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Seventeen Scientists Help ASM Kadner Institute Prepare Young Microbiologists for Rewarding Futures

Seventeen scientists from across the United States honored the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) by accepting invitations to share their considerable professional experience with the next generation of microbiologists at the 2009 ASM Kadner Institute for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scientists in Preparation for Careers in Microbiology. The Institute, held 18 to 22 July at the Boulder Campus of the University of Colorado, is an intensive forum that exposes attendees to key topics important for choosing and succeeding in a microbiology career.

Institute participants meet in groups and informal settings with the Institute faculty, mostly comprised of microbiologists a variety of microbiology career settings, including major research universities, undergraduate and community teaching fields, biotechnology, public policy, clinical microbiology, and public health. Each microbiologist (i) discusses the challenges and opportunities in his or her career choice, (ii) provides advice for preparation for entry into a similar position, and (iii) guides participants in hands-on practice of one or more of the following topics: effective teaching methods, grant writing, scientific presentations and communication, review and critique of research proposals, and opportunities and preparation for diverse careers in microbiology. "This program gives you the chance to really work on your professional development as a scientist," said Patricia Rankin, associate vice chancellor for faculty diversity and development at the University of Colorado, in her Institute welcome address.

Since being developed by the ASM Committee on Graduate and Postdoctoral Education in 2000, the Institute has attracted a superb faculty, chosen with the goal of bringing a broad range of experiences and careers to the Institute. Every effort is made to select faculty members who represent scientific, geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity. ASM thanks this year's faculty, who extensively contributed to the Institute's growing reputation for excellence:

- **Steve Blanke, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** – Career Development: Ethical Case Studies in Authorship and Mentoring (with Claressa Lucas) and Career Development: Pathways to the Professoriate/Setting Up Your Lab/Lab Management Skills
- **Cynthia Cornelissen, Virginia Commonwealth University** – Finding the Right Postdoctoral Position (with Tod Merkel), Career Development: Ethical Case Studies in Authorship and Mentoring (with Francis Macrina), and Career Pathways at a Graduate/Medical Institution
- **Mary-Anne Courtney, University of Rochester** – Presentation Techniques: How to Make an Effective Presentation
- **Robert Duke, University of Texas at Austin** – Career Development: How We Learn . . . and How We Don't
- **Mark Hernandez, University of Colorado at Boulder** – Tips for Enhancing Your Postdoctoral Experience (with Claressa Lucas)
- **Matthew Latimer, Latimer, Mayberry & Matthews IP Law LLP** – Career Development: Ethical Case Studies in Authorship and Mentoring (with Tod Merkel) and Career Pathways in Patent Law
- **Jill Livengood, Inviragen** – Career Pathways in Biotech/Industry

- **Claressa Lucas, Centers for Disease and Prevention** – Career Pathways in Public Health, Career Development: Ethical Case Studies in Authorship and Mentoring (with Steve Blanke), and Tips for Enhancing Your Postdoctoral Experience (with Mark Hernandez)
- **Francis Macrina, Virginia Commonwealth University** – Dual-Use Technology, Career Development: the Ethical Dimensions of Science: Authorship and Mentoring, Career Development: Ethical Case Studies in Authorship and Mentoring (with Cynthia Cornelissen), and Career Case Study: From Assistant Professor to Vice President
- **Victoria McGovern, Burroughs Wellcome Fund** – Career Pathways at a Foundation/Nonprofit
- **Tod Merkel, U.S. Food and Drug Administration**, Career Pathways in a Government/Federal Agency, Career Development: Ethical Case Studies in Authorship and Mentoring (with Matthew Latimer), and Finding the Right Postdoctoral Position (with Cynthia Cornelissen)
- **Kenneth Noll, University of Connecticut, Storrs** – Grant Preparation: NSF Grant Submission Process, Career Development: Developing a CV/Cover Letter and Interviewing Skills (with Erica Suchman), and Career Pathways at an Undergraduate/Graduate Institution
- **Shelley Payne, University of Texas at Austin** – Grant Preparation: Overview of the Grant-Making Enterprise, Career Opportunities in a Teaching Postdoc, and Grant Preparation: Writing Your NIH Grant
- **Keri Poi, Eli Lilly & Company** – Career Pathways in Global Medical Communications – Medical Writing
- **Erica Suchman, Colorado State University** – Career Development: Developing a CV/Cover Letter and Interviewing Skills (with Kenneth Noll) and Career Pathways at an Undergraduate Institution
- **Michael Vasil, University of Colorado at Denver HSC** – Grant Preparation: Viewing Your Grant from the Reviewer’s Perspective
- **Donna M. Wolk, University of Arizona** – Career Pathways in Clinical Microbiology

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