

Summary of 2011 Missouri Valley ASM Branch Meeting on March 31 – April 2, 2011 in Lincoln, NE

Highlights

- Keynote Address: “Babies, Bifidobacteria and Breastfeeding” by David Mills
- Invited Talks
 - “Transcriptional Regulation of Methanogens” by Elizabeth Karr
 - “Toxin Secretion in Clostridium difficile” by Revathi Govind
 - “Mechanisms of AraC Family Regulation of Virulence and Carbon Metabolism” by Susan Egan
 - “A Biodiversity Hotspot: Novel Phylogenetic, Genomic, and Metabolic Diversities within Zodletone Spring in Southwestern OK” by Mostafa Elshaded
 - “Business Startup” by Jane Garrity
 - “Elements of Success as a Life Science Entrepreneur” by Abe Oommen
- Presentation on “The Microbiology of Wine and Cheese” by David Mills at the Wine and Cheese Welcome Event on Thursday night.
- Panel Discussions on Microbiology Education and Graduate School

Presentation Award Winners

Med Micro/Immuno A and B

1st place: Holley, Monica

2nd place: Adams, Philip

Environmental Microbiology C and D

1st place: Kurpiel, Philip

2nd place: Baker, Jason

General Microbiology E and F

1st place: Workman, Aspen

2nd place: Al Matouq, Jenan

Undergraduate H and I

1st place: Troy Hubbard

2nd place: J Cooper

General Microbiology G

1st place: Marwah, Nitin

2nd place: Moulds, Nyssa

Poster Session

1st place: Ibrahim, Nouhou

2nd place: Pan, Don

Business

- The meeting in 2012 is scheduled to be held in Kansas but the location and date have not been determined.
- Wendy Picking stepped down as President. Julie Shaffer moved up to President from President elect.
- Franklin Champlin was elected President Elect and Earl Blewett was elected Councilor.