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Leadership: AMP's current President is Dr. Barbara Zehnbauer and its President-Elect is Dr. Andrea Ferreira-Gonzalez. Mary Williams, Director of Scientific Programs, is now also AMP's Chief Operating Officer to better reflect her responsibilities for the society. AMP is managed by the ASIP.

Membership: AMP's membership increased 23% in 2005 and now exceeds 1,300.

Annual Meeting: The 2005 Annual Meeting was held in Scottsdale, Arizona and had a record attendance of 778 (does not include exhibitors). In addition, 56 companies exhibited in over 70 booth spaces. In 2006, the meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida from November 16-19.

Awards: The AMP Excellence in Molecular Diagnostics Award was given to Dr. Mary-Claire King in 2005. Dr. Peter Nowell will be the recipient in 2006. Previous recipients include Francis Collins, Edwin Southern, Henry Erlich, Bert Vogelstein, Craig Venter, Sir Alec Jeffreys, and Leroy Hood. A new award to honor a member who has contributed significant leadership to benefit the mission and goals of the society, the AMP Leadership Award, was inaugurated in 2005 and presented to Dr. Jeffrey Kant. AMP also provides Young Investigator Awards and Technologist Awards based on abstract submissions and poster presentations at the annual meeting.

Journals: AMP's official journal, *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*, is now in its eighth year. It is co-published with ASIP and publishes five issues per year. Initiatives begun in early 2006 include the addition of a Technical Advance article category, an online prepublication program (JMD_xpress), and a CME program, in which readers can earn 50 credit hours in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. New features planned for 2006 include commentaries and more reviews and minireviews.

Professional Relations: AMP's active Professional Relations Committee continues to work on reimbursement, licensing, and regulatory issues for molecular tests. AMP is a participant in an *amicus* brief filed in the Labcorp v. Metabolites case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2005, AMP became a member of the CAP Pathology Coding Caucus.

AMP Test Directory (www.amptestdirectory.org): The online Directory is organized into sections for Hematopathology, Solid Tumors, and Infectious Diseases. Only Laboratory Directors who are AMP members can submit tests, however the Directory is available to the public without restriction. In 2005, an online submission system was implemented.