

▶ American Society for Cell Biology

The 2002 American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) Annual Meeting will be held December 14–18 in San Francisco. The ASCB was founded in 1960 to bring the varied facets of cell biology together. The society's objective is to provide for the exchange of scientific knowledge in the area of cell biology. It does so through the scholarly dissemination of research at its annual meeting and in its publications, and strives to ensure the future of basic scientific research by providing training and development opportunities for students and young investigators. The society also keeps the U.S. Congress and the American public informed on the importance of biomedical research. The ASCB, headquartered in Bethesda, MD, has more than 10,000 members throughout the world.

The ASCB annual meeting attracts more than 9000 people. The event features scientific symposia, poster sessions, and networking opportunities for attendees. The meeting also features commercial exhibits of products and services for scientists working in the field of experimental biology.

Registration

On-site registration will be available beginning December 14 at the Moscone Convention Center. Registration hours are 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. on December 14; 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on December 15–17; and 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on December 18.

Technical program

The meeting includes scientific symposia and more than 3000 presentations of recent advances in cell biology. The keynote symposium, Opportunities and Challenges in Cell



Biology, will be held on the evening of December 14. Small, focused subgroup meetings covering a wide range of topics in cell biology, such as cell–cell fusion, mitotic defects in cancer cells, proteomics in cell biology, and systems biology and the cell will take place on December 14. The main symposia begin on December 15 and cover the following areas: Nuclear Trafficking and Dynamics, How Cells Interact with Each Other, Cell Biology of Cancer, Inheritance of Organelles, Cell Division, Chromatin and Chromosomes, Cell Polarization and Directional Motility, and Signal Transduction

Pathways. In addition, several minisymposia will be offered each afternoon beginning on December 15, as well as daily poster sessions.

On the evening of December 16, a series of tutorials will cover high-affinity antibody development, atomic force microscopy for life sciences, genomic resources, and signaling pathways. The entire technical program is available on the ASCB website, www.ascb.org.

Exhibits

More than 250 exhibitors will provide a broad display of equipment, products, instrumentation, publications, software, and services. The exhibit will be in the Moscone Convention Center Sunday, December 15, through Wednesday, December 18. The Exhibitor Showcase also begins on December 15, running from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. December 15–17 and 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on December 18. The showcase offers exhibitors the opportunity to present their products in greater detail to meeting attendees.

Career information

The career center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. December 15–17. Special career events will be held throughout the meeting. Of note are the MAC Mentoring Workshop—Climbing the Career Ladder, and the Education Workshop—Undergraduate Biology Education to Prepare Research Scientists for the 21st Century, both held on December 14, and the Careers in Cell Biology Lunch on December 16.

For more information on any aspect of the meeting, visit the ASCB website at www.ascb.org.

February 2003

LabAutomation 2003
Feb. 1–5, Palm Springs, CA
505-988-5326; fax 505-989-1073
www.labautomation.org

March 2003

Pittcon 2003
March 9–13, Orlando
412-825-3220
www.pittcon.org

**225th American Chemical Society
Spring National Meeting**
March 23–27, New Orleans
202-872-4600
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