



# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

David Sacks

It is an honour to serve as President of ACLPS for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Academy was extremely active last year under the leadership of Dave Bruns and I intend to solidify key initiatives and introduce a few new programs.

Perhaps the most important initiative is the document outlining a national curriculum for residency training in laboratory medicine. While a document listing curriculum content and evaluation of residency competency for anatomic pathology was published in 2003 under the auspices of ADASP (the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology), the most recent guidelines for laboratory medicine are 10 years old. The Graylyn Conference Report on Laboratory Medicine, published in 1995, resulted from a conjoint committee representing ACLPS, APC (the Association of Pathology Chairs), ASCP (the American Society of Clinical Pathology) and CAP (the College of American Pathologists). An extensively revised curriculum for clinical pathology

training has been compiled exclusively by members of ACLPS, under the highly competent leadership of Brian Smith. The draft, which weighs in at 50-plus pages (double-spaced), is an outstanding document that is likely to establish ACLPS as the premier organization in residency training in laboratory medicine. The editor of *Human Pathology* has accepted the manuscript for publication in a special issue which will be dedicated to Pathology education. The intent is to have the paper published simultaneously in the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, with perhaps some sections published in more specialized journals, e.g., *Clinical Chemistry*, *Transfusion* and *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*. I congratulate those who contributed to this excellent work.

This is the second year that ACLPS has been a cooperating society of the American Board of Pathology (ABP). Ed Ashwood, the ACLPS representative to ABP, had an opportunity in May to explain the function of ACLPS to the

Board. He also asked the ABP to consider the scheduling problems that prevent some residents from attending (and presenting at) the ACLPS annual meeting. The board exams start in early June and end in late July. We requested that the ABP allow applicants to designate a period of time during which they would not be available to take the exam. Unfortunately, because residents from individual programs are tested simultaneously, the ACLPS proposal cannot be accommodated in the near future. Nevertheless, the ABP agreed to explore possible alternative solutions in the next few years. In addition, the ABP expressed a keen interest in the curriculum for residency training that we are developing.

An important initiative concerns the membership. While the Academy has proved highly successful over the years at attracting superb residents as Associate Members, a disappointingly large number of these fail to join as Active Members and do not participate in ACLPS. In an attempt to reverse this trend, a proposal has been made to invite junior faculty in Clinical Pathology (assistant professor for 5 years or less) to speak at sessions at the annual meeting. One proposal at the annual meeting was to create an award to fund the travel expenses for such speakers. An ad hoc

committee chaired by Dave Bruns was formed to explore the issues. I encourage members with constructive ideas on how to retain junior members in ACLPS (and motivate them to contribute to the Academy) to contact me.

Another idea that has been proffered is to develop a forum for Clinical Pathology Residency Directors. While this has existed for several years for anatomic pathology, there is currently no opportunity for Clinical Pathology Residency Directors to meet. One possibility is that such a group could meet immediately before or after the ACLPS Annual Meeting. Again, I'd be grateful for opinions from the membership on this topic. A first step has been made by Brian Smith who is compiling a list of directors of CP residency programs.

The arrangements for the 2006 meeting in Chicago are progressing smoothly and rapidly under the aegis of Jonathan Miller. It promises to be another stimulating and enjoyable conference, so plan to attend.

Finally, I wish everyone a healthy, happy and successful 2006.

David

## ACLPS Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 11, 2004

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

### 1. Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

Dave Bruns called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM in the Sheraton Station Square hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 5, 2004. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as written and previously published in the ACLPS 2004 Fall Newsletter.

### 2. Reports of the Executive Council

Dave Bruns reported on behalf of the Executive Council and thanked Alan Wells, Jorge Sepulveda, and Bill Pascule for organizing an excellent meeting that was both stimulating and well attended.

Dave asked Ed Ashwood, ACLPS representative to the American Board of Pathology (ABP), to give a brief report on the recent ABP meeting. Ed indicated that the ABP is composed of 8 cooperating societies and Desmond Burke is the new president. The ABP will begin issuing Maintenance of Certification in 2006 with certificates that are limited to 10 years and require recertification thereafter. The first recertification exam will be in 2014. The ABP asked ACLPS if hemostasis/thrombosis should be part of the practice of hematology, or is more logically grouped with transfusion medicine. The consensus of those ACLPS members practicing hemostasis/thrombosis (Jonathan Miller, Mike Laposata, Ted Bovill, Lou Fink, and Wayne Chandler) is that it is a vital component of both.

