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Leadership: AMP's current President is Dr. Andrea Ferreira-Gonzalez and its President-Elect is Dr. Gregory Tsongalis. Mary Williams is Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Operating Officer.

Membership: AMP's membership increased again in 2006 and now exceeds 1,400.

Annual Meeting: The 2006 Annual Meeting was held in Orlando, Florida and had a record attendance of over 800 scientific registrants. In addition, 72 companies exhibited in 100 booth spaces. For the first time, AMP held a Community Pathology Program the day before the annual meeting. In 2007, the meeting will be held in Los Angeles, California from November 8-10 and the Community Pathology Program will be held November 7.

Awards: Dr. Peter Nowell was the recipient of the AMP Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. Dr. Janet Rowley will be the keynote speaker at the 2007 annual meeting and will receive the AMP Award for Excellence in Molecular Diagnostics. Previous recipients include Francis Collins, Edwin Southern, Henry Erlich, Bert Vogelstein, Craig Venter, Sir Alec Jeffreys, Leroy Hood, and Mary-Clare King. 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. Dr. Mark Sobel received the AMP Leadership Award in 2006. 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 ninth 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 and a CME program, in which readers can earn 50 credit hours in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Starting in 2007, *JMDxpress* will be the journal's online prepublication vehicle (*JMD_xpress*).

Professional Relations: AMP's active Professional Relations Committee continues to work on reimbursement, licensing, and regulatory issues for molecular tests. 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 and in 2006 more search features for tests as well as labs were added.

Molecular Genetic Pathology MGP Review Course: AMP will hold a two and a half day review course (June 8-10) for MGP certification. This course will update and review the major areas of molecular pathology and genetics and should be of interest to any pathologist who wants to increase their knowledge of molecular diagnostics. This course is not endorsed by the American Board of Pathology or the American Board of Medical Genetics.