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Highlights:

The Association of Clinical Scientists include 200 pathologists, clinical chemists, molecular and cell biologists, microbiologists, immunologists, hematologists, cytogeneticists, toxicologists, pharmacokineticists, clinicians, cancer researchers and other doctoral scientists who are experts in the applications of laboratory methods for the elucidation, diagnosis, and treatment of human diseases. The Association encourages its members to conduct, present, and publish clinical research, while fostering personal, collegial relationships and strong career mentoring. The Association's journal, **Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science**, was recently expanded to six annual issues.

2014-2015 Officers:

President: Kyle Kurek, MD; University of Calgary, Canada

Vice-President: Peter Hu, PhD; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Secretary: Charles D. Hawker, PhD; University of Utah and ARUP Laboratories

Treasurer: Joshua Bornhorst, PhD; University of Arkansas

Meetings:

The 135th Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 13-16, 2015. The meeting is hosted by the Department of Pathology of the University of Utah and ARUP Laboratories. The program theme will be **Clinical Applications of Next Generation Technologies**, and Dr. Charles D. Hawker is Chair of the Program Committee. The Thursday and Saturday sessions at the Little America Hotel will include extended sessions on applications of massively parallel genomic sequencing technologies, mass spectrometry, and other new technologies. The Friday morning lectures and tour will be at ARUP Laboratories. The Claude P. Brown Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr. Mary P. Bronner on circulating tumor DNA, and other invited speakers include Dr. Carl Wittwer and Dr. Edward Ashwood. The Association's annual banquet will feature a talk from noted author and historian Will Bagley. Other social events include visits to a Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal and to the Natural History Museum of Utah. The meeting will honor the following award recipients: Robert Hunter, MD, PhD, Houston, TX: Gold Headed Cane Award; Charles D. Hawker, PhD, Salt Lake City, UT: Clinical Scientist of the Year; Roland Valdes Jr., PhD, Louisville, KY: Diploma of Honor; Trevor Pitcher, PhD, Louisville, KY: Young Clinical Scientist.

The Association sponsors an educational session at the **ASCP Annual Meeting** to highlight advances in clinical science. At the 2014 Meeting in Tampa, the program entitled "**Targeting Precision Medicine with 'Game-Changing' Paradigms in Pathology**," featured Drs. Keri Donaldson, Kyle Kurek, Roland Valdes, and Grace Weyant. A session is planned for the ASCP 2015 Meeting in Long Beach, CA.