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FROM THE PRESIDENT

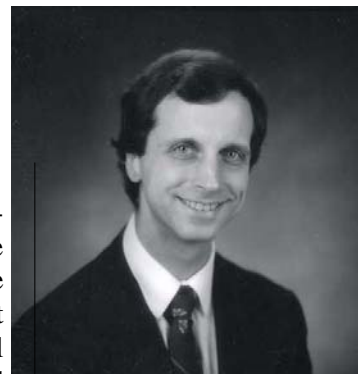
January 15, 2004

As we enter 2004, we have many new developments in MMSA to share with you. The officers, council, as well as committee chairs and members are contributing substantially to these new developments. First the forthcoming MMSA meeting in New Orleans provides a wonderful venue and the promise for an outstanding evening. Paul Fidel and his Organizing Committee have done a spectacular job in preparing the arrangements for our Meeting in New Orleans for this year. Paul has a separate article in this newsletter providing the details of this event. We hope that you and your friends will join us for a splendid evening of great mycology, fellowship, and cuisine. Please send your reservation as early as possible in order that we can approximate attendance.

We encourage you to submit nominations of deserving individuals for our three major awards: the Rhoda Benham Award; Billy H. Cooper Award in clinical mycology; and Milton Huppert Student Research Award. The Rhoda Benham Award recognizes a career of distinguished achievements in medical mycology. Please send proposals for the Rhoda Benham Award to Judy Domer (domerje@appstate.edu). The Billy H. Cooper Award is conferred upon an individual who has contributed substantially to the clinical applications of medical mycology, particularly in laboratory diagnosis and recognition of mycoses. Please send proposals for the Billy H. Cooper Award to Ana Espinel Ingroff (avingrof@hsc.vcu.edu). The Milton Huppert Award is given to an outstanding graduate student who has demonstrated promise and achievement in the field of medical mycology research. Please submit your nominations for the Milton Huppert Award to Dr. Caron Lyman (lymanc@mail.nih.gov). Please consider the gradu-

ate students in your laboratories. Also, as the stated mission of the MMSA is to represent Medical Mycology in all of the Americas, I would ask that you please consider worthy candidates throughout North America, Central America and South America.

Kevin Hazen will chair the Nominations Committee this year. Suggestions for nomination for council members and officers should be forwarded to Kevin's EMAIL address (khazen@virginia.edu). Deanna Sutton (suttond@uthscsa.edu) is serving as Chair of the Industrial Liaison Committee. Barbara Zimmer chairs our membership committee. We encourage everyone to work toward improving our MMSA membership. If indeed you selected only one member from your laboratory or program to join the MMSA, membership could increase substantially. The professional benefits, the educational enrichment,



Tom Walsh

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and the opportunity to interact with one's colleagues are clear benefits to membership in the society. In enhancing membership, we encourage that you bring one or more friends or colleagues to the annual banquet as encouragement to join as a member. Please consider recruiting one colleague from your laboratory, office or department as a member of MMSA.

Several members have dedicated their time to chairing specific committees. We are grateful to these colleagues for their time and expertise in serving as committee chairs. If you would like to serve on one or more committees, please contact the committee chairs. If called upon by the committee chairs, please help them. This participation provides an excellent opportunity to contribute to the MMSA and its mission.

COMMITTEE
CHAIRS ARE
LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS...

Errol Reiss has made substantial progress in development of the MMSA website. We are deeply grateful to Errol who has dedicated enormous time and energy for this important MMSA project. We also owe a debt of gratitude to [Carlyn Halde](#) for [underwriting the cost of establishing the website](#). The website is hosted by E-guana. The website will provide valuable resources and departments for the



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about the WEB PAGE
development

MMSA membership: [home page](#); [new member application](#); member directory and updated contact information; networking capabilities; discussion board; job opportunities; vacancies in fellowship opportunities; [reservation](#) for the [annual meeting banquet](#). Among other special possible features that we envision are areas such as "Ask the Expert" and "Diagnostic Challenges in Medical Mycology." The website will further serve a key central database for hot links to other key mycology websites.

