Regional Education Workshops

Workshop 1
Monte Carlo Las Vegas Resort and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 18 - 20, 2013

Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada

Workshop 2
B Ocean Hotel Fort Lauderdale
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
June 6 - 8, 2013

Early Registration Deadlines:
Las Vegas • April 5, 2013 • Ft. Lauderdale • May 24, 2013

www.ashi-hla.org/events/regional-workshops
The ASHI Education Committee cordially invites you to attend this year’s ASHI Regional Workshops in Las Vegas, NV and Fort Lauderdale, FL. Our Keynote Speaker will provide an update on the exciting new field of Face Transplantation at our Thursday evening reception. Please make plans to arrive early, as you won’t want to miss out on this remarkable topic! The faculty is eager to share their expertise and experience with the attendees. Our goal is to provide an interactive, educational atmosphere for the novice to the experienced bench technologist and supervisor, with some essential theory and practical application in the laboratory.

The Committee encourages you to actively participate in the workshop. Technical laboratory staff may submit a case study for the opportunity to win a $500 award! The ASHI Regionals have been developed for the technologist, so take advantage of the chance to put your own personal mark on them.

Our host cities provide a wonderful opportunity for attendees to get away from the academic rigors of the sessions so get out and enjoy your surroundings. Extend your stay in Las Vegas and take in a show, experience the Fountains of Bellagio, or try your luck at one of Las Vegas’ many casinos. If you’re going to Fort Lauderdale you won’t want to miss the beach, it’s right in front of the hotel! You can also rent a bike to see the rest of the beach front strip or head to Las Olas, Fort Lauderdale’s most popular shopping and dining district.

On behalf of the faculty, I am honored to invite you to be part of the 2013 Regional Education Workshops. We hope that you find the workshops to be a rewarding and educational experience that you can share with your colleagues.

Lori Osowski, MS, CHS
Chair, ASHI Education Committee
Howard M. Gebel, PhD, D(ABHI)

Dr. Howard M. Gebel is a Professor of Pathology and Co-Director of the Histocompatibility and Molecular Immunogenetics (HLA) Laboratory at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He is a frequent lecturer at local, national and international transplant forums in the areas of flow cytometric methodology, antibody screening, and pre and post-transplant antibody evaluation of allograft recipients. He is a member of the Scientific Registry for Transplant Recipients (SRTR) and provides guidance/advice related to aspects of histocompatibility testing. He is also the SRTR liaison to the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) Histocompatibility Committee. He co-directs the core laboratory facility for HLA antibody studies funded by the Immune Tolerance Network (ITN) and is a co-investigator in the NIH funded CTOT (Clinical Trials of Organ Transplantation) studies. Dr. Gebel is an editorial board member for the American Journal of Transplantation, Transplantation Immunology and Human Immunology.

Walter Herczyk, MT(ASCP), CHS

Mr. Walter Herczyk is currently the manager for the Transplant Immunology and Immunogenetics Laboratory at the University of Chicago Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Herczyk received his BS from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Medical Technology.

He started in HLA in 1989 at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. In 1993 he accepted a position at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where he assisted in establishing the laboratory. In 2000, Mr. Herczyk accepted a position at Duke University Medical Center. Then in 2006 he moved to Chicago to start another laboratory at the University of Chicago Medicine.

Mr. Herczyk has been actively involved with the ASHI and has served or currently serving on various committees and boards. He has been involved with both the regional and national ASHI meetings throughout the years.

John G. Lunz, III, PhD

Dr. G. John Lunz is an Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the Assistant Director of the UPMC Tissue Typing Laboratory. He earned his PhD in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007 and subsequently began training in histocompatibility under the direction of Dr. Adriana Zeevi while holding an NIH post-doctoral fellowship in Transplantation Biology.

Dr. Lunz has been an ASHI member since 2008, and is a member of the Proficiency Testing Committee. His work in the laboratory focuses on all facets of histocompatibility testing for transplantation. He has a particular interest in pre- and post-transplant HLA antibody monitoring for solid organ recipients and learning how these results correlate with clinical events.