### 3. Reports of the Standing Committees

#### A. Membership Committee

Jonathan Miller outlined the proposed changes to the Bylaws that in the future would eliminate the need for the membership to vote on new active and associate members. Jonathan presented the list of new members and associate members for approval. The new active members were unanimously approved and are listed below:

Name	Sponsors
Kenneth E. Blick, PhD	Dr. Edward Ashwood Dr. David Bruns
Brian Jackson, MD	Dr. William Roberts Dr. Edward Ashwood
Stefan Juretschko, PhD	Dr. Douglas P. Blackall Dr. Jerald E. Mullersman
Alex McAdam, MD, PhD	Dr. Alan Wells Dr. Jorge Sepulveda

Gwendolyn McMillin, PhD	Dr. William Roberts Dr. Elaine Lyon
Ira Sussman, MD	Dr. Herbert Rose Dr. John McKitrick
Joan Uehlinger, MD	Dr. Herbert Rose Dr. John McKitrick

The new associate members were unanimously approved and are listed below:

Name	Sponsor(s)
Britt Anderson, PhD	Dr. Brian R. Smith Dr. Eric Spitzer
Arthur Baca, MD, PhD	Dr. Valerie Ng Dr. Eric Spitzer
Leal C. Beck, MD	Dr. Steven Spitalnik Dr. Eric Spitzer
Anders Berg, MD, PhD	Dr. David Sacks Dr. David Dorfman
Jack D. Bui, MD, PhD	Dr. Charles Eby Dr. Eric Spitzer
Scott J. Cameron, BSc, MS, PhD	Dr. Daniel W. Chan Dr. Eric Spitzer
Wei Feng, MD	Dr. Amitava Dasgupta Dr. Eric Spitzer
Manish J. Gandhi, MD	Dr. Petrie M. Rainey Dr. Eric Spitzer
Jeremy W. Henderson, MD	Dr. C. Bruce Alexander Dr. Marisa B. Marques
Lorin M. Henrich, PhD	Dr. David E. Bruns Dr. Eric Spitzer
Lorne L. Holland, MD, MS	Dr. Kenneth Blick Dr. Eric Spitzer
Burton Kim, MD	Dr. Marisa B. Marques Dr. Eric Spitzer
Betty Oetama, MD	Dr. Marisa B. Marques Dr. Eric Spitzer
Justin C. Paglini, MD	Dr. Brian R. Smith Dr. Eric Spitzer
Changlee S. Pang, MD	Dr. Samuel A. Santoro Dr. Jerald E. Mullersman
Jason Park, MD, PhD	Dr. Donald S. Young Dr. Eric Spitzer
Daniel A. Peterson, MD, PhD	Dr. Mitchell G. Scott Dr. Eric Spitzer

Alexandros D. Polydorides, MD, PhD	Dr. Ellinor I. D. Peerschke Dr. Eric Spitzer
Amy K. Saenger, PhD	Dr. Hossein Sadrzadeh Dr. Eric Spitzer
Patricia R. Slev, PhD	Dr. Carl Wittwer Dr. Eric Spitzer
Fang Sun, MD, PhD	Dr. Samuel A. Santoro Dr. Jerald E. Mullersman
Peter van den Elzen, MD, BSc	Dr. David Sacks Dr. Eric Spitzer
Danhua Wang, MD, PhD	Dr. Hossein Sadrzadeh Dr. Eric Spitzer
Tilla S. Worgall, MD, PhD	Dr. Steven L. Spitalnik Dr. Eric Spitzer

The following active members requested a change to emeritus status:

Dean A. Arvan	University of Rochester
Armand B. Glassman	University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
John Bernard Henry	SUNY Upstate Medical University
Frank E. Kocka	Chicago Medical School
Paul M. Southern	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Douglas A. Triplett	Indiana University

#### B. Program and Finance Committee

David Sacks thanked Alan Wells, Jorge Sepulveda, and Bill Pascule for putting on an outstanding meeting. The program was excellent and the accommodations were very nice. Members were reminded to begin planning now to attend next year's meeting, which will be hosted by the University of Chicago on June 1-3, 2006 in Chicago.

#### C. Publications Committee

Alan Wells had nothing new to report.

#### D. Nominating and Awards Committee

Fred Apple announced the ballot to the membership and called for any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The ballots were distributed to the membership.

### **4. Reports of the Ad Hoc Committees**

Brian Smith gave an update on the CP Curriculum. He requested feedback from the membership on the current version. The subcommittee chairs will provide a revised document by July 4<sup>th</sup> and final editing will be completed by Labor Day. A manuscript will be submitted to AJCP and Human Pathology.

Brian Smith gave an update on the RISE. Approximately 50% of the CP questions should be provided by ACLPS. He needs volunteers to write questions. Please contact Brian directly if you are interested.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None.

