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# TX Branch ASM Spring Meeting 2012

## Thursday March 29

- 4:00 – 6:00 pm            Registration
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm            Dinner
- 7:15 – 7:30 pm            Welcome and Opening Remarks  
*Poonam Gulati, University of Houston-Downtown*
- 7:30 – 8:30                Constitutive production of catalytic antibodies to the  
*Staphylococcus aureus* virulence factor Efb and the effect  
of infection  
*Eric Brown, The University of Texas School of Public Health*
- 8:45 - ?                    Business meeting
- Coffee

## Friday March 30

- 7:00 – 8:00 am            Registration
- 7:00 – 7:45 am            Breakfast
- 7:00 – 8:00 am            Setup posters

### **Students must have the posters set up by 8:00 am**

- 8:00 – 9:00 am            Evolution in a eukaryotic microbe with too many  
genomes and too much sex  
*Rebecca Zufall, University of Houston*
- Tweets from ticks- Vector-Specific Adaptation of the  
Agent of Lyme Disease".  
*Janakiram Seshu, The University of Texas at San Antonio*
- 9:00 – 9:15 am            Coffee break

9:15 – 12:00pm	<p><b>Undergraduate Student Oral Presentations</b> (in competition for Orville Wyss undergraduate student award; presenting author is underlined)</p> <p><b>Graduate Student Oral Presentation</b> (in competition for Charlie Gauntt graduate student award; presenting author is underlined)</p>
12:00 – 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45 – 2:30 pm	<b>Student Poster Presentations and judging</b>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Coffee
2:45 – 4 pm	<p>Careers Session Dr. Bob McLean – Organizer</p> <p><i>Tatiana Slimp</i> Manufacturing Supervisor, Cleanroom Operations DJO Surgical, Austin</p> <p><i>Monty Gomez</i> Tuberculosis Lab Microbiologist, Texas Department of Public Health, Austin</p> <p><i>Christa French</i> Microbiologist, Ambion (Invitrogen-Life Technologies), Austin</p> <p><i>Tommy Erwin</i> Microbiologist, Real Ale Brewing, Blanco</p>
4 – 7:00 pm	<b>Free Time</b>
7:00 – 7:45 pm	Dinner
8:00 – 9:00 pm	<p><b>Goldschmidt Lecture</b> Using yeast as a model eukaryote to understand the RNA exosome <i>Ambro Van Hoof</i>, UT Health Sciences Center, Houston</p>
9:00 – 9:30 pm	Awards presentation

9:30 - ? Coffee, Games, Sports Center, Maze, etc...

**Saturday March 31**

8:00 – 8:45 am Breakfast: Check out of rooms before 11 am

9:00 – 10:30 am Education Session  
Dr. Madhu Choudhary – Organizer

Fun with Fungi  
*Ethel Mathews, Midland College*

Educational Partnerships that impact the Community –  
A Service Learning Initiative  
*Poonam Gulati, University of Houston-Downtown*

Rules of Engagement, The Perspective of a Community  
College Professor  
*Bill Coons*

Meeting Adjourned, 11am

See you at the Fall Meeting at Baylor University on October 18 – 20, 2012!