

Report to Intersociety Pathology Council

Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS)

<http://aclps.org/>

Jonathan R. Genzen, MD, PhD, IPC Representative

2013-2014 ACLPS Officers:

President:	Robin G. Lorenz, University of Alabama at Birmingham
President-elect:	Henry (Harv) Rinder, Yale University
Immediate Past President:	Eric D. Spitzer, Stony Brook University
Past-President:	Jonathan Miller, University of Chicago
Secretary-Treasurer:	David Grenache, University of Utah

ACLPS Annual Meetings: The 2013 ACLPS Annual Meeting (Lab Medicine 2013) was hosted June 6-8, 2013 by Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, with a focus on global health. More than 190 faculty and trainees attended the meeting, which included a presentation by Jeffrey P. Koplan, MD, MPH, Director of the Emory Global Health Institute (who was given the Academy's Cotlove Award for outstanding contributions to the science of laboratory medicine). The Gerald T. Evans Award was presented to Dr. Alexander McAdam (Harvard University/Boston Children's Hospital) for his outstanding leadership and service to ACLPS, and the Ellis Benson Award for meritorious accomplishments in the field of laboratory medicine by a young faculty member was given to Andrew N. Hoofnagle (University of Washington).

The 49th Annual ACLPS Meeting (Lab Medicine 2014) will be held May 29–31, 2014, in San Francisco, hosted by Enrique Terrazas, MD, MS, of the University of California San Francisco, Department of Laboratory Medicine. Topic-oriented sessions will focus on proteomics and applications of mass spectrometry in the clinical laboratory (including a talk by Richard Caprioli, PhD, Vanderbilt University, on Molecular mapping beyond the microscope). We will also have a session devoted to the new Pathology Milestones project. The Cotlove Award Lecture will be 'A Structure for Immunity and Cancer at the Single Level' by Garry Nolan, PhD of Stanford University. Additional information is available on the ACLPS website. Lab Medicine 2015 will be hosted by the University of Minnesota to honor the 50th Anniversary of ACLPS.

ACLPS Progress Report

- In 2013 there were 291 active ACLPS members, 90 associate members, 181 emeritus members, and 5 honorary members.
- Our ACLPS representative to the American Board of Pathology (ABP), Ed Ashwood, MD, University of Utah and CEO of ARUP Laboratories, was recently selected to be a trustee to the ABP (January 2014). As a board trustee, Dr. Ashwood will be responsible for developing and reviewing certification examination questions and administering certification examinations in Pathology. Other trustee duties include interacting with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), Pathology

- residency programs and other Pathology professional organizations. Dr. Ashwood will be chairing the Test Development Advisory Committee in Chemical Pathology. Due to this appointment, ACLPS has appointed a new ABP representative, Dr. Neal Lindeman, MD (Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard University).
- In September 2013, ACLPS, on behalf of its membership, submitted a letter to the Trustees of the American Board of Preventative Medicine favoring a one-year ACGME approved fellowship for board certification in Clinical Informatics (although ultimately the decision was to make this a two-year requirement).
 - In October 2013, ACLPS was one of many Pathology societies that submitted a letter to the ABP endorsing the exploration of the formation of a physician-scientist research residency pathway in Pathology. The ABP has indicated that this will be a topic for discussion at their summer 2013 retreat.
 - The new RISE Committee Chair is ACLPS member Karen Frank (and the previous Chair was also an ACLPS member, Harv Rinder). Along with this committee leadership, ACLPS members continue to be active in contributing questions for the RISE exam.
 - ACLPS participates in the Pathology Roundtable. ACLPS Past-President, Eric Spitzer, recent led the discussion regarding the lack of evidence for a highly quoted statistic “that laboratory data has an impact on over 70% of medical decisions” (Bertholf RL. In Science, As In Life, There is No Substitute for Integrity. Lab Medicine 2012 43:3; The ‘70% claim’:what is the evidence base? Ann Clin Biochem. 2011 48”487-8). ACLPS is also involved in evaluating Pathology Workforce issues, especially the role of PhD Laboratory Directors in the workforce.
 - ACLPS sponsored a workshop at the 2013 ASCP meeting in Chicago.
 - The ACLPS Education Committee has now published 11 “Pathology Consultation” articles in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology. In 2013 the articles were on anticoagulation monitoring, monitoring direct thrombin inhibitors, mass spectrometry for microbiology, and evaluating prognosis in monoclonal lymphocytosis and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. All of these articles have associated CME and can be used for SAM.
 - ACLPS, in association with the American Physician Scientist Association (APSA; an organization of MD and MD/PhD students who are interested in careers in academic medicine) will offer a travel award to an MD/PhD student interested in academic pathology to attend Lab Medicine 2014.
 - ACLPS established a LinkedIn Group.