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## THE ASMHS EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAS MOVED!

Please note the new address; phone & fax remain the same

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# ASMHS 2004 SAN DIEGO MEETING

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the 2004 ASMHS Meeting in San Diego on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eric Stein, my program co-chair and I have been working with the 2004 Program Committee and staff to develop a meeting agenda that will match the high quality you have grown accustomed to attending. This will be our tenth annual meeting! It certainly does not seem that long ago that we were a "newborn" society.

Let me introduce the members of the Program Committee. They are:

## Co-Chairs

Donna J. McConnell  
Pittsburgh, PA

Eric J. Stein, HT (ASCP)  
Pittsburgh, PA

## Committee Members

Roberta K. Arbaugh, HT (ASCP)  
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Barbara S. Beck, HT (ASCP)  
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Robin J. Negron, HT (ASCP)  
Sarasota, FL

Manuel M. Perez  
La Jolla, CA

Cindy Rice, HT (ASCP)  
Snellville, GA

We are expanding the hands-on training hours available to Mohs surgeons and fellows in the Workshop/Exhibit Area. This will provide a larger window of time to attend and experiment with different equipment and discuss techniques. Also, the time frame for the technicians' workshop will be expanded to allow tech's more time for hands-on learning and one on one discussion.

Thanks to all the members of the committee and our coordinators for all your diligence and dedication to the Society and thanks to the ASMHS members for allowing us to plan this year's meeting in San Diego, CA. We have some great speakers and topics, and I feel confident you will find it a valuable learning experience.

We hope to see you in San Diego!

Donna McConnell, Program Co-Chair

# NEW ASMHS MEMBERS

Welcome to the recently accepted members of the American Society for Mohs Histotechnology:

Ana L. Rodriguez, HT, Ann Arbor, MI

Kazimiera M. Sperzynska, HT, Westminster, CO

Mandy P. Knepper, MA, Little Rock, AR

Suzanne M. Oliver, HT, Livingston, NJ

Cheryl R. Bailey, Budd Lake, NJ

Stephanie L. Hayes, HT (ASCP) QIHC, Freeport, ME

# Welcome!

## MANUAL UPDATE

The Mohs College Board of Directors approved the ASMH Manual Proposal on February 5, 2004, with a budget of \$20,000. Soon after, the committee met via conference call to discuss the proposed outline for the "Manual for Frozen Section Processing for Mohs Micrographic Surgery." The committee will be working hard on the manual for the next two years, which they hope to unveil at the ASDS ACMMSCO Combined Annual Meeting and ASMH Annual Meeting October of 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia.

### Ad Hoc Manual Committee

#### Members

Stephen C. Fisher, BS  
Mesa, AZ  
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- The ad must be submitted in electronic format to [nkinnunen@execinc.com](mailto:nkinnunen@execinc.com) or [edooley@execinc.com](mailto:edooley@execinc.com)
- The ad must include information on where applicants are to send their resume
- Ad should also included the city and state of the available position
- Include any job requirements and brief details about the work environment.

**Texas** - Mohs surgeon in Austin looking for certified or eligible histotech. Detail oriented, self-motivated, team player required. Great benefits and working atmosphere. Fax 512-459-1404.

**Ohio** - Histologist needed for Mohs Surgeons in a private dermatology practice. Experience required. Knowledge of OSHA and CLIA requirements essential. Competitive wages and benefits. Please reply [jmacke@dermswohio.com](mailto:jmacke@dermswohio.com), Fax: 937) 433-9612.

**Boston, Massachusetts** - Boston University is seeking a Mohs technician for 8 hours each Tuesday starting July 2004. Please call Dr. Krejci Papa. (617) 290 3966.

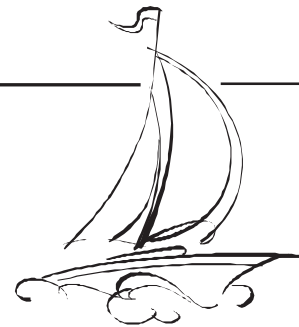
**San Antonio, Texas** - Mohs Surgeon doing 1000+ cases per year seeks a certified histotechnologist to join our great staff. You must be certified but Mohs experience is not necessary-we will train you. Great benefits! Please e-mail Dr. Day at [cal\\_day@hotmail.com](mailto:cal_day@hotmail.com) if interested.

