm**  
**(concurrent with lunch)**

**Location—Ballroom**

**Thursday, April 10**

**Concurrent Sessions 1:00-2:30 pm**

Session #17      Avian Influenza Update  
Speaker—Ann Green, MS, MA, MT(ASCP)

Session #18      Infections Relevant to Transfusion Medicine  
Speaker—Louis Y. Katz, MD

Session #19      Allergy Testing: Nothing to Sneeze At  
Speaker—Jim Aguanno, PhD  
Sponsor—Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics

**Concurrent Sessions 1:00-2:30 pm (continued)**

Session #20      Outreach Business Development  
Speaker—Joyce Ludwig  
Sponsor—ARUP Laboratories

**Afternoon Break 2:30-3:00 pm**  
Location—Concourse

**Concurrent Sessions 3:00-4:30 pm**

Session #21      PNA FISH: Implementation, Application, and Assessment  
of Clinical Value  
Speaker—Kevin Hazen, PhD, D(ABMM), FAAM  
Sponsor - bioMérieux, Inc.

Session #22      Umbilical Cord Banking 101: Banking, Transplant &  
Research  
Speaker—Cory Johnson, BSc

Session #23      Understanding Laboratory Water and Clinical Standards  
Speakers—Connie Mitchell and Steve Bequette  
Sponsor—Siemens Water Technology

Session #24      Creating a Competitive Edge by Hiring and Retaining Good  
Employees  
Speaker—Michael Kurtz, MS, MBA

**Friday, April 11**

**Concurrent Sessions 8:00-9:30 am**

Session #25      CLMA SmartLab: Patient Safety  
Location—Ballroom  
**Note:** There is limit of 50 registrants for this four hour  
interactive workshop which will conclude at 12:00 pm.  
Speaker—Suzanne McCall  
Sponsor-Abbott Diagnostics

**Concurrent Sessions 8:00-9:30 am (continued)**

Session #26      Molecular Comparison of Thalassemias and Hemoglobinopathies  
Speaker—Tim R. Randolph, MS, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA), PhD (ABD)  
Sponsor—Saint Louis University

Session #27      Assessing Cardiac Risk with Laboratory Markers: proBNP and TnT  
Speaker—Sherrie Smartt, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Sponsor—Roche Diagnostics

**Morning Break 9:30-10:00 am**  
**Location—Concourse**

**Concurrent Sessions 10:00 am—12:00 pm**

Session #25 (continued) CLMA SmartLab: Patient Safety

Session #28      Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus  
Speaker—William DePond, MD  
Sponsor—Quest Diagnostics. Inc.

Session #29      Taking the Confusion out of Thyroid Testing: Your Guide to the “What”, “When”, and “How”  
Speaker—Eddine Merabet, PhD  
Sponsor—Beckman Coulter

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