Dimitri S. Monos, PhD

Dr. Dimitri S. Monos is a Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine and Director of the Immunogenetics Laboratory at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He received his PhD from Georgetown and has spent time as postdoctoral fellow at NIH and the University of Pennsylvania and as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University. Since 1990 he has been in the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. His work has been focusing in studying structural and functional aspects of the HLA molecules. More specifically he has been instrumental in the development of DNA-based methods for HLA typing and more recently for introducing Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) as a means to develop a comprehensive HLA typing system free of ambiguities. He has contributed in elucidating the role of specific structural elements on the HLA molecules in disease associations and through Genome Wide Association Studies identify other genomic regions that in conjunction with HLAs participate in the disease process. The detailed characterization of these genomic regions along with the MHC using NGS is now the focus of his research. He has published extensively in most areas of Immunogenetics and has been invited to lecture in many universities and national and international conferences.
### Thursday

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Welcome Reception
On Thursday evening, join fellow meeting participants and national faculty members as ASHI kicks off each Regional Workshop with refreshments and hors d’oeuvres.

Be sure to arrive early to hear this year’s keynote address.

Case Study Contest
Case studies will be accepted into the contest on a first come, first-served basis, with a maximum of eight case studies accepted per meeting.

The highest-ranking case study, per meeting, will receive a $500 award!

Case studies submitted and presented will be judged by an audience of their peers and winners will be announced prior to the debate on Saturday afternoon. Please review the submission deadlines below and submit all Case Studies via e-mail to Lori Osowski at losowski@umm.edu.

Submission Details
• First come, first serve entry, maximum of 8 case studies accepted per meeting
• $500 award per meeting
• Open only to technologists and supervisors
• Prepare a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation
• Winners will be acknowledged in the ASHI Quarterly

Submission Deadlines
Las Vegas, NV: 3/18
Fort Lauderdale, FL: 5/6

Debate
Audience participation required! Enjoy a lively debate amongst this year’s national faculty. Audience members will be prompted to choose a side as arguments are heard and challenged.

Rental Car
Avis is the official rental car supplier for the 2013 Regional Education Workshops. For reservations, call Avis directly (800) 331-1600 and refer to the Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number J869090.

Hotel Accommodations
Hotel reservations must be made directly with each hotel by calling the toll free telephone number or online reservation link provided for each workshop. Please mention the ASHI Regional Education Workshop in order to receive the discounted rate. A credit card or one night’s deposit may be required to guarantee your reservation. Please DO NOT send your hotel request to the ASHI office.

3 Ways to Register:
1. Online Registration
   click here to register
2. Fax completed registration forms to: (877) 716-6404
3. Mail and make checks payable to:
   ASHI Headquarters
   15000 Commerce Parkway,
   Suite C
   Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
Monte Carlo Las Vegas Resort and Casino
3770 South Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Phone: (702) 730-7777
Toll free reservations: (888) 529-4828

Click here for online reservations

Hotel Reservation Deadline: March 25

ASHI Discounted Room Rate: $135+tax and lower

Monte Carlo is Las Vegas’ ultimate value getaway in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip. Unpretentiously luxurious accommodations and AAA Four Diamond awarded services all in the best location on the Strip. Everything you need for an amazing Las Vegas experience is all right here at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino.

This AAA Four Diamond Award winning property features everything with its newly remodeled and renovated: casino area, hotel guestrooms, restaurants and shopping. The Monte Carlo is also situated adjacent from the newest addition to Las Vegas, City Center Resort, and has complimentary tram service that takes our guests direct into Crystals (shopping mall at City Center) and onto the Bellagio Resort & Casino.

Local Transportation Information

McCarran International Airport (LAS) Ground Transportation:
More than ten taxi companies provide service to and from the airport and locations throughout Las Vegas. Taxi cab service is regulated by the Nevada Taxicab Authority, a Nevada State agency responsible for issuing medallions and setting fares. Cab fares from McCarran International Airport to Monte Carlo Las Vegas run between $15 - $20.

- Some taxis will not accept credit card payments. Customers should notify the attendant if they plan to use a credit card for payment.
- There is a $1.80 charge on all fares originating at the airport.
- The maximum number of passengers allowed in any taxi is five (5), including infants and children.

Showtime Shuttles Las Vegas provides service to the Strip Downtown and Off-Strip hotels. Shuttle service between the airport and Off-Strip hotels is about $7 and $14 round trip. For service call (888) 519-5466 visit www.shuttlelasvegas.com. You can also locate Showtime Shuttles at Terminal 1 exit the Baggage Claim at Door 10 and Terminal 3 Baggage Claim between Doors 2 and 3 and Doors 6 and 7.

