

Report to Intersociety Pathology Council

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ACLPS Annual Meeting(s): The ACLPS Annual Meeting will be hosted June 9 - 11, 2011 by Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Local hosts are Drs. Chuck Eby and Mitch Scott. There will be a workshop on next-generation sequencing and its impact on clinical laboratories 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 given by Dr. Eric Green, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute. The Friday afternoon session will also feature the Ellis Benson Award lecturer, a young faculty member recognized for excellence in research and a presentation on new virus discovery by Dr. Herbert (Skip) Virgin, chair of Pathology and Immunology at Washington University. The Gerald T. Evans Award for service will be conferred at the Friday evening banquet at the St. Louis Zoo. Additional information is available on the ACLPS website.

Laboratory Medicine education/training/assessment

- a. ACLPS has another publication in AJCP entitled, "Educating Medical Students in Laboratory Medicine: A Proposed Curriculum" (<http://ajcp.ascpjournals.org/content/133/4/533.long>) that was driven by a perception that medical school graduates were woefully without knowledge on this field of Medicine. 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". This publication provides curriculum recommendations.
- b. 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.
- c. ACLPS continues to be committed to training of clinical pathologists in consultation skills. A new series of invited reviews aimed at concisely providing practical advice in clinical pathology began in January 2011. The inaugural article focuses on warfarin pharmacogenetic testing. CME and SAM credits will be available.