

Report to Intersociety Pathology Council

Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS)

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ACLPS Annual Meeting(s): The ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted June 3 - 5, 2010 by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Local hosts are Drs. Sam Santoro and Michael LaPosata. There will be a workshop on training in Clinical Pathology to kick off the meeting Thursday afternoon. Friday will feature simultaneous platform presentations in the morning by young investigators, followed in the afternoon by the Academy's Ernest Cotlove Award Lecture for academic excellence. The Friday afternoon session will also feature the Ellis Benson Award lecturer, a young faculty member recognized for excellence in research and a poster session. Friday will conclude with a panel discussion of the future role of laboratory medicine. The Gerald T. Evans Award for service will be conferred at the Friday evening banquet at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Laboratory Medicine education/training/assessment

- a. ACLPS published its competency-based curriculum for resident training in laboratory medicine in 2007. This year an article summarizing a panel discussion at the 2008 meeting was published in AJCP:
<http://ajcp.ascpjournals.org/content/131/5/618.full.pdf+html?sid=d58c8aaa-4fcf-42b4-aa41-ab68a679dd18>
- b. ACLPS has another publication in press at AJCP entitled, "Educating Medical Students in Laboratory Medicine: A Proposed Curriculum" that was driven by a perception that medical school graduates were woefully without knowledge on this field of Medicine. A preliminary draft has been created. These concerns received a boost from the recent CDC-commissioned ("Lewin") 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/>.]
- c. 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 from Yale University, the ACLPS representative to this group continues to direct this process.

- 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.
- e. The ACLPS by-laws were amended this year to make the *ad hoc* Education Committee a standing committee. This committee is chaired by Harvey Rinder.
- f. ACLPS Past President C. Bruce Alexander presented the results of a survey of Pathology Residency Program Directors at the 2009 PRODS meeting that indicated a strong desire to improve education in clinical pathology.
- g. The new website was launched in the fall of 2009 - <http://aclps.org/>