Additional ground transportation information can be found by visiting the airport website at www.mccarran.com.
Workshop 2
B Ocean Hotel Fort Lauderdale • Fort Lauderdale, Florida • June 6 - 8, 2013

B Ocean Hotel Fort Lauderdale
999 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Phone: (954) 564-1000
Toll free reservations: (888) 662-4683
Click here for online reservations
Hotel Reservation Deadline: May 17

ASHI Discounted Room Rate: $139+tax

Just steps away from the sea foam of the beautiful Fort Lauderdale beach, B Ocean Fort Lauderdale offers you a sensational experience: ocean view hotel accommodations, unique restaurants and lounging areas, B Indulged® spa suite and a variety of excursions for those guests looking to B Adventurous and explore the destination. Our B on Top ballroom and meeting rooms on the penthouse floor overlook the Atlantic Ocean, the beautiful beach and the Intracoastal waterways, presenting a special setting for social and business gatherings in sophistication and style. Wireless Internet access is complimentary throughout the hotel including your guestroom.

Local Transportation Information
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)
Ambassador Taxi Service at (954) 779-7777 and Go Airport Shuttle at 1-(877) 544-4646 are available at all Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Int’l Airport terminals; cabs are available on demand around the clock at the Airport. Please check in at the Taxi Podium located outside the baggage area on the lower level at the curb of each terminal.

Taxi cabs may accept up to five people for the fare stated on the taxi’s meters. They also accept credit cards.

Cab fares from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport to B Ocean Hotel Fort Lauderdale run between $25 - $35.

Shuttle fares roundtrip run about $13 one-way and $26 roundtrip.

Please visit www.broward.org/Airport/Transportation/Pages/Default.aspx for more information regarding Ground Transportation at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.
Please submit your registration form to the ASHI executive office (see address below). To guarantee obtaining the discounted rate, please note the early registration deadline for each workshop.

Please select the Regional Education Workshop you wish to Attend:

- **Las Vegas, Nevada**
  - April 18-20, 2013
  - Early Registration Deadline: Friday, April 5
- **Fort Lauderdale, Florida**
  - June 6-8, 2013
  - Early Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24

Please print clearly: This information will be used to print your badge.

First Name:        Last Name:

ASHI Membership Identification Number:

Institution:

Address:

City:      State:   Zip:  Country:

Daytime Phone:       Fax:

E-mail address:        ☐ Check here if Meeting Sponsor

Please indicate any special needs:

If you wish to become a member of ASHI, please visit the ASHI Web site, www.ashi-hla.org, to download a membership application. Please note: An additional $50 will apply to all registrations received after the early registration deadline dates provided.

Please Check Any Box Which Applies to You:

**Early Registration Fees:**
(refer to the dates provided under each workshop)

- Full Workshop
  - Member: $250/Non-Member: $275
- Welcome Reception (FREE)
- Single Day: Friday
  - (April 19 or June 7)
  - Member: $199/Non-Member: $225
- Single Day: Saturday
  - (April 20 or June 8)
  - Member: $199/Non-Member: $225

**Regular/Onsite Registration Fees:**

- Full Workshop
  - Member: $300/Non-Member: $325
- Welcome Reception (FREE)
- Single Day: Friday
  - (April 19 or June 7)
  - Member: $249/Non-Member: $275
- Single Day: Saturday
  - (April 20 or June 8)
  - Member: $249/Non-Member: $275

**Total Amount for Registration:**

$ ______________

**Method of Payment:**

- ☐ Check / Money Order
- ☐ VISA
- ☐ MasterCard
- ☐ American Express

Card Number:       Expiration Date:       Signature: (required)

Full Name on Credit Card:  

All funds should be in U.S. currency and drawn on a U.S. bank. If you send a check drawn on a non-U.S. bank, enclose $25 additional for processing fees. Make all checks or money orders out to ASHI.

Cancellation Policy: Written cancellation of registration must be received one month prior to the meeting. There will be no refund for cancellations made after that or for “no shows.” There will be a $25 processing fee for all cancellation requests. Substitutions of registrants are permitted. Refunds will be processed after the meeting.

Make all checks payable to: ASHI  •  15000 Commerce Parkway, Suite C  •  Mount Laurel, NJ  08054

Incomplete registrations or registrations received without payment will not be processed.

For any questions contact ASHI Executive Office Meetings Department  •  Phone: (856) 638-0428  •  Fax: (877) 716-6404