South Central Association of Blood Banks

Preliminary Program

March 29 & 30, 2014
Fort Worth, Texas
AIMS Registration

Use our secure online AIMS Registration available from January 13, 2014 until March 17, 2014. Registration forms and payment MUST BE RECEIVED on or before March 17, 2014. After this date, registrations will only be taken on-site in Fort Worth.

AIMS Advance Registration

Advance registration for the 2014 AIM Symposium is encouraged by offering discounted advance registration fees. To take advantage of the discounted fees, register online, by fax or by mail no later than February 28, 2014.

How to Register for AIMS

- Visit www.scabb.org
- Hover over Education Events in maroon tab
- Click on AIMS
- Register online, or print the form and fax with your credit card information to 866-649-6590, or mail with your check to:
  SCABB Central Office
  2901 Richmond Rd., Suite 130-176
  Lexington, KY 40509

* Check, VISA, MasterCard and American Express are acceptable methods of payment

For your convenience, on-site Registration for AIMS will be open 7 am to 5 pm on Saturday (March 29th) and Sunday (March 30th).

AIMS Industry Workshop

Attending an Industry Workshop is a great way to enhance your AIM Symposium experience! The workshop is an event sponsored by our vendor partners and is designed to showcase their latest technology, products and services.

Attendance at the workshops exposes you to the latest developments in the industry and are presented at no charge to attendees.

Fort Worth, Texas

Fort Worth is the 16th largest city in the United States and part of the No. 1 tourist destination in Texas and welcomes nearly 5.5 million visitors each year.

Fort Worth is a destination redefined. No other city boasts such an unmistakable twist of preserved Western heritage and unrivaled artistic offerings. You can enjoy an enormous range of experiences from longhorns to longnecks, from salons to saloons. Discover the artistic masterpieces of the Fort Worth Cultural District.

Explore the true American West in the Stockyard National Historic District. Shop and dine in the 35-block Sundance Square, one of the most exciting downtown areas in the nation. See a magical show at Bass Performance Hall. Stroll through the Museum of Living Art at the top-ranked Fort Worth Zoo.

Experience the best of Texas. Fort Worth—where one thing doesn’t change—the friendly, helpful service that’s the hallmark of true Texas hospitality.

Top 10 Reasons to Attend AIMS!

1. Gain additional knowledge and stay on top of the advancements in immunohematology, serology and molecular technologies and practices.
2. Network with fellow BBs, SBBs, IRLs and top leaders in the blood bank field.
3. Hear advanced level topics that are related to my area as a reference (IRL) laboratory over basic transfusion service lectures.
4. The jam-packed program allows a large number of PACE Credits to be obtained in just 2 days out of a busy schedule.
5. Hear the blood banking “gods” speak and impart their knowledge on the ever changing landscape of Immunohematology.
6. Opportunity to participate in interactive and fun sessions with the use of audience polling devices.
7. It always has the best (top notch) speakers lined up and great programming that is very beneficial to my knowledge level.
8. Flows right into the SCABB meeting so I can just extend my stay by a few days and get 2 conferences for the price of 1 trip.
9. Offers opportunity to network with serologic and molecular vendors in the industry.
10. Get out of work for a few days to interact with my peers.
The 2014 AIM Symposium has been approved as a provider of continuing education programs through the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® program. Participants attending one session in each time block will earn a maximum of 9 contact hours. All PACE approved sessions will be indicated by PACE course number beginning with 151.

South Central Association of Blood Banks, in partnership with Oschner Medical Center is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The South Central Association of Blood Banks takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of this CME activity. The 2014 AIM Symposium is approved for 9.5 CME credits.

Approved course credits are available for download at CEbroker.com for Florida residents attending the AIM Symposium.

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**John Moulds Memorial Lecturer**

**W. John Judd, FIBMS, MIBiol**

Emeritus Professor, University of Michigan

Professor Judd is an Emeritus Professor of Immunohematology, Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan. He served on the AABB Board of Directors and numerous AABB committees. Professor Judd is the Past President of the Michigan Association of Blood Banks. He is the author of over 100 publications, including Judd’s Methods in Immunohematology, ed 3.

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**John Moulds Memorial Scholarship**

The John Moulds AIMS Scholarship was established in October of 2011 by South Central Association of Blood Banks in his memory. John was a passionate Immunohematologist, who was best known for establishing the international Serum, Cell and Rare Fluid Exchange (SCARF). He was the consummate teacher always willing to share his knowledge with anyone who asked.

The John Moulds Scholarship consists of full & complimentary registration to attend the Advanced Immunohematology & Molecular Symposium (AIMS), two night’s hotel accommodations in the meeting hotel and a one year Individual membership to South Central Association of Blood Banks.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on the John Moulds Memorial Scholarship
# AIMS Program Schedule

## Saturday, March 29, 2014

**AIMS**

"Hiding in Plain Sight" by Dr. Mark Scott

This exciting session will give new meaning to the term "universal donor" as we discuss the creation of "stealth" RBCs. Can the problem of alloimmunization really be a thing of the past?

"Star Wars - The Empire Strikes Back"

by JoAnn Moulds, PhD, MT(ASCP) SBB & Sue Johnson, MSTM MT(ASCP) SBB

Darth DNA is taking over the galaxy spreading genotyping everywhere. But the Top Gun Serologists fight back with their most complex cases. Who will win the battle of the blood groups?

