



ASCLS-WI State Convention

April 27-28, 2009

**Radisson Paper Valley
Hotel & Conference
Center
Appleton, WI**



ASCLS-WI

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Eau Claire, WI 54703



ASCLS-WI
together with the
American Medical Technology
and the
American Association of Bioanalysts
Presents
Get in the Game
April 27-28, 2009



Dear Contestant,

The Fox Valley Society for Clinical Laboratory Science would like to invite you to the 2009 ASCLS-WI State Convention: "Get in the Game!". This convention will be different as it will be Monday and Tuesday April 27-28, 2009 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in downtown Appleton. Student Bowl will be held on **Sunday evening April 26, 2009**. As in previous successful conventions the emphasis is on your participation for growth in our professional society. Please come and attend the convention in Appleton-the heart of the Fox Valley. Be a contestant and get in the game!

Cindy Koffman and Virginia Rogers
2009 ASCLS-WI Convention Co-Chairs

General Information

Advance Registration

Meeting attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-register by April 13th, 2009 to receive the discounted registration rate. Please see pages 11 & 12 for the registration form and instructions.

On Site Registration

The registration desk is located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer of the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI.

Registration Desk Hours

Monday, April 27th 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
Tuesday, April 28th 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

Special Registration Information

Non-members: **SAVE MONEY** by joining the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. If you join prior to the meeting, you will receive 14 months of membership for the price of 12 months **AND** you can take advantage of discounted registration rates, effectively making your ASCLS membership **FREE!**

Download and print a Membership Application Form from the ASCLS web site:

www.ascls.org/membership/app.pdf

Send completed membership form and **check payable to ASCLS** along with your 2009 ASCLS-WI meeting registration form and choose the member rate for the meeting.

Badges

Registration identification badges must be worn for admission to all sessions, meetings, workshops and social functions.

Exhibit Hours

Monday, April 27th 11:45 am to 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 28th 10:15 am to 2:00 pm

Daily Prize Drawings!

Your registration packet will have a prize drawing card for each day of the convention. Visit the exhibitors and place your card in the drawing box Monday and Tuesday for an opportunity to win!

Continuing Education Credit

ASCLS-WI is an approved provider of continuing education by the P.A.C.E.® program, which is accepted by the National Credentialing Agency (NCA), ASCP, and all states. The ASCLS-WI annual meeting offers a wide range of educational opportunities to meet your continuing education requirements. Over 38 hours of P.A.C.E.® approved, quality programming will be offered. P.A.C.E.® Certificate of Attendance will be validated on line and a P.A.C.E.® desk will be staffed to assist with the on line process and answer any questions you may have on the ASCLS sponsored P.A.C.E.® program.

Morning Refreshments:

A light continental breakfast will be available in the registration area on both mornings of the event.



Special Events

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Student Bowl 6:00 pm

Our future professionals will be competing in the ASCLS-WI Student Bowl Competition on **Sunday, April 26, 2009**. Teams are slated to determine the State champions in both the CLS and CLT category. The event begins at 6:00 pm at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monday, April 27, 2009

Scholarship Fund Silent Auction

Another great year of wonderful items to bid on in the Exhibit Hall. This is a terrific opportunity to invest in our students and the future of Clinical Laboratory Science! The profits from the auction will be used to fund numerous scholarships including:

- 1 Four-year Scholarship for a high school senior paying \$500 per semester for a total of 8 semesters
- 3 Clinical Year Scholarships for \$1,000 each
- 1 Post Grad Scholarship for \$1,000
- 2 CLT Scholarships for \$500

We welcome donations from groups or individuals; please bring your donations to the registration area. We look forward to your participation and don't forget to bid on the many wonderful items available!

10th Annual Poster Display

The 10th Annual Student Poster Display will be onsite during the entire convention! Enjoy this opportunity to view the new and interesting scientific information presented by our future laboratory professionals!

Student posters are prominently displayed throughout the convention. Judging will take place on Monday, April 27, 2009 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Winners will be announced at Lunch with the Exhibitors Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 12:15 pm.

Monday, April 27, 2009 (continued)

ASCLS-WI Awards 9:45– 10:15 am

Keynote 10:15– 11:45 pm

Joan M. Prince, PhD, CLS and CLSPH(NCA)-MT(ASCP)SH



Joan M. Prince is currently the Chief External Officer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is charged with the global responsibilities of managing external relations for the University. This encompasses the building of innovative and entrepreneurial bridges between academics and the broader private and public sectors of the community through engagement of entities such as international organizations, corporations, NGO's, higher education associations, and other social and civic organizations.