We also have introduced an important change in operations of the MMSA. Historically, the officers, committee chairs, and council members have communicated by FAX and EMAIL during the year leading to the MMSA meeting. For this year we have introduced a weekly phone conference (every Friday morning) which has greatly improved efficiency, communication, and problem solving. We thank Gail Triggs and Pfizer for their support of this new phone conference system.

The MMSA is also working towards fostering a closer relationship with ASM and Division F. We are exploring the possibility of a joint ASM Division F-MMSA symposium

at the Annual Meeting. We are further hoping to synchronize the social events in the evening for Division F and that of MMSA banquet meeting.

I thank our committee chairs, council members, and officers for their outstanding work this year. Our gratitude also goes to Leslie Hall for her valuable contributions and excellent job as Newsletter Editor. We anticipate in the near future that our newsletter will become completely electronic.

In summary, the MMSA has exciting new plans for 2004 and 2005. We welcome your involvement. We encourage you to nominate your colleagues for our major awards and to encourage new membership.

With best wishes for a most successful New Year,

Tom



**The Next Newsletter
will be posted on
our Web Site!**

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for

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AN INTERESTING ARTICLE...

For interested medical mycologists, please look for a great review article, entitled "Status of Medical Mycology Education" by Bill Steinbach, Tom Mitchell, Wiley Schell, Ana Espinel-Ingroff, Richard Coico, Tom Walsh, and John Perfect that will appear in the December issue of Medical Mycology.

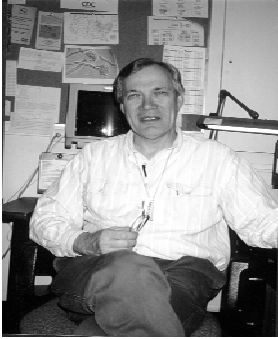
It reviews the history of medical mycology education inside and outside the US, past and present medical mycology educational opportunities, a review of statistics relative to literature and funding in mycology over the past 12 years, results from a prospective survey of US medical

schools regarding instruction of medical mycology, and finally the offering of some solutions for enhanced medical mycology education. It provides great food for thought!

From Paul Fidel

Abstract submission and registration have opened for the **ASM Conference on Candida and Candidiasis**. Please see <http://www.asm.org/Meetings/index.asp?bid=17814> for more details!!

Paul Fidel and Lajeane Chaffin Conference Co-Organizers



ABOUT THE WEB SITE...

[http://
www.mycologicalsociety.org](http://www.mycologicalsociety.org)

Hi! MMSA friends—

The MMSA is constructing a website. We thank the generosity of our benefactress, Dr. Carlyn Halde for underwriting the cost of setting up the site with our web host: eguana.net. The URL will be www.mycologicalsociety.org <<http://www.mycologicalsociety.org>>

The site is not yet live because we need to set up some more “departments” (see below for more info). We have the following departments:

- Homepage
- Annual Meeting ban-

quet reservation

- Membership directory (partial)
- Member update contact information
- New member application
- Discussion board. The moderator is Paul Lehmann.
- About us (gives the preamble to our constitution stating the purpose of the organization)

- Benefits of membership.

Here is what we need:

- Electronic version of newsletter for uploading

- Brief history of the society. Can be one double spaced page.
- Some images for posting either for a “Gallery of Mycologists” or for an image library for teaching purposes.

If you have any of these items please send them to me via email!

We are testing the site to make sure it works smoothly.

Once we feel we have the look and feel we want we will go live.

Best regards,

Errol

Errol Reiss, Ph.D.

ARVIND PADHYE RETIRES!

Dr. Arvind Padhye is retiring from CDC January 2, 2004 after 31 years of dedicated government service. Dr. Padhye began his career with CDC in 1972 as Chief, Fungus Reference and Investigative Branch in the then Division of Mycotic Diseases. In 1990 the Division merged with the Division of Bacterial Diseases, and Dr. Padhye became Chief, Epidemiologic Investigations Laboratory Section, Mycotic Diseases Branch.



