



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

- The ASC Executive Board held a half-day strategic planning session on May 1, 2012 in Chicago, IL to review the **ASC's Strategic Plan**. It was led by then ASC President, Dr. Lydia Pleotis Howell and facilitated by Beril Basman of Basman & Associates. The Board reviewed the ASC Vision, Mission and Goals and recommended modification options. The process included: discussing the focus of the existing strategic plan: the Society and/or the Profession, identifying key trends impacting the Society, reviewing of the existing Vision and Mission Statements, reviewing and modifying of current Strategic Goals and assessment of whether any new goals are to be added to the Strategic Plan and identifying of related strategies and goals. The new ASC Strategic Plan outlines a roadmap for the Society for the next few years.

The ASC's new **Mission and Vision Statements**

***ASC Vision Statement:***

Saving lives one cell at a time through:

*★Teamwork ★Innovation ★Education ★Advocacy*

***ASC Mission Statement:***

*ASC promotes education, research, advocacy and professional ethics by the cytopathology team to achieve the best healthcare for individuals and communities worldwide.*

- The ***Journal of the American Society of Cytopathology (JASC)*** will be open to submissions starting in March 2013. The purpose of this new journal is to support the mission of the American Society of Cytopathology. Original scientific work will emphasize novel discoveries, clinicopathologic correlations in a patient-centered environment, technological advances in basic and translational research with emphasis on the development of personalized medicine, and new or improved molecular techniques and their novel application for diagnosis or monitoring of disease. Additionally, the editors plan to publish review articles, commentaries, and research innovations in cytology education and assessment tools. Submission categories may fall into these categories:

Gynecologic Cytopathology

Non-Gynecologic Cytopathology

Fine-Needle Aspiration Cytopathology

Molecular and New Techniques

Novel Insights from Clinical Practice

Legislative and Regulatory Issues

Challenges in Cytology Education and Assessment Tools

Review Article



JASC will operate under the leadership of Dr. Syed Ali, Editor-in-Chief, and Associate Editors, Drs. Dina Mody, Paul Wakely, Jr., and Eva Wojcik. Our priority will be research, education, and advocacy. The Editorial Advisory Board and reviewers have been selected specifically for their dedication and expertise to this new endeavor. For more information, please contact Ms. Nicki Salcedo, Managing Editor, [jasc@cytopathology.org](mailto:jasc@cytopathology.org)

- The **Cytotechnology Program Review Committee** is currently revising the entry-level competencies for cytotechnology programs that will bring the content to the level that is commensurate with practices in pathology laboratories. The Committee will be finalizing the competencies and developing an implementation plan. The Committee will hold a webinar in March to announce the revisions to the community of interest to receive feedback and answer questions.
- The **new ASC Officers** were installed on November 4, 2012 during the ASC's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting as follows, Dr. Andrew Renshaw, President, Baptist Hospital of Miami, Miami, Florida, Dr. Ritu Nayar, President-Elect, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Michael Henry, Vice President, Mayo Clinic and Foundation, Rochester Minnesota and Dr. Daniel Kurtycz, Secretary-Treasurer, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Again this year, the ASC will present a companion meeting in conjunction with the PSC at the USCAP Annual Meeting on March 3, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland. The ASC presentation will be "*Algorithmic Approach to Pancreaticobiliary Cytology: A Step Towards Recommendations and Guidelines,*" moderated by Dr. Zubair Baloch.
- **60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting** - The American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) had a very successful 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Meeting provided an ideal environment for attendees to enjoy scientific sessions, microscopic tutorials, workshops, panel luncheon seminars, roundtable discussions, special courses, and social events throughout the five-day Meeting. The following ASC awards presentations were made throughout the Meeting.
  - **The Papanicolaou Award**--The 2012 Papanicolaou Award recipient is **Dina R. Mody, MD**, Director of Cytopathology Laboratory and Fellowship Program, The Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas.
  - **Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement**--The 2012 Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement awardee is **Marilee M. Means, PhD, SCT(ASCP)**, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas.



