

Report to Intersociety Pathology Council
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1. **ACLPS Annual Meeting(s):** The ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted June 5-7, 2008 by the University of Pennsylvania. Local hosts are Drs. Malek Kamoun and Donald S. Young who have arranged a number of interesting accompanying social venues to include the Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology and the National Constitution Center. The primary themes are current uses of flow cytometry in clinical practice and research, the role of the clinical laboratory and funding opportunities in clinical and translational research, and how new applications in microelectronics and nanotechnology may be shaping regular and specialty clinical labs will be mass spectrometry in discovery as well as applications for the clinical laboratories as well as point of care testing. Friday morning will feature simultaneous sessions featuring platform presentations by young investigators, and followup experiences in the implementation of the CP competency-based curriculum will be discussed on Saturday morning (see also 2a below) Dr. Mark Greene, an internationally-known immunologist and cancer researcher from the University of Pennsylvania, will accept the Academy's Ernest Cotlove Award for academic recognition and deliver a lecture on "The Origin and Therapy of erbB Mediated Tumors in Man," The Gerald T. Evans Award for service (always a 'secret' until the meeting) will be conferred at the Friday banquet; the 2007 winner was the long-serving editor of Clinical Chemistry, Dr. David Bruns from the University of Virginia. The Ellis Benson Award, presented to a young faculty member for excellence in research will also be conferred (the 2007 winner was Dr. Sandy Chang from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center).
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. Springing from prior initiatives, efforts and discussions, an entire issue of Clinics in Laboratory Medicine (June 2007) was devoted to graduate medical training in laboratory medicine. ACLPS has proposed guidelines for meaningful research experiences during the clinical pathology training curriculum in this issue.

- c. 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). Harvey Rinder, the ACLPS representative to this group inow chairs the entire enterprise.
- d. ACLPS continues to have interest in working 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.