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Dear Colleague,

I am writing on behalf of the Northeast Branch of the American Society of Microbiology (NEB-ASM) to tell you what we do and to encourage you to join our branch. Annual membership is only \$15, yet it allows us to sponsor an array of outstanding programs. Our mission is to promote and advance scientific knowledge and provide fellowship among those interested in the advancement of microbiology and related disciplines. Here's an example of the programs sponsored by the NEB-ASM with the help of our members:

- **Branch Dinner Lecture Series** - Dinner and scientific lectures by world-renowned microbiologists. A wonderful time to meet with old colleagues and new. Many speakers are selected from the ASM Branch Lectureships Program (ASBL), a select group nominated by peers for their expertise and inspirational messages.
- **Clinical Microbiology Workshops** – Keep up-to-date or learn something new! Recent topics have included: Parasitology, Anaerobe Identification, General Skills Based Sessions, Antimicrobial Resistance Testing, Mycology, and Molecular Diagnostics.
- **Multidisciplinary Sessions on Public Health and Epidemiology** –For example, our popular forum on the One Health Initiative (“a worldwide strategy for expanding interdisciplinary collaborations and communications in all aspects of health care for humans, animals and the environment”). Learn more at <http://www.onehealthinitiative.com>.
- **Career Nights** - A showcase for career opportunities ranging from environmental microbiology to clinical microbiology to public health. For added depth and breadth, programs may be co-sponsored with other professional groups.
- **Sponsorship of three Student Branches (ME, NY and MA)** - We support the development of our next generation microbiologists through funding and mentorship. Student members include college students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows.
- **Co-sponsorship of high school science activities** – Activities include local biotechnology company tours, and annual support and judging at seven State Science Fairs.
- **Sponsorship of a regional Branch Conference** – This year, we are pleased to co-sponsor the 50th Annual Region I Meeting where students have the opportunity to present posters and give talks, in parallel with an excellent series of professional talks and exhibits showcasing scientific products and equipment. **“Save the date”** for this meeting to be held **October 20-21, 2015** in Randolph, MA.

At a time when attending a national ASM meeting may be difficult, the NEB-ASM provides a rich assortment of high quality, local activities at reasonable cost while fostering an array of opportunities for member professional development. Please consider joining the Northeast branch [through the ASM estore](#) or by [downloading a 2015 NEB-ASM membership application](#) from our branch website. Be sure to check our branch website for upcoming events (www.northeastbranchasm.org/neb/). We look forward to meeting you!

Regards,
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