We will miss sending Arvind our hard to identify cultures~!

Throughout his time at CDC Dr. Padhye has maintained an active program of personal research, and provided one of the few internationally recognized reference services for the identification of new, unusual, and atypical fungal pathogens. His work has led to more than 200 scientific publications and has involved countless international collaborations. Dr. Padhye has worked tirelessly in helping build DMD and MDB into a national

and international leader in its program areas. He will be greatly missed by all those who have had the opportunity to know and work with him at CDC.

In retirement, Dr. Padhye plans to travel, and to continue teaching, as well as nurture his many personal interests. We wish him and his wife all the happiness as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

A retirement party honoring Dr. Padhye was held on January 16, 2004

Nominations requested for the 2004 Rhoda Benham Award

This is your chance to recognize a distinguished medical mycologist from the Americas for his/her outstanding/meritorious contributions to medical mycology!

Nomination Process:

- An active MMSA member must send a letter of recommendation, describing the nominee's contributions and why these contributions are considered worthy of special recognition. Included with the letter should be biographical sketch, a list of publications, (actually an up-to-date curriculum vitae would be appropriate), and any other supporting documents deemed appropriate to make the case for recognition.
- The letter of nomination must be seconded by at least six (6) active members of MMSA.
- Deadline for receipt of the letter of nomination, the supporting documents, and the six seconding letters by Judith Domer is no later than February 20, 2004.

Judith E. Domer

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MILTON HUPPERT STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

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students in your laboratories. Also, as the stated mission of the MMSA is to represent Medical Mycology in all of the Americas, I would ask that you please consider worthy candidates throughout North America, Central America and South America.

Mycologists Previously Honored:

1967 Jose Ignaccio Baldo*
 1968 Chester W. Emmons*
 1969 Norman F. Conant*
 1970 Roger O. Egeberg
 1971 Antonio Gonzalez-Ochoa
 1972 Elizabeth L. Hazen and Rachel F. Brown
 1973 Charles E. Smith (posthumous), Arturo Carrion
 1974 Lucille K. Georg
 1975 Michael L. Furcolow
 1976 Libero Ajello
 1977 Howard W. Larsh
 1978 Charlotte C. Campbell
 1979 Roger D. Baker
 1980 Jan Schwarz
 1981 John F. Busey
 1982 Milton Huppert
 1983 William Kaplan
 1984 Everett S. Beneke
 1985 Carroll W. Dodge
 1986 Margarita Silva-Hutner
 1987 Leo Pine
 1988 Morris A. Gordon
 1989 George S. Kobayashi
 1990 Angela Restrepo Moreno
 1991 Dexter H. Howard
 1992 Demosthenes Pappagianis
 1993 Leo Kaufman
 1994 Julius Kane
 1995 Norman L. Goodman
 1996 Kyung Joo Kwon-Chung
 1997 John P. Utz
 1998 Glenn S. Bulmer
 1999 David A. Stevens
 2000 Juneann W. Murphy
 2001 John E. Bennett
 2002 Judith E. Domer
 * (awarded retroactively in 1970)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BILLY H COOPER AWARD

You are cordially invited to nominate qualified applicants for the Billy H. Cooper Award in Clinical Mycology. Please submitting a letter of nomination describing the merits of the candidate as an individual from the Americas whose career exemplifies continuous contributions to clinical mycology with emphasis on excellence in clinical research, laboratory diagnostic procedures, and teaching.