**6. General Business**

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Bill Roberts reported that the financial condition of the Academy remains sound and that the following account balances exist:

General Fund (as of 5/17/05)	\$45,252.55
YIAP Fund (as of 5/17/05)	\$22,229.82
YIAP Endowment (as of 6/06/05)	\$567,722.79
Total	\$635,205.16

**7. New Business**

Dave Bruns thanked Ana Stankovic, Ellinor Peerschke, Jonathan Miller and Bill Roberts for serving on the Executive Council.

Steve Spitalnik indicated that the state of Florida will no longer pay part B billing for clinical pathology. They are also requesting return of part B payments for the past 5 years.

**8. Presentation of New Members**

The list of applicants for active and associate membership were unanimously approved. Jonathan Miller introduced and welcomed the new active and associate members into the Academy.

**9. Announcement of Election Results**

Bill Roberts announced that the election ballot as presented to the membership was approved.

President Elect	Ellinor Peerschke
Secretary Treasurer 2005-2008	Elizabeth Frank
Chair Membership Committee 2005-2008	Dan Sabath
Executive Council Members-at-Large 2005-2008	Ted Bovill
	Bryan Wolf
Nominating and Awards Committee Member 2005-2008	Amitava Dasgupta
Publications Committee Member 2005-2008	Petr Jarolim

Dave Bruns congratulated all the newly elected members of the Executive Council and Committees.

The proposed changes to the Bylaws were approved.

#### **10. Installation of the New President**

Dave Bruns mentioned plans to create an Ellis Benson Award for junior faculty. There was general enthusiasm for the proposal, which the Executive Council, in a poll, had endorsed in principle earlier in the day. Dave Bruns thanked the membership of ACLPS and Brian Smith in particular, for the incredibly important task of developing a curriculum for Laboratory Medicine. He also expressed his gratitude for the hard work of previous ACLPS leadership because he was able to see their efforts come to fruition. He turned the meeting over to David Sacks.

David Sacks thanked Dave Bruns for an outstanding job as president that included several important initiatives. ACLPS has been a cooperating society with the ABP for two years. This gives ACLPS a voice in CP training. The Curriculum Committee under Brian Smith's leadership has developed an outstanding document, which still needs input from ACLPS membership. It will have a major impact and increase the influence of ACLPS on Laboratory Medicine training. The Young Investigator Award Program has highlighted a number of good people coming into the field of Laboratory Medicine. However, we fall short when these individuals do not join ACLPS as active members at the time they become junior faculty.

The Ellis Bensen Junior Faculty Award Program that was first announced at this meeting should help to attract junior faculty to become ACLPS active members.

#### **11. Adjournment**

There was no further business to conduct and David Sacks adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

## **A Brief Update on the Curriculum Committee and the ACLPS Contributions to the RISE Examination**

Brian R. Smith

The Curriculum Committee has agreed upon a final version of the Laboratory Medicine Resident Curriculum. Alan Wells presented the broad outlines and goals of that curriculum at the Northeast Pathology Chairs annual meeting and it was very well-received. It is now being submitted for consideration for simultaneous publication in AJCP and Human Pathology. Hopefully, there will be more to say in the next newsletter.

Jonathan Miller is also planning on including an important session on resident education at the next annual ACLPS meeting in Chicago.

With respect to ACLPS' new role in the production of the resident in-service examination (RISE), there has been an outstanding response from the membership. As one may recall, this annual evaluative examination, which is utilized by all pathology residencies in

the United States and which is also now being used in many programs abroad, has been expanded from an ASCP only project to one that includes ACLPS and ADASP (Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology). ACLPS and ADASP have representatives on all relevant resource councils of the ASCP and on the RISE Committee itself. A remarkable total of 46 ACLPS members have submitted a total of 385 potential questions for this year's RISE examination, covering all aspects of Laboratory Medicine. This tremendous response will undoubtedly significantly improve both the breadth and depth of the clinical pathology and 'special topics' sections of the examination. We hope that this will establish a tradition for ACLPS and a response goal that can be met or exceeded in future years as well.

Brian

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### **Announcements**

#### **Young Investigator Award Program**

The deadline for Abstracts for the 2006 ACLPS Meeting will be **Friday, February 24, 2006**. The abstract forms and instructions are posted on the [ACLPS website](#).

Eric D. Spitzer, MD, PhD  
Department of Pathology  
SUNY at Stony Brook, NY

#### **2006 Cotlove Award Recipient**

The 2006 Cotlove Award winner is David Ginsburg, MD. The award will be presented to Dr. Ginsburg at the ACLPS Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Jonathan Miller  
University of Chicago



**Invitation to the 41st Annual ACLPS Meeting**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**June 1-3, 2006**

Dear Friends,

We welcome you to Chicago for the 41st Annual Meeting of ACLPS. We have an exciting program that will feature cutting edge approaches that span a broad array of laboratory medicine. Genomics, proteomics, and nucleic acid modulation are powerful tools that span a broad area of laboratory medicine, offering creative approaches to diagnosis. Our Friday afternoon scientific session will feature national leaders in these diverse fields, as they show us new ways to look at old problems in laboratory medicine. On Saturday morning we will have a special symposium devoted to the Clinical Pathology Curriculum. Over the past year ACLPS has been at the forefront of creating a curriculum document, under the leadership of Brian Smith. But the creation of this document is really just the beginning of a larger process examining residency and fellowship training in laboratory medicine. Implications of the curriculum document upon this training will be explored in depth, with ample opportunity for discussion. Friday morning will of course highlight presentations by ACLPS Young Investigators.

