



# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

Eric D. Spitzer

Dear ACLPS Members:

This year's annual ACLPS meeting, Lab Medicine 2013, begins on June 6<sup>th</sup> and will be held in Atlanta for the first time. Jim Ritchie, Angela Caliendo, and their colleagues at Emory University have been working tirelessly for the past year to organize an exciting meeting that focuses on laboratory medicine and public health. Registration forms are available online at [http://aclps.org/meeting\\_current.html](http://aclps.org/meeting_current.html)

The meeting begins on Thursday afternoon with a session devoted to global health and laboratory medicine in developing countries. The program then turns to New Diagnostics and Technology which will include four case presentations and the use of an audience response system. Friday morning, as always, will be devoted to Young Investigator presentations given in five simultaneous sessions. Friday afternoon will feature two presentations that highlight Emory University's role as a leader in international health. The Cotlove Award speaker this year is Dr. Jeffrey Koplan who will discuss "Communicable Chronic Diseases." Dr. Koplan is Vice President for Global Health at Emory and was previously director of the CDC. He will be followed by Dr. James Curran, Dean of the Emory School of Public Health and former director of the HIV/AIDS Division at CDC, who will speak on the "Global Health Impact of HIV." The remainder of the afternoon will include the poster session and breakout sessions on MALDI-TOF, Molecular Oncology, and Chemistry/Point of Care

Testing. The Friday evening awards banquet will literally offer a taste of Atlanta's most famous company as we celebrate at the World of Coca-Cola. Saturday morning will feature the Ellis Benson Award Lecture, this year given by Andy Hoofnagle from the University of Washington. The program will conclude with lectures on the Global Health Impact of Diabetes and the important subject of Diagnostic Errors.

As the year comes to an end, I have to express my gratitude to our immediate-past-president, Jonathan Miller, for providing sage advice and also for proposing multiyear goals that are facilitated by the presence of the past, current, and future presidents on the Executive Council. Jonathan has been a strong advocate for increasing ACLPS's visibility in the larger pathology community and we have tried to continue these efforts on several fronts.

The American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP) is the official publication of the ASCP and ACLPS; this dual sponsorship is listed on the cover and front-matter page of each issue. In April I was invited to represent ACLPS at the AJCP editorial board meeting; this will be an annual event and coincides with a more prominent listing for ACLPS on the editorial masthead. Attending the editorial board meeting provided valuable insight into the workflow of the journal and the editorial process. Our alliance with AJCP helps further ACLPS's goals in advancing clinical practice/consultation, education, and research

in laboratory medicine. AJCP has published ACLPS laboratory medicine curricula for residents<sup>(1)</sup> and medical students<sup>(2)</sup>, as well as an ongoing series of “pathology consultation” articles<sup>(3)</sup>. Since AJCP reaches a large audience that spans the sub-disciplines of laboratory medicine, it is an excellent choice for publishing clinical and translational research articles. I strongly encourage authors presenting abstracts at next month’s annual meeting to consider publishing their studies in AJCP.

ACLPS has also been a member of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS) since 2010. In an initiative spearheaded by Brian Smith and Stephanie Eisenbarth from Yale, ACLPS is collaborating with two other member organizations, AMLI and ASHI, to produce a symposium on “Assessment of Abnormalities in the Human Innate Immune System” that will be presented at the FOCIS 2013 meeting this June in Boston<sup>(4)</sup>.

While ACLPS focuses on the academic aspects of laboratory medicine, its members must also navigate in a rapidly evolving healthcare environment. In January of 2013 ACLPS joined other pathology societies in the Pathology Roundtable that was organized by the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC). The Roundtable provides an opportunity for representatives of the cooperating societies to discuss issues of relevance to the practice of

pathology. A recent Roundtable teleconference included a discussion of CMS rules for “meaningful use” of electronic health records (EHRs) and their implications for pathologists and pathology departments<sup>(5,6)</sup>.

Finally, I need to thank David Grenache, the secretary-treasurer, and Karolynn Braden who do so much behind the scenes to ensure that the society runs smoothly.

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## Save the Date!

