



# NACMID NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Updates & News from NACMID's Board of Directors

Highlights from NACMID's 37th Annual Meeting in Nashua, NH



# Thank you to all the students, professionals, and healthcare leaders in attendance!

NACMID 2024 brought together leading professionals in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases on **September 23-24, 2024**, at the **Sheraton in Nashua, NH**.

This event featured engaging workshops, insightful panels, and a keynote by **BioBot Analytics**.

Thanks to YOU, we had the most successful meeting we have had in many years! We look forward to NACMID2025 being even bigger and better!



# So, what topics did we offer this year?

Monday Sept 23	
Workshop A	<b>Bench to Bedside: Impact of Microbiologic Tests on Clinical Care and Antimicrobial stewardship</b> <i>Dr. David Kubiak, Dr. Brandon Dionne, Dr. Eric Gillett</i>
Workshop B	<b>Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Getting Ready for your Next CAP Inspection in the Microbiology Laboratory</b> <i>Dr. Christi Wojewoda, Dr. Ella Martin</i>
Workshop C	<b>Lessons Learned to Improve Biosafety</b> <i>Shoolah Escott and Dr. Michael Pentella</i>
Workshop D	<b>Biology of Biofilms</b> <i>Dr. James Griffith</i>
Workshop E	<b>Workshop on the Evidence-Based (and Common Sense) Workup of Wound and Tissue Cultures</b> <i>Dr. Christopher Doern, Dr. Alexandra Bryson</i> <b>Sponsored by COPAN</b>
Workshop F	<b>Part 1: MALDI-TOF for Microbiology: Beyond Identification</b> <i>Ken Oliveira</i>
	<b>Part 2: Overview and Best Practices of Fournier Transform - Infra-Red (FT-IR) Strain Typing for Real-Time Epidemiology</b> <i>Dr. Gongyi Shi</i> <b>Sponsored by Bruker</b>
<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>	<b>Wastewater Intelligence: Bringing Human Health Insights from the Underground</b> <i>Kait Hess Jimenez, MS</i>

Tuesday Sept 24	
Session A	<b>Women in Lab Leadership Panel</b> <i>Dr. Marisa Nielsen, Dr. Kristen Smith, Dr. Phyu Thwe, Dr. Sara Geffert</i>
Session B	<b>What Do You Do When the Breakpoints Are Broken? (How Antibiotic Breakpoints Get Updated)</b> <i>Dr. Alexandra Bryson</i>
Session C	<b>Utilizing Host Immune Response to Differentiate Between Bacterial and Viral Infections</b> <i>Dr. Alka Shukla</i> <b>Sponsored by Diasorin</b>
Session D	<b>Zoonoses, Past and Present</b> <i>Dr. Sara Geffert, Dr. Marisa Nielsen</i>
Session E	<b>Antibiotic Rapid Review: Pearls and Pitfalls</b> <i>Dr. Chet Cunha</i>
Session F	<b>Quickness is Key: Updates on Rapid AST</b> <i>Dr. Kristen Smith</i>
Session G	<b>Integrating Molecular Methods into Clinical Microbiology Diagnostics</b> <i>Dr. Nicole Pecora, Rebecca Zaffini</i>
Session H	<b>From Bench to Bedside: Understanding Antimicrobial Stewardship, Reporting, and Resistance</b> <i>Dr. Michelle Lee</i>
Session I	<b>Tick Talk: Time for Lyme</b> <i>Dr. Nancy Miller</i>
Session J	<b>Clinical Case Files</b> <i>Dr. Alex Pyden, Dr. Zoe Weiss</i>

## Did you miss a Session or Workshop that you really wanted to attend?

**Did you know?** A lot of NACMID's speakers' presentations are available for FREE on our website, [www.NACMID.org](http://www.NACMID.org)

You can download the presentations, however *we do not offer ASCP CMLE credits for talks not attended in person.*

**\*\* For a summary/ review of any of the daily sessions or workshops, please contact Erik Baumann at: [ErikBaumann@aol.com](mailto:ErikBaumann@aol.com)**

### **FREE MEMBERSHIP—RENEW or SIGN UP TODAY!**

Yes, NACMID membership is still free at this time! Don't forget to **renew your membership today** at [www.nacmid.org/membership](http://www.nacmid.org/membership) and tell all your friends and colleagues to do the same! Members get to vote during elections and will receive important organization notifications via email. Discounts are also available for the annual meeting. Don't miss out!

### **We need your ideas!!**

Do you have a topic idea for NACMID 2025?

Would you like to present at NACMID 2025?

Please reach out to Kristen Smith at: [Kristen.jurcic@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.jurcic@gmail.com)

### **Students!!**

Would you like to present a poster at NACMID 2025?

Please reach out to Kristin Palladino at: [Kipper31@gmail.com](mailto:Kipper31@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for more updates!**

# Turning of the Tide!



There have been lots of shifts within NACMID's board, including a change of NACMID President! Pictured is Past-President Cynthia Astolfi and her elected successor, current NACMID President, Andrew Berens at the Ceremonial Passing of the Gavel during the annual NACMID Business Meeting.

## Your 2024-2025 NACMID Executive Committee

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NACMID 2025 will again be in Nashua, NH—but this time at the DoubleTree by Hilton— on Sep 22-23.

More information to follow later. **SAVE THE DATE !**

For more information, reach out to Andrew at [AndrewB@nacmid.org](mailto:AndrewB@nacmid.org)

# NACMID Board of Directors

All board members and committee members are volunteers who donate their time to furthering education for Microbiology professionals in New England and New York. Each member is vital to the success of our meetings and we thank each one of them for their hard work and dedication.

Interested in volunteering with us, or just want to learn more? See one of the members below for more information.

## NACMID Executive Board 2024:

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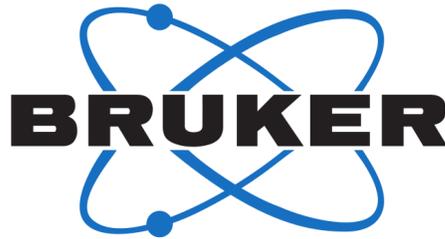
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