



NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter Brian Smith

Dear ACLPS Members:

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to help kick off another exciting year for ACLPS, building on the remarkable success of recent years. The San Diego meeting in June, 2007 presented not only perfect weather and a wonderful venue for member camaraderie, but also a full roster of outstanding Young Investigator presentations. In addition, the newly initiated "Previous Young Investigator Invited Presentation Program" was a very well-received success and demonstrated the continued career advancement of the past recipients of these awards. Don Hunt was an exceptional Cotlove lecturer and Sandy Chang kept the bar high for the recently initiated Ellis Benson Award lecture. Kudos to Dave Herold and Rob Fitzgerald for such a successful meeting.

In another section of this newsletter, Malek Kamoun describes the outlook for the June, 2008 meeting at the University of Pennsylvania which will again maintain the high standards that the annual meetings have set in past years. The meeting will provide both extraordinary science and a social setting conducive to networking and to re-acquaintance with old friends.

ACLPS' mission is "to encourage and promote the highest standards of service, education and research in academic laboratory medicine." The vitality of the Young Investigator, past Young Investigator, and award programs attests to the success of the organization in promoting its service and research mission. It also attests to the remarkable vigor of our discipline in creating an effective home for clinician-scientists. Over the last few years, ACLPS has progressively engaged in more and more activities designed to turn some of its attention to its educational mission. The CP Residency Curriculum project continues to generate discussion and innovation. Indeed, the 2008 annual meeting will include a panel discussion on "Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing a CP Curriculum". One of the issues that has arisen for pathology in general and Laboratory Medicine in particular is the need to continue to promote a clinician-scientist friendly environment, something that Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Anesthesia have addressed with "research" specific Board-approved tracks. Ellinor Peerschke and David Sacks began an initiative last year to further pursue educational discussion and options to enhance and preserve this aspect of training. Efforts by Ellinor, David, Sam Santoro, Ted

Bovill, Mike Laposata, Bruce Alexander, Alan Wells, Yashpal Agrawal, and many others, remain an ongoing focus in the organization.

In addition, there is anecdotal concern that medical student training may be inadequate in Laboratory Medicine. Despite the fact that laboratory testing is accepted as being critically responsible for the majority of new diagnoses, the literature documents a feeling of "inadequacy" on the part of many non-pathologist residents and attendings in optimal utilization and interpretation of the results of laboratory analyses. The ACLPS Ad Hoc Education Committee has assembled a group of members who have begun the development of a medical school curriculum in our discipline. The group hopes to assess the status of current training, the status of perceived needs, and ultimately produce a document that might be useful for medical school educational thought leaders.

The successful participation of ACLPS in the Resident In-Service Examination (RISE) continues unabated. Henry Rinder, who has been the ACLPS representative to the ASCP committee responsible for the RISE, is now the Chair of the entire committee. The RISE group has also entered into another similar project, a Hematology Fellowship RISE examination equivalent, known as the FISH (Fellow In-Service Examination-Hematology). Again, ACLPS is playing a very significant role in that endeavor, which came to fruition this year and was very well-received by Hematology/Hematopathology Fellowship programs.

I am honored to help lead this remarkable organization during the coming year. I welcome any thoughts on all aspects of the ACLPS mission and new directions of the organization to further that mission. I wonder whether or not we should consider more actively reaching out to Laboratory Medicine Physicians and Scientists whose base is outside the United States. Although we do have a few international members, the organization is nearly exclusively a US entity. There are major efforts ongoing in Europe to provide greater uniformity across the continent in the practice and certification for Laboratory Medicine and these may be of some interest to our members. Similarly, the new requirements for Maintenance of Certification may provide new opportunities for the ACLPS educational and service mission. Finally, there is a recognized need for a better forum for Fellowship Directors in many of the CP subdisciplines to exchange ideas. Whether this is an area that ACLPS may be able to assist in is uncertain, but, again, I welcome thoughts on possible interventions.

Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts on these or other issues relevant to ACLPS (brian.smith@yale.edu). I look forward to productive discussions during the year with all our members.