She was featured as one of the 10 Most Powerful Women in Milwaukee in the February 2006 issue of Milwaukee Magazine, and is featured as an honoree in the national 2008 Black Women in Sisterhood Distinguished Black Women calendar.

Special Events 7:00 pm

Oneida Casino Trip

\$10 gets you a spot on the bus bound for the Oneida Casino in Green Bay. Buses will leave at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 27th, following the Wine and Cheese Reception with the exhibitors. How good is your game?

Lambeau Field Tour

\$20 will take you to the hallowed ground of the Frozen Tundra of Lambeau Field. Buses will leave at 7:00 pm following the Wine and Cheese Reception with the exhibitors on Monday, April 27th. Following a tour of Lambeau Field participants will have time to relax in Curly's Pub. Grab a bite to eat or just have a drink as you are surrounded in Packer history.

Monday, April 27, 2009

Lunch with Exhibitors

11:45 – 1:45 pm

The Traditional Italian Buffet Including:
Tossed garden salad with choice of dressings, marinated vegetable salad and antipasto platter, steamed vegetable blend, vegetable lasagna, fettucine marinara, tortellini alfredo, garlic bread and bread sticks, assorted bars and brownie tray, coffee, tea & assorted sodas.
\$12, ticket required.

Available through pre-registration ONLY.

Exhibitors Wine and Cheese Reception and Poster Judging

4:30 – 6:30 pm

After a full day of learning, spend some enjoyable and relaxing time with the vendors while the poster judging takes place. A buffet of assorted Wisconsin Cheeses, Vegetable Crudite, Assorted Sodas, water and a cash bar will be available.

All meeting participants are invited to attend. Badges are required. **Please RSVP on the registration form.**

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Lunch with Exhibitors

12:15 – 2:00 pm

The Wisconsin Classic Buffet Including:
Grilled bratwurst, hamburgers and BBQ Chicken Breast, German potato salad, coleslaw, ranch style baked beans, sliced watermelon, leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions, kosher pickle spears, potato chips, assorted rolls, whole grain and yellow mustards, ketchup, pickle relish, and sauerkraut, assorted bars and brownie tray, coffee, tea & assorted sodas.
\$12, ticket required.

Available through pre-registration ONLY.

ASCLS-WI Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

7:30– 9:00 am

**All ASCLS members are invited to attend.
Please RSVP on the registration form.**

Thank You to the 2009 ASCLS-WI Annual Meeting Planning Committee

We appreciate the individuals who volunteered their time and effort to make this program possible.

Cindy Koffman and Virginia Rogers, Co-Chairs

Mary Dikeman	Karen Johaneck
Brenda Ehlert	Donna Jost
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Special Appreciation

ASCLS-WI gratefully acknowledges the following organizations for their generous support of speakers and/or financial contributions towards this event.

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Timemed Labeling
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University of WI Hospitals & Clinics**

Without the contributions of the above organizations, we would not be able to offer this comprehensive, quality program.

Hotel Accommodations

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

333 W. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54911
888-201-1718
www.radisson.com

Room Rates: \$112 single/double

Call by March 29, 2009, mention ASCLS-WI and receive the discounted rate while these rooms are available.

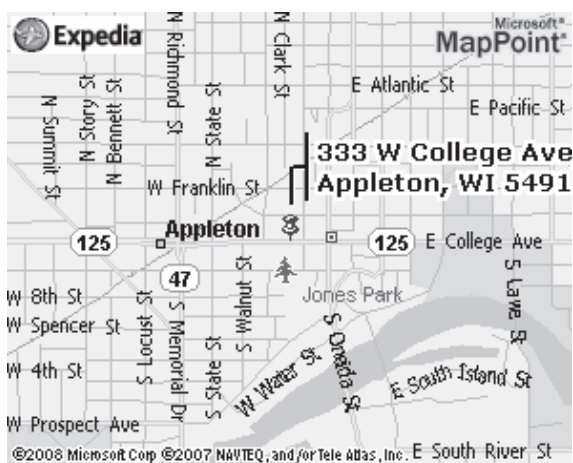
Directions:

From La Crosse: Take I-90 E toward Madison. Merge onto I-94 W via EXIT 45 on the left toward Eau Claire. Take the WI-21 EXIT, EXIT 143, toward US12/Tomah. Continue to follow WI-21 E. Merge onto US-41 N via the ramp on the left toward Appleton. Merge onto WI-125 E/W College Ave. via EXIT 137 toward Appleton/Lawrence University.