The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency, situated in the heart of Chicago near the mouth of the Chicago River. The Hyatt is located just a few short steps away from Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile and from Chicago's stunning new Millennium Park. In fact, our Thursday evening

opening reception will be at the Mid-America Club on the 80<sup>th</sup> floor of the Aon Center, directly across the street from Millennium Park, offering spectacular views of Chicago.

On Friday evening, attendees will be able to stroll through Millennium Park, where they will be able to see the Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker Pavilion, the amazing Anish Kapoor "Cloud Gate" sculpture (known affectionately as "The Bean"), the Lurie Garden, and Jaume Plensa's whimsical Crown Fountain sculpture. Hopefully attendees won't forget that beyond this amazing public park there is a very special private event waiting for them: We have reserved major galleries of European and American art for ACLPS attendees and their guests to visit at the world-famous Art Institute of Chicago, where we also have cocktails, followed by a banquet and awards ceremony.

For those who would like to spend a little more time in Chicago following the ACLPS meeting, a limited number of rooms at the Hyatt will be available to ACLPS attendees for Saturday night. Whether it's theater, music, museums, the aquarium, sports, or simply exploring Chicago on foot, this city truly has something for everyone, and early June is one of the most beautiful times of the year to visit.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chicago!

Jonathan Miller and Karen Frank  
University of Chicago

**2006 ACLPS Annual Meeting  
Preliminary Program**

Hosted by the University of Chicago

[Hyatt Regency Hotel](#)

June 1-3, 2006, Chicago, IL

**Thursday, June 1**

3:00-5:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting

3:00-6:00 p.m. Registration

6:00-8:30 p.m. Welcome Reception, [Mid-America Club](#)

**Friday, June 2**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30-9:45 a.m. Young Investigator Presentations  
(4 simultaneous sessions)

9:45-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:45 a.m. Young Investigator Presentations  
(4 simultaneous sessions)

11:45-1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00-2:00 p.m. **Cotlove Award Lecture**

**David Ginsburg, M.D.**

James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor  
Departments of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics  
University of Michigan

*"Identifying Novel Genetic Determinants of Hemostatic Balance"*

2:00-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-3:00 p.m. **Janet Rowley, M.D.**

Blum-Riese Distinguished Service Professor  
Departments of Medicine and Human Genetics  
University of Chicago

*"MicroRNA and SiRNA: A New Frontier in Laboratory Diagnostics"*

3:00-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-4:15 p.m. **James Musser, M.D., Ph.D.:**

Fondren Foundation Distinguished Endowed Chair and  
Vice-Chair, Department of Pathology  
The Methodist Hospital Research Institute

*"Towards a Genome-Wide System Biology Analysis of Host-Pathogen  
Interactions in Group A Streptococcus, the Flesh-Eater"*

4:15-5:00 p.m. **Richard Caprioli, Ph.D.**

Stanley Cohen Professor of Biochemistry  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

*"Proteomics: Protein Imaging and Profiling"*

6:00-10:30 p.m. Reception and Awards Banquet, [Art Institute of Chicago](#)

**Saturday June 3**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Special ACLPS Symposium on the CP Curriculum**

8:30-9:45 a.m. Part I

**Brian R. Smith, MD**

Professor and Vice-Chair

Department of Laboratory Medicine

Yale School of Medicine

*“Introduction to ACLPS Review of the CP Curriculum”*

**Alan Wells, M.D., D.M.S.**

Thomas J Gill III Professor of Pathology and

Vice Chairman, Department of Pathology

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

*“Can we Achieve AP-CP Competence in 48 Months?”*

Additional Speaker TBD

9:45-10:10 a.m. Break

10:10-11:00 a.m. Part II

**Barbara McKenna, M.D.**

Associate Professor of Pathology

University of Michigan

*“Resident Training and Performance on the RISE and ABP Exams”*

**Steven Spitalnik, M.D.**

Professor of Pathology and

Vice-Chairman for Laboratory Medicine

Columbia University Medical Center

*“Integrated Pathology Training—a Contrary Proposal?”*

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Part III **Open Discussion**

12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch and Business meeting

2:00-4:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting