



6431 Fannin Street
MSB2.292, Houston, TX 77030



Association of Clinical Scientists

Tel: (713) 234-6387 | Fax: (713) 344-1144 | Email: clinisci@sover.net

February 18, 2018

Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council, March 2018

Submitted by Kyle C. Kurek, MD, FACSc, on behalf of the Executive Committee

Highlights:

The Association of Clinical Scientists includes 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 and transitional research, while fostering collegial relationships and strong career mentoring. The Association's journal, **Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science**, is now in its 45th year, publishes six annual issues, and PubMed indexed. The Association is a member of the SIDM's **Coalition to Improve Diagnosis**, and is the only laboratory medicine organization in this broad group focused on reducing diagnostic error. Given our longstanding commitment to diagnostic innovation, accuracy, and error reduction, the Association is working to expand our role in this effort, including the creation of a scientific section of our members that will oversee sessional programming at our annual meeting, solicit scientific contributions for publication in the **Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science**, and work with the Coalition on future education efforts. The Executive Committee, together with the Young Fellow's Section, has also been focused on continuing to improve our outreach and mentoring of junior clinical science faculty.

2017-2018 Officers:

President: Robert W. Hardy, PhD; University of Alabama at Birmingham

Vice-President: John Hicks, MD, DDS, PhD; Baylor College of Medicine

Secretary: Keri Donaldson, MD, MSCE; Pennsylvania State University

Treasurer: Joshua Bornhorst, PhD; University of Arkansas

Meetings:

The 137th Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists was held in Birmingham, Alabama on May 17-20, 2017. The meeting was hosted by the Department of Pathology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and featured two timely themes: Disruptive Innovations in Clinical and Anatomic Pathology, and Advancing the Role of Laboratory Medicine in Preventing Diagnostic Error. Dr. X. Long Zheng delivered the Claude P. Brown Memorial Lecture, entitled "New Treatments for Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura." **The Society's 138th Meeting will be held in Houston, Texas on May 16-19, 2018.** The meeting will be hosted by the Program in Diagnostic Genetics, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and will feature the theme of "Genomic Medicine." The three-day meeting will feature several keynote speakers on this theme, including Drs. Andy Futreal (cancer heterogeneity), Stanley R. Hamilton (precision oncology), and C. Thomas Caskey (precision medicine). The exciting scientific program will include tours of the diagnostic and teaching laboratories, and will be complimented by social programs, including an awards banquet, musicale, activities for young fellows, as well as a behind-the-scenes tour of the NASA Space Center Houston. **Future meetings** are planned for Hershey, PA (2019) and Banff, Alberta, Canada (2020).