From Madison: Take US-151 N. Merge onto WI-26 N via EXIT 148 toward Rosendale/Oshkosh. Merge onto US-41 N via the ramp on the LEFT toward Oshkosh/Appleton/Green Bay. Merge onto WI-125 E/W College Ave. via EXIT 137 toward Appleton/Lawrence University.

From Milwaukee: Take I-94 W/US-41 N. Continue to follow I-94 W. Merge onto US-45 N. via EXIT 305B toward Fond du Lac. Take US-41 N toward Fond du Lac. Merge onto WI-125 E/W College Ave. via EXIT 137 toward Appleton/Lawrence University.

Parking is available in the Downtown Appleton Public Parking Ramps for \$1 per entry.



Educational Program

NOTE: One hour of P.A.C.E.[®] credit equals 1 contact hour. **(B)**= Basic level; no prior knowledge necessary. **(I)**= Intermediate level; some prior knowledge necessary. **(A)**= Advanced level; extensive prior knowledge needed.

Monday, April 27, 2009

- #1 Packaging and Shipping Relay (I)**
CAROL KIRK, LABORATORY NETWORK COORDINATOR – This interactive session will use game-playing to illustrate the correct packaging of clinical samples for transport within Wisconsin and a correctly completed dangerous goods form. The presenter will provide a brief overview of category A and B packaging requirements and the elements of a correctly completed dangerous goods form.
- #2 Lipids (I)**
DR. ANN LIEBESKIND - This session will review advanced lipid and cardiac risk marker testing being used in clinical practice. Participants will learn how these tests can help individualize preventive cardiology care. Cases will be used to demonstrate the value of risk markers and risk factors.
- #3 Diagnosis of Systemic Rheumatic Disease and Vasculitis (I)**
CAROL PEEBLES, MS, MT(ASCP) - The seminar discusses the use of autoantibodies in the diagnosis of systemic rheumatic disease and vasculitis. It presents the clinical as well as the laboratory observations in patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD), systemic sclerosis (SSc), Sjogren's Syndrome (SS) and polymyositis (PM/DM), and vasculitis.
Sponsored by Inova Diagnostics
- #4 The Size and Shape of Things - Standardizing RBC and WBC Morphology Reports (I)**
JERI WALTERS, MT(ASCP)SH – This presentation focuses on a standard method for reporting clinically significant RBC and WBC morphology. Topics include: clinical significance of abnormal red cell shapes and sizes, the RDW-CV and RDW-SD measurements, the eternal band and lymphocytes.
- #5 Interviewing (B)**
LAUREN TONIES – Interviewing for your dream job? Or perhaps you are interviewing for your first professional job. This session will help you prepare for that important interview by covering tips and strategies for successfully landing that job offer.

#6 Get in the Game: A Life of Strategic “Doing” vs. Strategic “Planning” (B)

JOAN M. PRINCE, PhD, CLS AND CLSPH(NCA) - MT(ASCP)SH – Multi-tasking is the way we live. Do you see yourself “going” and “coming” at the same time? Are you juggling so many balls that you forget to enjoy the ride? This session will provide an opportunity for synchronizing what we strategically plan for ourselves with what we truly want to do for ourselves.

#7 Emerging Pathogens (B)

PETER A. SHULT, PhD - The presentation will highlight influenza as an emerging pathogen and provide up to date information on seasonal, avian and pandemic influenza. Focus will be on public health impact and public health preparedness and response effort. This presentation will provide background material for Carol Kirk’s “Pandemic Poker” exercise.

#8 The Latest POCT Care Regulations (B)

SHARON EHRMEYER, PhD, MT(ASCP) - Today’s POCT sites must comply with a myriad of requirements that seem to change regularly. The recipe for successful compliance is to know your regulations and have a practical game plan in place. This presentation will address the most up-to-date POCT regulations and changes in key areas, including those for proficiency testing and EQC.

Sponsored by Roche Diagnostics

#9 How the Laboratory Aids the Physician in the Diagnosis of Autoimmune Liver and GI Disease (I)

CAROL PEEBLES, MS, MT(ASCP) - The lecture will discuss the clinical aspects as well as the antibody profiles characteristic of autoimmune liver disease, primary biliary cirrhosis, celiac disease and inflammatory bowel disease including ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s disease. It will highlight some of the newer tests available for diagnosis as well as prognosis.

#10 Retirement Planning (B)

SHARON EILERTSON FC, FIC AND BART MALCOMSON – *How to Thrive in Retirement* is a one hour interactive workshop developed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The workshop serves as a financial wake-up call to inspire the participants to take steps to prepare for the exciting journey towards retirement that lies ahead.

#11 “Anemia, Aging, and Diagnostic Analysis-Finding Clues With New Biochemical Markers” (I)

VERNON L. MUSTOE, PhD, MT(ASCP) - Anemia is a pervasive and persistent problem for many people around the world. The program is intended to increase awareness of the incidence and complexity of anemia and to elucidate the role of the Laboratory in the management of this disease including the use of emerging biochemical markers.

Sponsored by Beckman Coulter, Inc.

#12 Pandemic Poker (I)

CAROL KIRK, BS, LABORATORY NETWORK COORDINATOR - This will be an interactive session in which attendees will “play” a simple game with cards and chips to illustrate problems that laboratories are likely to encounter during an influenza pandemic. Actions that can be taken to avoid or respond to specific problems will be identified and discussed.

#13 Hematology (B)

DIANE SCHIMELFENY, MT(ASCP)SH - This presentation will discuss new Coulter technologies for both CBC and automated differential and the use of cell population data to detect cell abnormalities.

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#14 Toxicology in the Clinical Laboratory (I)

DR. JOYCE FLANAGAN, PhD, DABCC, FACB - Toxicology in the clinical laboratory. How it is done and its clinical applications.

#15 Investment Fundamentals (B)

SHARON EILERTSON FC, FIC AND BART MALCOMSON– *Investment Fundamentals* covers the basics of investing. It compares stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and annuities. It covers investment approaches, and explores investment objectives, risk tolerance and dollar cost averaging. It is an excellent presentation for those new to investing.

#16 It’s Your Life, It’s Your Choice, A New Day Has Come (I)

LEZLEE KOCH, ASCLS REGION V DIRECTOR - Kick back never...Lead the pack always...A new day has come...Develop the leader in you through self - awareness, professional engagement, and investment in your most important asset...You!

#17 Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis, and Babesiosis (I)

THOMAS NOVICKI, PhD, DABMM - This session will review the clinical presentations and laboratory diagnosis of these diseases. Epidemiology in the upper Midwest will also be presented.

#18 Shining the Light on Vitamin D (I)

AMY K. SAENGER, PhD - Vitamin D has been appreciated for its role in calcium homeostasis and bone health since its identification in 1921. Even so, much attention has recently been placed on vitamin D concentrations, as a majority of patients encountered are considered to have vitamin D deficiency. Advances in biochemical assessment, therapeutic goals for vitamin D nutrition for optimal bone health, and the association of vitamin D deficiency with nonskeletal disease have revived interest in this hormone. Analytical advances have been made in accurate and precise quantitation of vitamin D, although many methodologies have pitfalls.

Sponsored by Consultants Laboratory of WI & Mayo Medical Laboratories

#19 Male Infertility (B)

JOSHUA MODDER, MD - Male infertility overview. Discussion will include definition and symptoms, risk factors, prevalence, assessment, and treatment. Focus on evaluation and testing for the development of condition management. Current advances in evaluation and treatment options.

#20 Licensure For Laboratory Professionals (I)

PANEL DISCUSSION – Why licensure for laboratory professionals in Wisconsin? Certification may not be enough to protect patient safety if non-credentialed individuals are able to perform and report laboratory test results for making diagnoses. Like other health care professionals, we must protect our scope of practice. Joint Commission does not recognize medical technologists, cytotechnologists, etc. as professionals because we are not licensed. Lack of recognition as a health care professional is one of the major concerns of practicing laboratory professionals. Without licensure, laboratory professionals are excluded when determining first responders for Emergency Preparedness. This panel discussion will address issues related to licensure and the proposed time line for implementing the process. The ASCLS-WI Board of Directors and patient safety advocates recognize that care givers/providers should be licensed - help us get the task completed!

#21 Advances in the Detection of MRSA and VRE (I)

NATHAN A. LEDEBOER, PhD, D(ABMM) - This session will describe novel techniques for direct detection of MRSA and VRE from clinical specimens. The speaker will discuss use of available molecular techniques as well as advances in culture-based techniques.

