

Report to Intersociety Pathology Council

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1. **ACLPS Annual Meeting(s):** The ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted June 7-9, 2007 by the University of California, San Diego. Local hosts are Drs. David Herold and Robert Fitzgerald. The primary theme will be mass spectrometry in discovery as well as applications for the clinical laboratory. Friday morning will feature simultaneous sessions featuring 60 platform presentations by young investigators. Dr. Donald Hunt, an internationally-known scientist in the field of mass spectrometry from the University of Virginia, will accept the Academy's Ernest Cotlove Award for academic recognition. The Gerald T. Evans Award for service (always a 'secret' until the meeting) will be conferred at the Friday banquet. The Ellis Benson Award for excellence in research will also be conferred (the 2006 winner was Dr. Robin Lorenz from the University of South Alabama). The 2008 ACLPS annual meeting will return to the City of Brotherly Love after two decades to be hosted by the University of Pennsylvania.

2. **Clinical Pathology education/training/assessment**
 - a. The ACLPS-developed competency-based curriculum for clinical pathology training during residency, at 33 pages(!), was published 'simultaneously' in 2006 in the June Pathology Patterns supplement to the Society's co-sponsored journal (American Journal of Clinical Pathology) as well as in an education supplement to Human Pathology (August) and in Clinical Chemistry (June).
 - b. A spirited discussion of alternative approaches to pathology residency training at the 2006 ACLPS meeting featured a range of proposals including mandatory integrated AP and CP training to independent AP and CP tracks to the value and importance of resident research during training for those proceeding to academic careers.
 - c. Springing from prior initiatives, efforts and discussions, Brian Smith is coordinating an issue on Education in Laboratory Medicine for Clinics in Laboratory Medicine.
 - d. ACLPS is currently evaluating guidelines around the creation of a meaningful research experience during the clinical pathology training curriculum, which might serve also as a model for residents pursuing a straight anatomic pathology training track
 - e. CP competency assessment examinations: ACLPS continues to provide members who work actively with ASCP Resource Councils to assist with item writing for the annual Resident Inservice Examination (RISE).
 - f. ACLPS plans to work with the American Board of Pathology on mechanisms for assessing continuing competency in laboratory medicine/clinical pathology for the Board's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) programs.