With all best wishes for 2008,

Brian Smith

2007 ACLPS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

San Diego, California

Saturday, June 9, 2007, Noon – 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

Ellinor Peerschke called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm in the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego, California. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 3, 2006. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as written and previously published in the ACLPS 2006 Fall Newsletter.

2. Reports of the Executive Council

Ellinor Peerschke reported on behalf of the Executive Council and thanked Dave Herold and Rob Fitzgerald for hosting a very successful and wonderful meeting. The local hosts were also praised for inclusion of the Mass Spectrometry Tutorial session “Clinical Applications of Modern Mass Spectrometry” on Thursday afternoon.

3. Reports of the Standing Committees

a. Membership Committee

Dan Sabath presented the list of new members and associate members (see below) who have been recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Council.

b. Program and Finance Committee

Brian Smith reported that there were 155 registrations. There were 60 Young Investigator oral presentations, 6 Young Investigator poster presentations, and 30 Young Investigator award recipients. Brian reminded the group of next year’s annual meeting in Philadelphia which will be hosted by the University of Pennsylvania.

c. Publications Committee

A survey of member preference for electronic access to AJCP was mailed with the annual dues invoices. Members were asked to indicate their preference for receipt of the journal online or as a hard copy. Of the 237 invoices mailed, 43 responses indicating preference for electronic receipt of the journal were returned.

d. Nominating and Awards Committee

David Sacks announced the ballot to the membership and called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The ballots were distributed, collected, and counted.

4. Reports of the Ad Hoc Committees

Barbara McKenna is replacing Henry Rinder as ACLPS representative on the American Society for Clinical Pathology Resident In-Service Examination (RISE) Committee. In addition, Rinder will become the Chair of the overall ASCP Committee, replacing Barbara McKenna. The inclusion of ACLPS and ADASP (Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology) to the ASCP RISE structure has been very successful at improving the overall

quality and operations of the RISE exam, which is taken by all United States residents and by residents in a number of programs in other countries.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. General Business

a. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Frank reported that the financial condition of the Academy is sound and that the following account balances exist as of 5/31/07:

General Fund	\$ 62,974.57
YIAP Fund	\$ 22,998.70
YIAP Endowment	\$637,559.78
Ellis Benson Award Endowment	\$ 50,000.00
Cotlove Endowment	\$ 30,000.00
 Total	 \$803,533.05

7. New Business

Ellinor Peerschke thanked all the officers for their hard work and efforts this past year. She also thanked Dave Bruns, Elaine Lyon, and Tony Butch for serving on the Executive Council; Ann Gronowski for her service on the Membership Committee; Bryan Wolf and Henry Rinder for their service on the Nominating and Awards Committee; and Robin Lorenz and Marisa Marques for their service on the Publications Committee. Ellinor thanked and acknowledged the time and efforts of Brian Smith for serving as Chair of the Program and Finance Committee and Eric Spitzer for his five year commitment as Director of the Young Investigator Award Program. Special thanks were given to Dave Herold and Rob Fitzgerald for a very successful annual meeting.

Peter Jatlow was selected by the American Board of Pathology to serve as the ACLPS representative on an ad hoc committee to develop content specifications for maintenance of certification (MOC) in Clinical Pathology.

8. Announcement of Election Results

David Sacks announced that the election ballot was approved as presented and 56 votes were cast.

President Elect: C. Bruce Alexander

Executive Council Members-at-Large 2007-2010: Jonathan L. Miller
Sam A. Santoro

Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program Director: Alex McAdam

Nominating and Awards Committee Member 2007-2010: Ann M. Gronowski

Publications Committee Member 2007-2010: Hossein Sadrzadeh

Ellinor Peerschke congratulated all the newly elected members of the Executive Council and Committees.