**Virginia** - Histotechnician wanted for Mohs surgery practice at The University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, Virginia. Please email Forest Bryant at [fnb4c@virginia.edu](mailto:fnb4c@virginia.edu), call 800-843-8276 or apply online at [hsc.virginia.edu/medical-recruiting](http://hsc.virginia.edu/medical-recruiting). EOE/AA

## Save the Date!



# ASMH



## ASMH 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

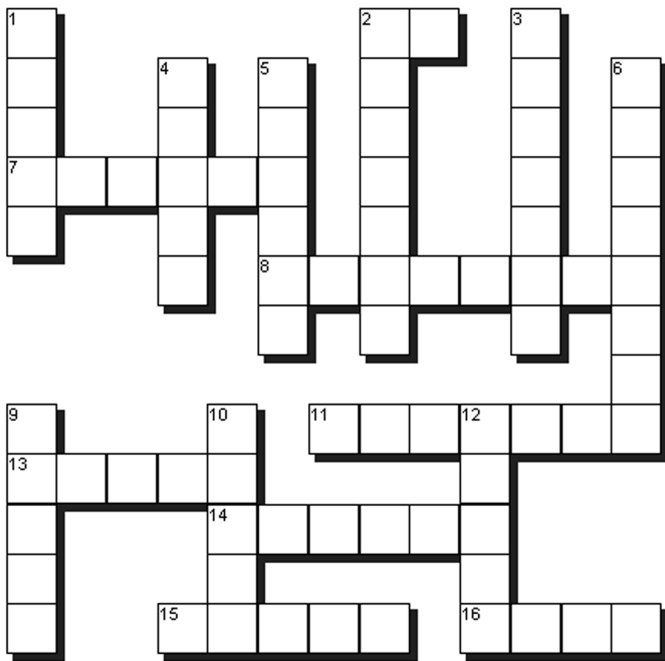
October 1 – 2, 2004 • San Diego, California

**Registration Materials will be mailed in June! Save the date.**



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Puzzle created by M. Hetzer

## ACROSS

- Intravenously.
- A small flat pellet.
- A type of cosmetic emollient.
- A soluble gelatin container.
- A soothing pleasant odor.
- A pulverized preparation.
- A yellowish white fatty type of emollient.
- A small swallowable pellet.

## DOWN

- A smooth sticky substance that adheres.
- An embedded object.
- Paint a sleek glossy finish on.
- A soothing balm.
- A medicated liquid for external application.
- A moist mass of medicine.
- Percutaneous pad.
- Barely visible diffused matter.
- Sugar based liquid.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: SCOTT A. GUNTHER, MSA

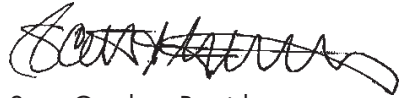
Dear Colleagues-

I would like to thank everyone on the Program Committee for all of your hard work organizing this year's scientific program in San Diego this October. Your hard work and dedication reflect great credit on yourself, and our Society.

I didn't think it was possible, but this meeting appears as though it may be our best meeting ever. Some topics that will be presented are "101 Things that can go Wrong in Mohs Surgery", "Mart 1 Stains for Melanoma", "Facial Anatomy & Indications for Mohs", "Basic Tumor Overview" and the Hands-on Workshop. As always, the Program Committee strives to appease all from the new mohs tech to the 35 year experienced Mohs Tech. I urge you to plan ahead and not miss this meeting.

Also, be aware of the election of a new member to the Board of Directors. A ballot will be mailed out in the very near future.

All the best,



Scott Gunther, President

### 2004 Annual Conference Program Committee

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## A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

Mike Hetzer, BS, HT (ASCP), Past President and Newsletter Editor

Another "National Laboratory" has come and gone. While it was nice to get some recognition for my work from William Peterson of C.S.I. fame and a nice letter of recognition from President Bush., I never got so much as a thank you from either of my physicians or the half dozen RNs that work with me. No thank you or any other form of recognition came from the office staff, my CNM or hospital administration either. I think I understand why.

The lab works behind the scenes. Everyone assumes that the lab works because things are running smoothly. It is like heating and air conditioning. As long as it is working fine we don't even pay attention to it. It just does the job it supposed to do and that job looks pretty easy. Lab personnel do not generally work directly with the pa-

tient population. This gives them the freedom to roam the clinic and hospital corridors with a fair amount of anonymity. The lab is generally not a place where people congregate just to hang out which gives the lab personnel a fair amount of autonomy. These are things to be thankful for.

Your work place may celebrate the work done by the people in the lab. If so you are lucky. Remember to thank your co-workers for the job they do whenever the opportunity arises. German rieslings make good celebration wines. I prefer the wines of the Rheingau with the Ruenthalers being my favorite. Enjoy your summer.

Buzz

NEWSLETTER



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