#22 MRSA Susceptibility Testing and Results of a Validation Study for Wisconsin Clinical Laboratories (I)

DAVE WARSHAUER, PhD, DABMM - This presentation will review the results of an antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) validation study of staphylococcal isolates in Wisconsin clinical laboratories and provide current information on staphylococcal AST.

#23 Antibodies Against Citrullinated Peptides (I)

MELISSA R. SNYDER, PhD – This session will focus on antibodies against citrullinated peptides in the context of rheumatoid arthritis. During this session, the diagnostic criteria for rheumatoid arthritis, the measurement of antibodies against citrullinated peptides, and the interpretation of this autoantibody test will be discussed.

Sponsored by Theda Care & Mayo Medical Laboratories

#24 Latest Developments in the Pharmacogenetics of Warfarin (I)

MICHAEL CALDWELL, MD, PhD, FACS - This session will discuss recent developments in the pharmacogenetics of warfarin and describe the use of genetic information to guide warfarin dosing.

#25 “MyDNA” - Cancer Biomarker’s Role in Personalized Medicine (I)

HOLLY PINDER, MT(ASCP), CLSp(MB)(CG) - Molecular diagnostics is revolutionizing the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. This session will review the role of cancer biomarkers and take a more in depth look at a few including BCRABL, JAK2 and FLT3/NPM1 and how these assays are run in a clinical lab.

#26 HPV (B)

SARA DENNIS, MD - This session will explore the effects of the human papilloma virus on human health. The lecture will include an overview of epidemiology, natural disease process, current diagnosis, treatment and prevention of HPV related diseases.

#27 MRSA: An Update on an Old Enemy (B)

GWEN BORLAUG, CIC, MPH - Key components of the modern patient safety movement are infection prevention and control programs designed to reduce preventable health care associated infection rates to historic lows, but ever - adapting microbes such as methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) constantly challenge these efforts. Participants will learn about the changing epidemiology of MRSA and the role clinical laboratory scientists play in infection prevention strategies.

#28 Clinical Applications of Mesenchymal & Hematopoietic Stem Cells (I)

LANCE D. TRAINOR, MD - The session will focus on the historic, current, and future uses of stem cell therapies in the management of human disease. Applicable definitions, clinical uses, and the biology of hematopoietic and mesenchymal stem cells will be presented.

#29 Overview of Palliative Care (B)

ANDREW DAVID LAND, RN, BSN, CHPN - Palliative Medicine is one of the fastest growing specialties in our health care system. It has been recognized by groups such as the National Quality Forum as one of the top 5 changes needed to improve our system. Palliative care services have been shown to reduce costs while improving patient satisfaction and outcomes.

#30 Fetal Fibronectin Measurement: A Valuable Predictor of Preterm Birth (I)

VICTORIA M. MALLON, MT(ASCP)CLS – The primary focus of this session will be on fetal fibronectin as a biochemical marker associated with the risk of preterm birth. Additionally, this presentation will provide information on the general risk, incidence, and consequences of preterm birth.

#31 Team Building and Equine Assisted Learning (B)

LINDA FOREBACK– Discover an exciting tool utilizing the horse’s natural ability to identify and adjust the attitudes and characteristics found within groups. Horses masterfully teach life lessons and prompt core changes in the way we approach our work environment. The herd dynamics of an EAL exercise become powerful metaphors for leadership, teamwork, communication and conflict resolution.

#32 “What’s That Gram Stain?” (I)

ERIN BOWLES, MT(ASCP) - This interactive lecture will review Gram Stain Fundamentals. The focus will be on proper slide preparation and interpretation of the gram stain with an emphasis on how to quantitate and report organism morphologies in order to provide a meaningful gram stain report to the physician.

#33 Safety of the Blood Supply (I)

LANCE D. TRAINOR, MD – The session will provide an overview of the current safety of the blood supply. Infectious disease transmission rates, donor testing requirements, and transfusion reactions associated with blood transfusion will be covered, as well as future opportunities for improving transfusion safety.

#34 Going Green in the Lab (B)

GARY A. KUSNIERZ, MSEM - Lean, evidence-based, and sustainable design concepts will be shared to help participants understand the impact they have on an enhanced patient experience. Organization and Lab examples of sustainability that support Triple Bottom Line cultured transformation will also be discussed.

#35 Integrative Medicine (B)

DR. JENNIFER NORDEN - Integrative medicine is a healing oriented medicine that combines the best of conventional care with evidence - based complementary therapies to provide a holistic approach to patient’s care. The discussion will include nutrition, vitamins and supplementation, mind - body therapies and acupuncture.