9. Installation of the New President

Ellinor thanked the officers and the membership for all their contributions in making this another successful year. She applauded the continued success of the Ellis Benson Award for young faculty, which is now in its second year, and thanked Ellis Benson for honoring the society by attending the meeting this year. She acknowledged David Sacks for his leadership in implementing the Previous Young Investigator Invited Speaker Program. Three previous Young Investigator awardees with Distinction were selected to present their current work during simultaneous sessions on Friday morning. Both programs address a key initiative for recruitment and retention of young investigators to ACLPS membership. She turned the meeting over to Brian Smith

Brian Smith thanked Ellinor for doing a terrific job as president and commended her for guidance of the organization on a host of current, pertinent initiatives. He stated his interest in further pursuing an initiative, begun by Ellinor, David Sacks, Sam Santoro, Ted Bovill, Mike Laposata, Bruce Alexander, Yashpal Agarwal, and many others, with respect to exploring the possibility of developing an 'official' Pathology resident 'research track' similar to those available to Internal Medicine and Pediatric residents. He said he looks forward to being involved in the Young Investigator Award Program and will work to promote Laboratory Medicine at that level. He is also interested in working to more effectively involve medical students in Laboratory Medicine during the coming year and asked the ad hoc Education Committee and other volunteers to investigate ways to improve the medical school curriculum. He would like ACLPS to produce a position paper that described how laboratory medicine can be highlighted in the medical school curriculum, and questioned whether medical students might be included in the Young Investigator program in the future.

10. Adjournment

There was no further business to conduct and Brian Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Frank, Secretary/Treasurer

New Active Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
M. Qasim Ansari	Rob McKenna, Paul Southern
Joshua Bornhorst	Steve Schichman, Bill Roberts
Sandy Chang	David Sacks, Pei Lin
Charles E. Hill	Corinne Fantz, David Koch
Carol Holman	John Eckfeldt, Henry Balfour
Veronica Luzzi	Ann Gronowski, David Grenache
Steve Miller	Valerie Ng, Barbara Haller
James C. Ritchie	Corinne Fantz, David Koch
Bruce Sachais	Bryan Wolf, Donald Young
Amy Saenger	Hossein Sadrzadeh, Fred Apple
Ila Singh	Steve Spitalnik, Tilla Worgall

New Associate Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
Timothy Amukele	Eric Spitzer, Wayne Chandler
Padmanabhan Anand	Eric Spitzer, Steve Spitalnik
Joan-Miquel Balada-Llasat	Eric Spitzer, Brad Cookson
Saskia Boisot	Eric Spitzer, Robert Fitzgerald
Stacia Clement-Kruzel	Eric Spitzer, Amitava Dasgupta
Paola Costa-Mallen	Eric Spitzer, Hossein Sadrzadeh
Nancy M. Dunbar	Eric Spitzer, Dan Bankson
Jonathan R. Genzen	Eric Spitzer, Henry Rinder
John M. Higgins	David Dorfman, David Sacks
Eldad Hod	Eric Spitzer, Steve Spitalnik
Taku Kambayashi	Eric Spitzer, Malek Kamoun
Carrie S. Knight	Eric Spitzer, Robert Hardy
Vikram S. Kumar	Eric Spitzer, David Sacks
Kristin Mantei	Eric Spitzer, Brent Wood
Parham Minoo	Eric Spitzer, David Herold
Ross J. Molinaro	Eric Spitzer, Corinne Fantz
Alejandro R. Molinelli	Hossein Sadrzadeh, Wayne Chandler
Octavia M. Palmer	Eric Spitzer, Mitchell Scott
Jacqueline E. Payton	Eric Spitzer, Charles Eby
Meredith A. Reyes	Eric Spitzer, Amitava Dasgupta
Michelle E. Rodriguez	Eric Spitzer, Amitava Dasgupta
Adan Rosendorff	David Sacks, Peter Jarolim
Zahra Sadrai	Eric Spitzer, Hossein Sadrzadeh
Melissa R. Snyder	Eric Spitzer, Brad Karon

David L. Witte requested a change from active to emeritus status.