Please send your letter of nomination and a curriculum vitae of the candidate to:

Ana V. Espinel-Ingroff, M.S., Ph. D

E-mail:

avingrof@hsc.vcu.edu

Phone:

(804) 828-9711

Nominations are due
February 28, 2004

Previous Winners:

1983 Billy H Cooper

1984 Leo Kaufman

1986 Smith Shadomy

1987 Michael R. McGinnis

1988 Demosthenes Pappagianis

1989 Glenn D. Roberts

1990 Norman L. Goodman

1991 Ira F. Salkin

1992 Geoffrey A. Land

1993 William G. Merz

1994 Michael A. Pfaller

1995 Michael G. Rinaldi

1996 Thomas J. Walsh

1998 Leslie Hall

2000 Donald L. Greer

1002 Lynne Sigler

2002 Arvind A. Padhye

2003 Ana V. Espinel-Ingroff



FROM THE SECRETARY

Jim Harris requests your payment of 2004 dues during the first quarter.

His Address is:

Jim Harris

2501 Timberline Drive

Austin, Texas 78746

Please Note: if you did not receive an e-mail about this newsletter, your e-mail address needs to be updated to Jim Harris at:

Jim.Harris@tdh.state.tx.us

We will be trying to use e-mail more effectively as a communication tool

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

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useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.



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If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or

“TO CATCH THE READER’S ATTENTION, PLACE AN INTERESTING SENTENCE OR QUOTE FROM THE STORY HERE.”

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Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Medical Mycological Society of the Americas Constitution and By-Laws Proposed Amendments

Constitution Amendment

Article III. Membership, Affiliation and Association

Section A1. Regular Members.

Current Wording: "To ensure that the Society's interest remain centered on medical mycology, eligibility to hold office is restricted to those members whose major interests, training, **and** research activities are in the area of medical mycology."

Proposed Wording: "To ensure that the Society's interest remain centered on medical mycology, eligibility to hold office is restricted to those members whose major interests, training, **or** research activities are in the area of medical mycology."

Article V. Officers and Council

Section B.

Current Wording: "The Council shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and five Councilors. Councilors shall serve for three years."

Proposed Wording: "The Council shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and five Councilors **representing general geographic areas.**"

1. Article VIII. Meetings and Program

Current Wording: "An annual meeting for the transaction of Council and Society business **and** for the presentation of a scientific program in combination with social event shall be held annually **on the day immediately preceding the beginning of** the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology **and in the same city as the annual meeting of that society.**"

Proposed Wording: "An annual meeting for the transaction of Council and Society business **and/or** for the presentation of a scientific program in combination with social event shall be held annually **in conjunction with** the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology **either on the day immediately preceding the beginning of, or during that meeting. The annual meeting of the Society will be held convenient to the venue of the American Society for Microbiology.**"

Article XII. Amendments to the Constitution

Current Wording: "Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed in writing by five active members and submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer **no less than three months before** the annual meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall **mail** to each member a copy of the proposed amendment **at least one (1) month before the annual meeting.** The amendment must be discussed at **that** annual meeting. All amendments to the Constitution shall be voted on by the entire membership by **mail** ballot.

Proposed Wording: "Amendments to the Constitution must be proposed in writing (**post, Email or other means**) by five active members and submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer. **The Secretary-Treasurer shall publish a copy of the proposed amendment prior to or in the meeting announcement and distribute to each member.** The amendment must be discussed at **the** annual meeting. All amendments to the Constitution shall be voted on by the entire membership by **mail or other** ballot.

By-Laws Amendment Proposals

1. Section 1. Programs

Current Wording: "Arrangements for the social event shall be the duties of the Local Arrangements Committee."

Proposed Wording: "Arrangements for the social event shall be the duties of the Local Arrangements Committee **or other members.**"

1. Section 1. Programs

Proposed Additional Wording: **Additional awards recognizing activities of Society members may be made at the annual meeting. Guidelines for these awards are maintained by the Council with consent from the membership.**

1. Section 5. Amendments

Current Wording: "These By-Laws may be amended...voting by **mail** ballot to be submitted...in time to be **mailed** to all members of the Society at least one month previous to the date established as the deadline for return of marked ballots."

