***48thAnnual Region I Meeting***  
***American Society for Microbiology***  
*The Connecticut Valley Branch, in conjunction with the Northeast Branch,*  
*Eastern New York, and New York City Branches*  
***Presents...***  
***“Empowering the Future, Honoring the Past”***  
**October 25& 26, 2013**  
***University of Connecticut, Rome Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Storrs, CT***

 Dear Colleague:  
   
The Connecticut Valley Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (CVB-ASM) is pleased to extend an invitation to you and your students to attend the 48th Annual Regional Meeting of the Northeast, Eastern New York, Connecticut Valley, and New York City Branches of the American Society for Microbiology to be held October 25th and 26th.  
   
This meeting will be held at the University of Connecticut, Rome Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Storrs, CT.  The University of Connecticut is a leader in research and teaching.  UCONN has over 60 faculty associated with Molecular & Cell Biology alone (home to Microbiology), a larger number of faculty affiliated with the UCONN Health Center (a leader in Biotechnology and Health Science), and over 200 graduate students and post-Doctoral students in MCB alone.  UCONN is a draw for academics, health professionals, and those in related industries.    
   
In addition to our Scientific Sessions on a variety of topics of interest to the Microbiology Community, the University of Connecticut has been designated as a ‘Milestones in Microbiology,’ site by the ASM.  The Milestone event is planned for Saturday afternoon, and celebrates the many contributions of Herbert W. Conn.  He was a faculty member at UCONN, the state Bacteriologist, a specialist on microbes critical to the dairy industry, and one of the founders of ASM.  A number of dignitaries at the state level, as well as ASM members (who are also prominent microbiologists) from the national headquarters in Washington, D.C., will participate.  Speeches, displays, and a keynote address are planned.

We have put together a great program! We hope that you will join us and consider exhibiting your poster. All student posters will be automatically considered for our poster awards.  For your convenience, all registration material, poster abstract submission forms, and a preliminary program can be found on our branch website: <http://www.asmbranches.org/brCtValley/Home.htm>.   If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.  
We look forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,

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