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REPORT TO INTERSOCIETY PATHOLOGY COUNCIL

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ACLPS Annual Meetings

The 49th Annual ACLPS Annual Meeting (Lab Medicine 2014) was held May 29-31, 2014 in San Francisco, CA. Local hosts were Drs. Enrique Terrazas, Alan Wu, and Deborah French at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. Over 250 faculty and trainees attended the annual meeting, which focused largely on mass spectrometry and cutting-edge diagnostics. Additional presentations included proteomics, transfusion medicine, point of care testing, ACGME updates, and lab developed tests. The keynote speaker was Dr. Richard Caprioli from Vanderbilt University. Awards and presentations included the Cotlove Award (for outstanding contributions to the science of laboratory medicine) to Dr. Garry Nolan of Stanford and the Ellis Benson Award (for meritorious accomplishments in the field of lab medicine by a young faculty member) to Dr. Carey-Ann Burnham of Washington University. Additionally, Dr. Henry Lee of the University of Connecticut presented an engaging overview of his life's work. A recurring highlight of our Annual Meetings is the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award (YIA) lectures and posters, including 55 total oral presentations and 32 poster presentations. There were 30 YIA recipients. Finally, the Gerald T. Evans Award (for outstanding service and leadership to ACLPS) was presented to Dr. Elizabeth Frank at the Friday evening banquet.

ACLPS will be celebrating its 50th Annual Meeting (Lab Medicine 2015) May 28-30th, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN, hosted by Drs. Anthony Killeen and Michael Linden. The theme of Lab Medicine 2015 will be "Transplantation Medicine". This meeting is also a celebration of the vision of Ellis Benson and other pioneers of Laboratory Medicine who founded ACLPS. Registration information will be available at www.aclps.org.

Progress Report

- ACLPS has 294 active members, 127 associate members, 181 emeritus members, and 5 honorary members.

- The ACLPS Executive Council (EC) provided a critical response to the ACGME regarding what we felt were significant downside changes to the description of residency training in pathology, which erased recognition by the ACGME of the distinct “CP-only” and “AP-only” training pathways. It is the opinion of the ACLPS EC that preservation of these training venues is paramount for recruitment and development of physician-scientists in pathology and laboratory medicine.
- ACLPS participated in advocacy (along with numerous other societies) for a “physician-scientist” residency pathway. This effort was ultimately rewarded by the recognition and acceptance of this pathway by the American Board of Pathology in 2014. ACLPS acknowledges the work of immediate Past-President Robin Lorenz and former Past President Brian Smith (also through APC), who tirelessly advocated for the need for this training venue and lobbied for its ultimate acceptance.
- ACLPS also advocated for its membership at the Pathology Roundtable, which is additionally comprised of the leadership of ASCP, ADASP, USCAP, CAP, ABP, and ASIP. Through conference calls and at adjunct meetings (APC/PRODS), ACLPS has participated in discussions on the future of the pathology workforce, debated the suggested changes to GME funding by the IOM, and commented on the lack of PQRS initiatives for pathologists. By focusing on the development of physician-scientists in laboratory medicine, enhancement of clinical pathology training, and the recognition of the critical role of laboratory medicine practitioners in patient safety and health outcomes, ACLPS leadership seeks to strengthen and expand the influence of clinical laboratory physicians and scientists.
- ACLPS provided a formal response to the ACGME proposed training requirements for board certification in Clinical Informatics. ACLPS supported a 12-month training period.
- ACLPS co-hosted an educational session at the ASCP Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL on October 8, 2014. This well-attended session was titled “*The Future is Now! Microbiology Meets Mass Spectrometry and Molecular Methods*”. Dr. Christina Wojewoda (University of Vermont) started the presentation with her talk “*Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization – Time of Flight (MALDI-TOF) Mass Spectrometry for Microbial Identification*”. Dr. Audrey Schuetz (Weill Cornell Medical College) followed with a presentation titled “*Rapid Molecular Tools for Microbiology*”. A proposal for a joint session at the 2015 ASCP Annual Meeting has been submitted.
- The ACLPS Education Committee continued to recruit “Pathology Consultation” series of articles that are published in the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)*. Since 2011, 17 articles have been published in this series. Articles published in 2014 included the following educational topics: HbA1c methods and interferences, intermediate-to-large B-cell lymphomas, electronic cross matching, PSA testing, and urine drug of abuse screening. All of these articles have associated CME and can be used for SAM credit.
- A Bylaws Taskforce chaired by the ACLPS Secretary-Treasurer was established in 2014. Proposed changes will be brought to membership at our 2015 Annual Meeting.
- ACLPS is remarkably grateful to Dr. Geza Bodor for 18 generous years of service as ACLPS Newsletter Editor. Dr. Kamisha Johnson-Davis at the University of Utah is now the new editor. ACLPS newsletters are available at: <http://aclps.org/newsletters.html>
- ACLPS has now established a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.