



## Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS)

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### REPORT TO INTERSOCIETY PATHOLOGY COUNCIL

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#### **ACLPS Annual Meetings**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual ACLPS Annual Meeting (Lab Medicine 2015) was held May 28-30, 2015 at the Coffman Memorial Union of the University of Minnesota. Local hosts were Drs. Anthony Killeen and Michael Linden at the University of Minnesota Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. Over 200 attendees participated in this educational meeting, which had a focus on transplantation medicine.

Pre-meeting satellite workshops included sessions on genomic pathology, mass spectrometry, and clinical laboratory analytics. Scientific sessions included 1) islet cell transplantation, 2) post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder, 3) transplant associated infection, 4) NK-cell therapy, and 5) Fanconi anemia and bone marrow failure disorders. Additional breakout sessions focused on HLA testing, therapeutic drug monitoring, and solid organ transplantation.

Awards and presentations at the Annual Meeting included the *Cotlove Award* (for outstanding contributions to the science of laboratory medicine) to Dr. J. Brooks Jackson for his work on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. The *Ellis Benson Award* (for meritorious accomplishments in the field of laboratory medicine by a young faculty member) was provided to Dr. Christopher Tormey of Yale University for his work on detection of blood group alloimmunization. A highlight of our Annual Meetings is always the *Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award* (YIA) lectures and posters. There were 37 YIA recipients in 2015 with over 100 poster and oral presentations at the meeting. Finally, the *Gerald T. Evans Award* (for outstanding service and leadership to ACLPS) was presented at the Friday evening banquet to Dr. Petrie Rainey of the University of Washington.

ACLPS will be celebrating its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting (Lab Medicine 2016) June 4-6, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama. This meeting will be hosted by Drs. Marisa Marques and Robin Lorenz at the University of Alabama Birmingham. Registration information will be posted at [http://aclps.org/meeting\\_current.html](http://aclps.org/meeting_current.html).

## Progress Report

- ACLPS currently has 295 active members, 127 associate members, 195 emeritus members, and 5 honorary members.
- A bylaws taskforce was established to a) update existing ACLPS bylaws and b) promote membership that represents the entire spectrum of physicians, scientists, and educators, primarily engaged in teaching, research, and/or service in laboratory medicine. We are grateful to taskforce members Drs. David Grenache, Jonathan Miller, Harvey Rinder, Eric Spitzer, and Mark Wener for their outstanding work in this initiative. Bylaws revisions were approved by the ACLPS Executive Council in December 2014 and by ACLPS membership in May 2015 at the Annual Business Meeting.
- An electronic abstract system was implemented in 2016 for the submission and review of Young Investigator Program abstracts for the upcoming ACLPS annual meeting.
- ACLPS participated in an ABP Companion Society Meeting in May 2015 (Chicago, IL) regarding the future state of pathology education. ACLPS continues to advocate for maintaining and improving clinical pathology / laboratory medicine education during pathology residency training.
- ACLPS co-hosted an educational session at the ASCP Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA on October 28, 2015. The title of the session was “*You Want to Measure ‘That’ in ‘This’? Body Fluid Analysis in the Clinical Laboratory*”. Speakers included Drs. Jonathan Genzen (University of Utah / ARUP Laboratories) and Richard Torres (Yale University). A proposal for a joint session at the 2016 ASCP Annual Meeting regarding antimicrobial stewardship has been accepted.
- The ACLPS Education Committee continues to recruit authors for the “Pathology Consultation” series of articles that are published in the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)*. Since 2011, 19 articles have been published in this series. Articles published in 2015 include reviews on gene mutations in acute myeloid leukemia and human chorionic gonadotropin testing for pregnancy assessment. All of these articles have associated CME and can be used for SAM credit.
- ACLPS is proud to announce that the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Grant Program was launched in 2015. These grants are intended for research relevant to clinical laboratory science, clinical pathology, and laboratory medicine. As the grant program is designed for young investigators, grant recipients must either be in training (residency and/or fellowship) or less than three years after their first faculty appointment (any level: instructor, assistant professor, etc.) at the time of application. Funding for individual grants is limited to \$10,000. Deadline for the first application cycle was November 2, 2015. Announcements will be posted on the ACLPS website (<http://aclps.org/grant.html>). ACLPS extends gratitude to the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee for their outstanding work during the pilot year of this newly established program.