Proposed Wording: "These By-Laws may be amended...voting by **mail or other** ballot to be submitted...in time to be **distributed** to all members of the Society either at least one month previous to the date established as the deadline for return of marked ballots."

1. Section 6. The Rhoda Benham Award. Section B.2

Current Wording: "The recommendation of a nominee must be supported by letters of seconding the nomination from **at least six** active members."

Proposed Wording: "The recommendation of a nominee must be supported by letters of seconding the nomination from **other** active members."

Contact Barb Zimmer with Questions at: Barb_Zimmer@dadebehring.com

MEDICAL MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAS

Financial Report for period 5/1/02 - 5/1/03 EXPENSES

1.	Newsletter printing and postage – Leslie Hall.....	\$894.28
2.	Postage – Secretary/Treasurer.....	25.70
3.	Software for newsletter preparation – Leslie Hall.....	139.09
4.	2002 Annual Meeting Expenses	
a.	Executive Printing Center.....	10.20
b.	Banquet charges – JB’s Restaurants.....	1,475.51
c.	Banquet reimbursement – N. Hall.....	176.36
d.	Banquet Fee – Best Western.....	140.00
e.	Banquet services – A. Wilkins with Best Western.....	20.00
f.	Cooper Award (cash and plate).....	715.96
g.	Banquet reimbursement J. Domer	25.00
5.	2003 Annual Meeting Expenses	
a.	Engraving Huppert Award Plaque.....	60.63
b.	Banquet Deposit – Leavey Center, Georgetown University.....	700.00
6.	Registration for Incorporation in the State of Georgia.....	15.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$4,397.73

INCOME:

1.	Earned Bank Interest (CD, and Money Market Account).....	216.27
2.	Member Dues (including sustaining memberships).....	5,445.00
3.	Receipts from 2002 Banquet tickets.....	625.00
	Total Income.....	\$6,286.27
	Net Income over Expenses.....	\$1,888.54

SPECIAL FUNDS:

1.	Milton Huppert Graduate Student Account (Maintained as a portion of CD*)	
	Balance as of 5/01/02.....	8,847.77
	Membership Donations.....	6.00
	Interest.....	103.89
	TOTAL.....	\$8,957.66
2.	MMSA Endowment Fund (Majority in Money Market Account** and some in checking account)	
	Balance as of 5/01/02.....	11,445.52
	Membership Donations.....	20.00
	Interest.....	112.38
	TOTAL.....	\$11,577.90

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY AS OF 5/1/03

*Certificate of Deposit – Frost National Bank – Austin, TX (11/11/02 report)	9,561.62
Checking Account – Frost National Bank – Austin, TX	16,107.13
**MMA – Frost Brokerage Services (3/31/03 report).....	11,198.71

From Art DiSalvo: I will be retiring as Editor of Mycopathologia (after 15 years) in January. Vishnu Chaturvedi will be the new editor

Since 1989 I have had the honor and privilege to serve as the Editor-In-Chief (EIC) of Mycopathologia. As with all scientific endeavors, there comes a time when this responsibility should be forwarded on to a younger person with new concepts. Now is the moment for me to pass on the stewardship of this journal.

There are two essential quality elements of a respectable, viable, contemporary, and honorable scientific journal: the investigators who write to describe their findings and the peer reviewers who act as punctual referees in judgment of the credibility and accuracy of the manuscript. My appreciation is first to those investigators who chose to publish in Mycopathologia and second to those individuals who contribute to the review process. Without this scholarly evaluation by knowledgeable scientists, other researchers would not be informed on trustworthy studies. I have been fortunate to have had the support of well-respected scientists who have served as past and present Coordinating Editors (CE). With their efforts in securing editorial board member in their specific fields, we have rounded out a knowledgeable panel of experts in mycology. The CE have determined the suitability of the manuscripts for the journal and assigned the papers to various specialists in the diverse niches within their disciplines who are appropriate for each submission. The CE then evaluates the referee's judgment and makes recommendations to the EIC for disposition of the paper.