- **Excellence in Education Award**-- The recipient of the 2012 Award is **Ibrahim Ramzy, MD**, University of California, Irvine, California.
- **President's Award**-- Dr. Lydia Howell, 2011-12 ASC President, selected **Syed Ali, MD**, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, as the 2012 recipient.

#### **2012 ASC Poster and Platform Award Recipients**

- **Warren R. Lang, MD Resident Physician Award**

Assessment of Cellularity and Genomic DNA Yields from Thyroid FNA Samples  
*Kathryn Dyhdalo, MD, Anatomic Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio*

- **Geno Saccomanno, MD New Frontiers in Cytology Award**

High-throughput Detection of EZH2, CD79B and MYD88 Mutations by MassARRAY Spectrometry using Cytospin Preparations from B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Aspirates with Known Cytogenetic Data for MYC Rearrangement and IGH/BCL-2 Translocation  
*Mauro Saieg, MD, PhD, Laboratory Medicine Program, University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

- **Cytotechnologist Scientific Presentation Award**

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH) Results Identify Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC) Patients at Highest Risk of Cholangiocarcinoma when Routine Cytology is Equivocal  
*Emily Barr Fritcher, CT(ASCP)MB, Anatomic Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota*

- **ASC Foundation Future of the Profession Award**

Digital Cytopathology: Are We Ready Yet?  
*Evita Henderson-Jackson, MD, Anatomic Pathology Department and Cytology Division, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida;*

- **61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting** – The ASC will hold the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida, November 8-12, 2013.



- **ASC Foundation** - The ASC Foundation is dedicated to funding the non-operational costs of the Society, particularly programs and endowments, to assure fiduciary responsibilities to the ASC Mission, its membership and the public. The Foundation has new Co-Chairs, Dr. Mary Schwartz and Dr. William Crabtree. Please visit the [ASC Web site](#) for more information.

The Foundation announced the following grants and scholarships at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

#### ***ASC ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS***

##### ***Cytotechnologist – ASC Annual Scientific Meeting Travel Scholarship***

Jessie Bower BS CT(ASCP), Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, New York  
Bridgette Jewell BS CT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio  
Julia Samolczyk BS CT(ASCP), Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois  
David Youk MS CT(ASCP), Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

##### ***Fellows/Resident – ASC Annual Scientific Meeting Travel Scholarship***

Gitika Aggarwal MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York  
Danisha Allen MD, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC  
Kim Berg MD, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois  
Kurt Bernacki MD, University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Jane Bernstein MD, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut  
Richard Cantley MD, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois  
Benjamin Cho MD, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Jarret House MD, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida  
Julie Jackson MD, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas  
Li Yan Khor MB BCh, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio  
Zaibo Li MD PhD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh  
Ross Miller MD, Sanford School of Medicine at USD, Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Raveena Reddy MD, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi  
Jessica Wang MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts  
Lu Wang MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois  
Roseann Wu MD MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts  
Ming Zhang MD PhD, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Po Zhao MD PhD, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC

#### ***2012 GRANTS***

##### ***Patient Advocacy Grant***

Established by the ASC Advocacy Committee in 2006, the grant is available to ASC members, advocacy patient groups and neighboring societies. The ASC Foundation awards grants



annually for ongoing or new projects for advocacy efforts for patients with gynecologic and other cancers.

*2012 Recipient of the Patient Advocacy Grant*  
Mobile Cervical Cancer Screening Unit  
Ms. Susan Garrett and Ms. Jennifer Hunter  
Coalition of Hispanic Women Against Cancer  
Kansas City, Kansas

The purpose of the proposal was to secure funds to create a mobile unit equipped to function as a small private exam room for pelvic exams and cervical cytology tests to be performed during already established mobile mammography outings. This application is focused most specifically on advocacy for Latina women who do not have regular access to care, are uninsured, and are limited English proficient within the Kansas City Metropolitan area. The funds would provide for purchase of (1) a small used mobile medical vehicle, (2) materials to equip it as a private exam room, and (3) funds to pay for tests for 50 screenings for women who do not qualify for State funding and cannot pay the reduced cost themselves.