#36 WHEPP (Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program) - An Overview (B)

GREG GIBBONS, RN, MS – This program provides an overview of the Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program (WHEPP), its goals and objectives, accomplishments, and future directions.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, June 6th, is the ASCLS-WI night at the Wisconsin Timber Rattler game. You might be the lucky winner of tickets to the game when you visit the exhibits. Order blanks for tickets will be in your registration packets or you can stop in at the Timber Rattler’s box office while you are in town and pick up your tickets. A special group rate has been reserved for our members!

7:00 - 3:30	Registration				
7:00 – 8:00	Good Morning & Welcome! A light continental breakfast				
8:00 – 9:30 Educator's Meeting 8:15 - 9:30	1. Packaging and Shipping Relay Carol Kirk, BS, Laboratory Network Coordinator	2. Lipids Dr. Ann Liebeskind	3. Diagnosis of Systemic Rheumatic Disease and Vasculitis Carol Peebles, MS, MT(ASCP)	4. The Size and Shape of Things - Standardizing RBC and WBC Morphology Reports Jeri Walters, MT(ASCP)SH	5. Interviewing Lauren Tonies
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10:15 – 11:45	6. KEYNOTE Get In The Game: A Life of Strategic "Doing" vs. Strategic "Planning" Joan M. Prince, PhD, CLS and CLSPH(NCA) - MT(ASCP)SH				
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4:30 – 5:00	Post Convention Committee Meeting				
5:00– 6:30	ASCLS-WI Board of Directors Dinner Meeting				

Registration Instructions

- 1. General Registration (Monday and Tuesday):** Fee includes admission to meetings, general sessions, refreshment breaks, exhibits. All meal functions require additional fees. It is important to indicate for which day(s) you are registering and which sessions you will be attending to ensure adequate seating. **Be advised that under-subscribed sessions may be cancelled.** Room assignments and locations for sessions will be available at the meeting registration desk.
- 2. Student Registration:** Students who are enrolled in a full time laboratory curriculum may register for one day only or for both days at rates indicated. Fee includes admission to meetings, general sessions, refreshment breaks, meals, and exhibits. All meal functions require additional fees. It is important to indicate for which day(s) you are registering and which sessions you will be attending to ensure adequate seating. **Be advised that under-subscribed sessions may be cancelled.** Room assignments and locations for sessions will be available at the meeting registration desk.
- 3. Guest Pass:** Includes access to exhibits, social events and the poster sessions. Meal functions and sessions requiring special fees are NOT included and must be purchased separately prior to April 13, 2009.
- 4. Emeritus members of ASCLS:** Receive reduced General Registration; however a registration form must be submitted so a badge can be prepared. Meal functions and sessions requiring special fees are NOT included and must be purchased separately.
- 5. Early registration:** Registration Forms with payment must be postmarked by April 13, 2009 to receive the discounted rate. After this date, ALL registrants MUST pay an additional \$10 fee. Registrations may be faxed to (715) 833-8656 to qualify for early registration. Payment should then be sent prior to the meeting. Meal function tickets will not be available for purchase on the day of the event.
- 6. Payment of fees:** Mail check (U.S. dollars only), payable to **ASCLS-WI** and registration form to ASCLS-WI Annual Meeting, 5395 North Shore Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54703. For questions contact Joy Bergeron at (800) 296-5954 or email to: joy@classicevents.net
- 7. Cancellation policy:** Refunds equal to the amount paid, less \$10.00 administrative fee, will be given to those registrants whose written notice of cancellation is received by April 13, 2009, fax to (715) 833-8656. After April 13, 2009, 50% of any fees paid will be refunded if ASCLS-WI received notification by April 23, 2009. Cancellations after April 24, 2009, may not be refunded.
- 8. Special needs:** If you have special needs that require accommodation, contact Joy Bergeron at (800) 296-5954 to make appropriate arrangements.
- 9. Registrant directory:** ASCLS-WI will develop a directory of all conference registrants that will be available to attendees and exhibitors upon request. Please check the box near the top of the registration form if you would like your name **withheld** from this directory.

COMING TO TOWN EARLY?

If you are planning on coming to town early to enjoy a nice spring weekend in the Fox Valley consider joining the MS Walk that will be held in both Appleton and Fond du Lac on Sunday, April 26th. This is a great way to Get in the Game and help fight MS. Additional details are available at www.wisms.org or by contacting Cindy Koffman at koffman@kmoraine.com.