The editorial board members are listed each month in the masthead. The unsung heroes are the numerous voluntary ad hoc referees who have provided their talent, precise knowledge and time to Mycopathologia. These anonymous, skilled mycologists expand the expertise of the editorial board by contributing untold hours of their valuable time in reviewing, evaluating and correcting papers. Most of the referees do not solely reject a paper of questionable value but also provide constructive criticisms. They offer corrections in grammar, spelling and punctuation, and then proceed to suggest changes to improve the science and offer suggestions to improve the research. Their only reward is the satisfaction of serving our profession. Without this guidance from these investigators, it would have been impossible for me to pass judgment on the many different facets of our diverse field of study. A list of referees who have served the journal is found in the accompanying table. I trust the list is complete. If anyone was inadvertently omitted, please accept my apology.

Thanks to Kluwer Academic Publishers (KAP) and 3 publishers representatives who have served Mycopathologia over these 15 years: Boudewijn F. Commandeur, Olaf J. Blaauw and Joanna Lawrence. A special mention goes to Mr. Commandeur who introduced me to the intricacies of scientific publishing. I was green and Boudewijn provided my education. Extremely important in the daily activities of maintaining a timely publication are the various KAP staff serving as the editorial assistant and desk editor.

Although the responsibilities have been very time consuming, I am reluctantly retiring from this position of 15 years. Reading manuscripts has kept me educated not only in my particular field of clinical mycology but I received insights into the other disciplines of aerobiology, mycotoxins, molecular, plant and other aspects of this varied and interesting field of study.

Beginning in January 2004 the new Editor-In-Chief will be Vishnu Chaturvedi presently serving as the Director (Research Scientist V) of the Mycology Laboratory of the New York State Public Health Laboratory since 1996. Dr. Chaturvedi has a Ph.D. in medical microbiology (1988), and had postdoctoral training in infectious disease at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas and Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain. His previous work experience includes Associate Research Scientist, Yale University School of Medicine, Infectious Diseases Section, New Haven, CT and Research Officer, National Reference Center for Respiratory Mycoses, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi, Delhi, India. He is also an Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, School of Public Health, SUNY- Albany, Albany, NY. and an Adjunct Assistant Professor, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY. Thus, he is well educated and trained for this position.

Drs. Ciferri and Redaelli founded Mycopathologia in 1935 with a list of prominent international mycologists on the editorial board. Dr. Chaturvedi becomes the fifth Editor-In-Chief of the journal. I offer my congratulations (and continued assistance) to Dr. Chaturvedi and trust that the Coordinating Editors, referees, authors, KAP staff and readers will show the support, enthusiasm, and professionalism to the new EIC which they have shown to me.

Arthur F. Di Salvo

THE 2004 MMSA BANQUET **TUESDAY MAY 25**

The annual MMSA banquet will once again be held during the Annual ASM meeting. The 2004 ASM meeting is in New Orleans. In keeping with a New Orleanian Cajun theme, the banquet will be held at Mulate's Cajun restaurant which is directly across from the street from the convention center. The date is Tuesday May 25th. A very exciting evening is planned that includes a Cajun buffet and entertainment by a Dixie jazz band in a private room in the restaurant! The festivities will begin at 5:00 PM with a cash bar and Cajun appe-

tizers. The business meeting will be held at 5:30 that will include the Rhoda Benham award presentation given by Judy Domer. Dinner will be at 7:00 PM. The jazz band will entertain until 9:00 PM. The price of dinner will be \$31.00 per person. So we encourage all MMSA members who will be in town to attend this exciting evening of Cajun festivities!

Questions:

Contact Paul Fidel at:
PFIDEL@lsuhsc.edu



*Save Tuesday May 25th at the ASM
Meeting for the Annual MMSA
Banquet...*

A private room

A Cajun Buffet

A Cajun BAND!

See you there~



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**Articles are due no later
than April 1 for the Next
newsletter!**
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