111th ASM 2011 General Meeting Highlights with Opportunity for Microbiologists to Participate in Upcoming ASM 2012

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The American Society of Microbiology of over 40,000 scientists and health professionals conducted a 111th annual meeting in New Orleans from May 20th to May 24th, 2011. I am President of ASM student chapter at Texas Tech University. I attended meeting and presented my research. The meeting was attended by the scientists, students, postdoctoral fellows from all over the world. This meeting offered an opportunity to network with colleagues, peers and exchange research ideas.

The opening reception was warm welcome by ASM showcasing high-quality instruments by industry representatives under one roof. The President forum assembled together by ASM President Dr. Bonnie L. Bassler was very insightful.

The workshops were set up by imminent experts covering newer topics e.g. detection of *C. difficile* infections, nasty Gram negatives with initials (KPC, ESBL, AmpC). There were series of award lectures ranging from clinical

diagnostic immunology to virology. A newer Clinical Microbiology Task Force was also targeted towards clinical microbiology community. Many case presentations included the global spread of bacteria that produces beta lactamases.

I am very pleased that I could meet the scientists from all over the world. Right now, ASM is inviting scientific community to come forward with suggestions relating to either the General Microbiology or the Diagnostic Microbiology and Epidemiology track as they are building up the program for annual meeting ASM 2012 in San Francisco, California June 16th–19th, 2012. This is the unique opportunity for proposing ideas for a core colloquium or symposium of scientific significance. If you are planning to present your research and travel, you can also apply for Travel Grant. More information is also available on www.asm.org.

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