2007 Annual ACLPS Meeting a Great Success

Dave Herold
Rob Fitzgerald

The ACLPS annual meeting was held in San Diego on June 7-9 at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina. There were several firsts at the San Diego meeting including a Thursday afternoon tutorial on "Clinical Applications of Modern Mass Spectrometry" given to a packed house. A lively reception followed the workshop including a wine tasting and "Scientific Gospel" as sung by **Dr. Stephen Baird** and the Opossums' of Truth. Friday morning's meeting centered around 60 presentations from young investigators and included a couple of more firsts. Poster presentations were given for the first time which seemed to be well received. In addition, ACLPS invited 3 previous Young Investigator Award winners: **Drs. Wendy Frankel, Keith Jerome and Anjen Chenn** to present their current research. **Dr. Donald Hunt** received the Cotlove award and presented a talk on "Innovative Mass Spectrometry Technology for Studying Cell Cycling". Other featured speakers included **Dr. Rob Fitzgerald** who spoke on the use of ^{41}Ca for monitoring bone disease, **Dr. David Ecker** who presented mass spectrometry techniques to identify pathogens, and **Dr. Doug Wallace** who discussed the use of mitochondria as the next frontier in

molecular diagnostics. Following the scientific presentations the highlight of the meeting was the evening dinner cruise on beautiful San Diego Bay. Saturday morning started with **Dr. Jennifer West** "Diagnostic and Therapeutic Applications of Nanotechnology" and **Dr. Sandy Chang** as the Ellis Benson awardee speaking about telomeres and cancer. The scientific presentations were concluded with **Dr. Adam Bagg** giving an update on hematologic malignancies and **Dr. Jennifer Van Eyk** presenting her work on biomarker discovery in acute coronary syndrome.

The local co-hosts of the meeting would especially like to thank **Dr. Steven Gonias** and the staff of the UCSD Pathology Department for their hard work in making this meeting a success. We are particularly grateful to the following sponsors who ensured that the meeting was successful financially: UCSD Pathology Department, Beckman Coulter, Biosite, ARUP, Intel, Biorad, Magna Biosciences, Roche, Nanogen, Waters, Gen-Probe, ABI, Thermo, Sysmex, Abbott/GE, Blood Bank Wisconsin, and Bayer/Siemens. Overall we had 138 registrations for scientific sessions with 13 guests for social events.

Invitation to Attend the 2008 Annual ACLPS Meeting
Philadelphia, PA, June 5-7, 2008

Dear ACLPS Members,

This year's meeting in San Diego was a resounding success, and plans are well under way for the 2008 ACLPS meeting which will be held in Philadelphia. The dates of the meeting are June 5-7, 2008.

We hope that you will encourage your residents, fellows and other trainees in Laboratory Medicine to submit abstracts for the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards Program. The materials needed for submitting an abstract to the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards Program will be distributed electronically. The instructions for preparing an Abstract, Abstract Form, and the Copy Right Release Statement will be available on the ACLPS website

(<http://depts.washington.edu/lmacpls/>) in January 2008. The deadline for abstract submission will be in February 2008.

The preliminary program is summarized below. The meeting will be held at the [University of Pennsylvania](#), and the Hotel accommodation will be at the [Sheraton Hotel](#) on Campus. However, other hotel accommodations are also available.

We hope to see you in Philadelphia, June 5-7 next year!

Malek Kamoun
and
Donald Young
2008 ACLPS Program Co-chairs
University of Pennsylvania
School of Medicine

2008 Annual ACLPS Meeting Preliminary Program
Philadelphia, PA, June 5-7, 2008

Thursday, June 5

Workshop: *"Applications of Flow Cytometry in Clinical Practice and Research"* This workshop will include cytomics/high dimensional biology in a clinical setting

Welcome Reception at University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Friday, June 6

Plenary Session: *"Clinical/Translational Research: The Role of the Clinical Laboratory and Funding Opportunities"*

Cotlove Lecture

Young Investigators Presentations
(simultaneous sessions)

Ellis Benson Award Lecture

Awards Banquet at the National Constitution Center

Saturday, June 7

Plenary Session: *"The Clinical Lab of the Future"* The focus of this session will be on how new technology is shaping the laboratory of the future, and innovations in Point of Care Testing

Panel Discussion: *"Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing a Clinical Pathology Curriculum"*

Business Meeting Lunch

Executive Council Meeting