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**ACLPS Annual Meeting(s):** The ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted June 4-6, 2009 by the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in Redondo Beach on the shores of the Pacific. Local hosts are Drs. Anthony Butch and Kathleen Kelly who have arranged a number of interesting accompanying social venues to include the member reception at the Portofino Hotel and Yacht Club. There will be a workshop on nanotechnology to kick off the meeting Thursday afternoon. Friday will feature simultaneous platform presentations in the morning by young investigators, followed in the afternoon by internationally-known cancer researcher from the University of California San Diego, Dr. Own Witte, who will accept the Academy's Ernest Cotlove Award for academic recognition and deliver a lecture on "Growth Regulation of Hematopoietic and Epithelial Cancers and the Immune Responses." The afternoon session also offers lectures by two prior Young Investigator Award winners, a talk on inflammation and lung cancer by Steve Dubinett, and posters. The Gerald T. Evans Award for service will be conferred at the Friday banquet. The awardee is unaware in advance of their selection, and one job of the Nominations Committee is to be sure the winner is in attendance. The 2008 winner was former ACLPS President and prior Director of the Young Investigator Program David Sacks, from the Harvard University (Brigham and Women's Hospital). The Ellis Benson Award lecturer, a young faculty member recognized for excellence in research, opens the Saturday program followed by a workshop on personalized medicine with a keynote lecture from Joe Miletich on "Comparison Diagnostics – Challenges and Opportunity in the Biopharmaceutics Industry. The 2008 Benson winner was Dr. Bruce Sachais, MD, PhD, from the University of Pennsylvania, who delivered a lecture on Platelet Factor 4 (PF4) in the Pathogenesis of Atherosclerosis and Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.

**1. Laboratory Medicine education/training/assessment**

- a. ACLPS published its competency-based curriculum for resident training in laboratory medicine in 2007. An article is in press in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology summarizing a followup panel discussion at last year's ACLPS annual meeting on Resident Education in Clinical Pathology [Prak ET, Young DS, Kamoun M, Nachamkin I, Alexander CB, Spitalnik S, Peerschke E, Smith BR).
- b. ACLPS has begun work on an outline for a medical student curriculum in Laboratory Medicine, driven by a perception that medical school graduates were woefully

- without knowledge on this field of Medicine. A preliminary draft has been created. The underlying concerns have received a boost from the recent CDC-commissioned (“Iewin”) report on the future of Laboratory Medicine in which the Executive Summary notes that, by their own assessment, most physicians are ill-prepared to interpret the results of laboratory tests ["Laboratory Medicine: A National Status Report" (<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/dls/bestpractices/>).] The plan is to share this document with ACLPS membership and likely seek feedback from other AP/CP oriented groups in pathology (CAP, ASCP, AMP).
- c. Of interest, the CDC report also emphasized a need for CP consultation in the world at large, indicating "expanded [laboratory medicine] consultation services to clinicians would contribute to improved patient care and outcomes," and that "the primary barriers to interpretive consultations in clinical pathology reports are lack of reimbursement for such consultations and the shortage of subspecialty expertise."
  - d. 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 continues to direct this process.
  - e. 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.