"Are We Doing it Right?" by Margaret Keller, PhD & Mary Lieb

Part 1: The use of array-based genotyping platforms for predicting red blood cell antigen expression continues to grow. It is used for patients and blood donors with testing being performed by both hospitals and donor centers. Predicting expression of an antigen based on a limited set of genetic variants has limitations. This presentation will use cases of discrepancies in RH, MNS, FY and JK and how they were resolved using alternative molecular testing methods.

Part 2: What does "staff competency" really mean and how do we know we have a well organized and structured competency program? Part 2 of the "Are we doing it right" session is sure to provide the tools needed to ensure your competency program is on the path to excellence.

"Ask the Experts" - An Audience Participation Workshop

Join us as our panel of experts answer your questions in the areas of immunohematology, genotyping, quality assurance and clinical practice. Questions can be submitted in advance or during the session.

Case Studies presented by: Brian Jones, SBB(ASCP), Sandy Wortman, MT(ASCP)SBB, Virginia Reyes, MEd, MT(ASCP)SBB & David Hanna, MT(ASCP)

Grab a chair and come sit at our "round tables" as we take a closer look at a selection of complex immunohematology cases. Utilizing serology, genotyping and MMA technologies, these cases are sure to keep you one the edge of your seat.

## Sunday, March 30, 2014

**AIMS**

"Let's Talk About Platelets", by Katrina Billingsley, MT SBB, Stan Hance, MT(ASCP), & Robin Cusick

Part 1: Just like RBCs, platelets also carry antigens which can cause an antibody response. When a platelet antibody is identified, it may be necessary to provide antigen negative products for transfusion. In this session, we will take a closer look at a platelet genotyping program and how it has improved patient care.

Part 2: Providing compatible platelets for a refractory patient involves many approaches. This session will discuss current methods available for testing as well as some pros and cons of each.

Part 3: Providing compatible platelets for patients with immune-mediated refractoriness is a complex but commonly encountered clinical scenario. Join us for a review of current literature and a discussion on how laboratory and transfusion medicine professionals can best assist these challenging patients.

**Industry Workshops (No Registration Fee Required)**

**SCABB Annual Meeting Distinguished Award Lecturers**

Technical/Scientific: Dr. Scott Jones

Administrative: JoAnn Moulds, PhD, MT(ASCP) SBB

Karen William Memorial Lecture - funded by Novartis: Evan Bloch, MD

"Remembering the History" John Moulds Memorial Lecture funded by LifeShare & Quotient Biodiagnostics - Professor John Judd

This year, in the prelude to our John Moulds Memorial lectureship, we are pleased to have Tony Castina present an interesting and informative lecture on the evolution of blood bank methods and reagents developed by John Moulds during his many years of contribution to the field of immunohematology. The 4th AIMS conference is proud to present John Judd as this year’s John Moulds memorial lectureship awardee. Mr. Judd will present on the topic of polyagglutination. Is it really a thing of the past?

### AIMS All Inclusive Registration Fee: $250.00

Advance Registration: *$200.00*

*Attendees must register by February 28, 2014 in order to receive the advance registration rate*
Hotel & Ground Transportation

Hilton Fort Worth

A special conference rate of $159 per night, single or double occupancy (plus applicable taxes and fees) is available for attendees at the Hilton Fort Worth and includes complimentary internet in guestrooms. Attendees are encouraged to make their hotel reservations early to guarantee availability in the SCABB room block. Reservations must be made by February 27, 2014 to receive the discounted conference rate. All reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit of first night’s room and tax. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival, or one night’s room and tax will be charged to the credit card or deposit will be retained.

Phone Reservations

Reservations for the event can be made by calling the Hilton Fort Worth at (817) 870-2100. Reservations must be made by February 27th, 2014 in order to receive the discounted room rate. Please reference the South Central Association of Blood Banks room block when booking hotel accommodations.

Conference Attire

“Business Casual” is appropriate for all meetings and events unless otherwise indicated. A sweater or light jacket is recommended because meeting rooms may be cool.

Ground Transportation

A group discount is available through Super Shuttle for attendees flying into the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport. CLICK HERE to book your Super Shuttle ground transportation at the discounted rate. (NOTE: You must book your Super Shuttle ground transportation through a specific link created for our conference in order to receive the discount.)

Meal Functions

Full meeting registration includes all scheduled meal functions.

Daily registrations include all coffee breaks and lunch offered that day. Daily registrations do not include the President’s Reception and Awards Banquet, however tickets can be purchased for this very special evening of celebration for $50.00.

Hotel Parking

For those attendees driving to the Hilton Fort Worth, ample parking is available at the Hilton Fort Worth at a rate of $15.00 / day. Directions to the Hilton Fort Worth can be found on www.scabb.org > 2014 Annual Meeting.

AIMS Sponsorships

For more information on sponsorship opportunities at 2014 Advanced Immunohematology & Molecular Symposium, please contact:

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SCABB’s 2014 Annual Meeting will be a power house program that will offer you timely and informative educational sessions; peer and industry leader networking opportunities and cutting edge exhibits. The 2014 Annual Meeting, Texas with a Twist, will take place at the Hilton Fort Worth in Fort Worth, Texas, March 30 – April 1, 2014.

CLICK HERE to check out the 2014 Annual Meeting Preliminary Program!

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