

▪ **CRB Workshop, May 16, 2018**

Building and Applying Your Troubleshooting ‘Toolkit’ – An Interactive Approach

"For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for Nature cannot be fooled." – Richard Feynman famously uttered these words referring to the Challenger disaster and the tendency of hubris to confound attempts at root cause analysis. This is a struggle we deal with every day in the laboratory, because sometimes it just isn't a bunch of 'bad eggs.'



In this workshop participants will hear from several established members of our field as they relay best practices for methodical, unbiased troubleshooting of all areas of the laboratory. This will be followed by a practical, interactive session where small groups will have the opportunity to apply and hone the skills they have learned, identify the pitfalls of pride and ego, and develop a network of colleagues for assistance when necessary.

▪ **2018 CRB Symposium Topics** (preliminary list as of 10/2/17)

- The Industrialization of IVF – Moving Away from the “Mom and Pop Shop” to Tech-heavy Standardized Approaches
- PGS – A Townhall Debate Regarding Usage, Value, and Ethics of this Increasingly Prescribed Technique
- CRISPR – A Technical Overview and In-depth Look at How This May Impact Our Field
- The Artificial Uterus – Approaching Extended Culture from the Other Direction
- ERA – What do We Really Know about the Implantation Window
- Mitochondrial Assays – Another Way to Evaluate Embryos
- International IVF – The Financial, Political, and Social Factors that Shape IVF Outside of the U.S. and What It Means for Our Future
- “The New Embryologist” – A Critical Look at How the Evolution of IVF Has Opened the Door to a New Breed of Embryologists and Laboratory Directors with Decidedly Different Proficiencies
- Managing an IVF Laboratory “Franchise”

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
CRB Workshop

Thursday, May 17, 2018

8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Educational Program
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception

Friday, May 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Educational Program
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Reception and Poster Session

Saturday, May 19, 2018

9:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Educational Program

▪ **Roundtables** ▪ **Oral Abstracts** ▪ **Poster Session**

Call for Abstracts: \$250 Cash Prizes to be Awarded for Best Abstracts Submitted

Financial Aid Program

Details on back...



22nd Annual CRB Symposium

May 17-19, 2018

NEW LOCATION: Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida

Share what you have learned with your colleagues and you may win \$250!

Plan now to submit an abstract for oral presentation or for the poster session at the 2018 CRB Symposium. Authors are encouraged to submit titles and abstracts for consideration in Assisted Reproductive Technology or Traditional Laboratory (chemistry, microbiology, hematology, immunology, molecular diagnostics, environmental, public health).

All abstracts submitted are eligible for consideration for one of two \$250 cash prizes!

Abstracts for oral presentation are limited to assisted reproductive technology. Abstracts for poster presentations will be accepted in the areas of assisted reproductive technology and the traditional laboratory. Membership in the AAB and the CRB is not a requirement for submitting an abstract. There is no limit to the number of abstracts you may author. However, the first author or person submitting an abstract(s) must register for the Symposium (Friday daily, full Symposium, or combo [workshop and symposium] registration) and be present during presentations and/or the poster session. Oral abstract presentations are tentatively scheduled for Friday afternoon, May 18. The poster session will be held on Friday evening, May 18. **March 5, 2018**, is the deadline for abstract submission. Learn more and submit an abstract online at www.aab.org.

Financial Aid Program for 2018 AAB Conference and CRB Symposium

The Financial Aid Program, available through the generosity of AAB members, has been set up to assist young scientists/technologists to attend the Conference/Symposium and encourage them to be active in the AAB/CRB. Recipients will receive a financial award that pays their registration fees associated with attending the 2018 AAB Conference/CRB Symposium. Applicants must complete an online application, provide a current CV, and, if applicable, submit an abstract. **March 5, 2018**, is the deadline to apply for the 2018 Conference/Symposium. Learn more and apply online at www.aab.org.

NEW LOCATION FOR 2018: Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819

The Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819, is a standout among Orlando's finest hotels with award-winning hospitality and service. All sleeping rooms were completely renovated in December 2015. Hotel features include:

- A variety of food and beverage options, including Café Matisse, Jack's Place, The Lobby Bar, '39 Poolside Bar & Grill, Smooth Java & Gift Shop (serves Starbucks® coffee), and Lite Bite Express 24-hour Deli/Shop.
- Swimming pool, whirlpool spa and state-of the art fitness center with Life Fitness equipment and free weights.
- The Rosen Plaza is surrounded by Orlando's world-famous attractions – SeaWorld Orlando®, Universal Orlando Resort™, Walt Disney World Resort®, and much more.
- \$8.00 per day self-parking for AAB/CRB hotel guests who are driving in or renting a car.

The Orlando International Airport (MCO) is just over 13 miles from the Rosen Plaza Hotel (20 to 30-minute travel time, depending on traffic) and offers one of the largest flight selections in the country. With service to 100+ cities world-wide and an average of 745 scheduled flight operations per day, travelers should be able to find a convenient arrival/departure time.

The group room rate is **\$163 per night, single or double occupancy**, plus applicable taxes (currently 13.5%). Make your hotel reservations online at www.aab.org or call the Rosen Plaza Hotel: **(800)627-8258**. Be sure to ask for rooms reserved for the American Association of Bioanalysts. **April 23, 2018**, is the deadline date for guaranteed availability of hotel rooms. We anticipate rooms will go quickly, so reserve your space early. Contact Shannon Hood at the AAB office if you have any problems reserving a room: (314)241-1445.

Make plans now to attend. The CRB Symposium is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting and educational conference of the American Association of Bioanalysts. Visit www.aab.org for more information and helpful links.