# Lab Medicine 2013

Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians & Scientists  
 48th Annual Meeting  
 Emory University School of Medicine  
 Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine  
 Atlanta, GA  
 June 6 - 8, 2013

The target audience for this meeting includes: Physicians, Laboratory Directors, Scientists and Educators engaged in teaching, research and service in academic laboratory medicine.

The learning objectives for this meeting are as follows:

- Describe new testing methods and emerging trends in the clinical laboratory
- Review clinical applications of new technologies in the clinical laboratory
- Summarize the clinical laboratory's role in identifying and preventing diagnostic errors
- Summarize the clinical laboratory's role in optimizing resource utilization and increasing healthcare quality
- Recognize the shifts of diseases and its causes in developing countries and compare and contrast healthcare systems in different regions of the world
- Examine limitations in laboratory diagnostic and transfusion capabilities in developing countries

<b>DAY 1: THURSDAY, JUNE 6</b>	
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Optional Tours of Clinical Laboratories</b>
<i>Start of Scientific Sessions</i>	
1:00 pm – 1:15 PM	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Tristram G Parslow MD PhD Professor & Chair, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine James C. Ritchie PhD Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Introduction to Global Health</b> Carlos del Rio MD MPH Professor & Chair, Hubert Department of Global Health Emory University Rollins School of Public Health
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Laboratory Infrastructure in Developing Countries</b> Tsehaynesh Messele MD African Society of Laboratory Medicine
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Transfusion Medicine in Developing Countries</b> Alexander Duncan MD Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Case presentations: New diagnostics and technology</b> <b>Audience response system will be used</b> <b>Case 1: Infectious Disease</b>

	Colleen S. Kraft MD Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine	
	<b>Case 2: TBA</b>	
	Kyle T. Bradley MD Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine	
	<b>Case 3: Clinical Chemistry/Informatics</b>	
	Corinne R. Fantz PhD Associate Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine	
	Alexis B. Carter MD Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine	
	Jason Stanaland Office of Information Technology Emory University School of Medicine	
	<b>Case 4: Coagulation/Transfusion Medicine</b>	
	Anne M. Winkler MD Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine	
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Executive Council Meeting</b>	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> Old Decatur Courthouse 101 East Court Square Decatur, GA 30030	
	<b>DAY 2: FRIDAY, JUNE 7</b>	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Young Investigator Presentations 1</b> 5 simultaneous sessions	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Young Investigator Presentations 2</b> 5 simultaneous sessions	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Invited Business Lunch:</b> <b>Directors of Clinical Pathology Divisions and Departments</b>	
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>Cotlove Award Lecture</b> <b>Communicable Chronic Diseases</b> Jeffrey P. Koplan MD MPH Director, Emory Global Health Institute Vice President for Global Health, Emory University	
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Global Health Impact of HIV</b> James W. Curran MD MPH Dean, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health	
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Poster Viewing and Networking Session</b>	

	(Refreshments Served)	
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Breakout Session I:</b> <b>MALDI-TOF</b> Yun F (Wayne) Wang MD PhD Associate Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine Eileen M. Burd PhD Associate Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine <b>Molecular Oncology</b> Karen P. Mann Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine Debra Saxe PhD Associate Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Emory University School of Medicine <b>Chemistry/Point of Care Testing</b> TBA	
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Buses to Awards Banquet</b>  <b>Awards Banquet</b> World of Coca-Cola 121 Baker Street Northwest Atlanta, GA 30313	
	<b>DAY 3: SATURDAY, JUNE 8</b>	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:45 am – 9:15 am	<b>Ellis Benson Award Lecture</b> Andy Hoofnagle MD PhD University of Washington Department of Lab Medicine	
9:15 am – 10:00 am	<b>Global Health Impact of Diabetes</b> K. M. Venkat Narayan MD MSc MBA FRCP Emory University School of Medicine Emory University Rollins School of Public Health	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	<b>Diagnostic Errors</b> Paul L. Epner M Ed MBA Director Healthcare Improvement Initiatives The University of Chicago Booth School of Business	
11:30 am	<b>Box Lunch</b>  <i>End of Scientific Sessions</i>  <i>Start of Business Meeting</i>	
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	<b>Membership Business Meeting</b>	
12:45 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Executive Council Meeting</b> <i>End of Business Meeting</i>	

# Area Maps

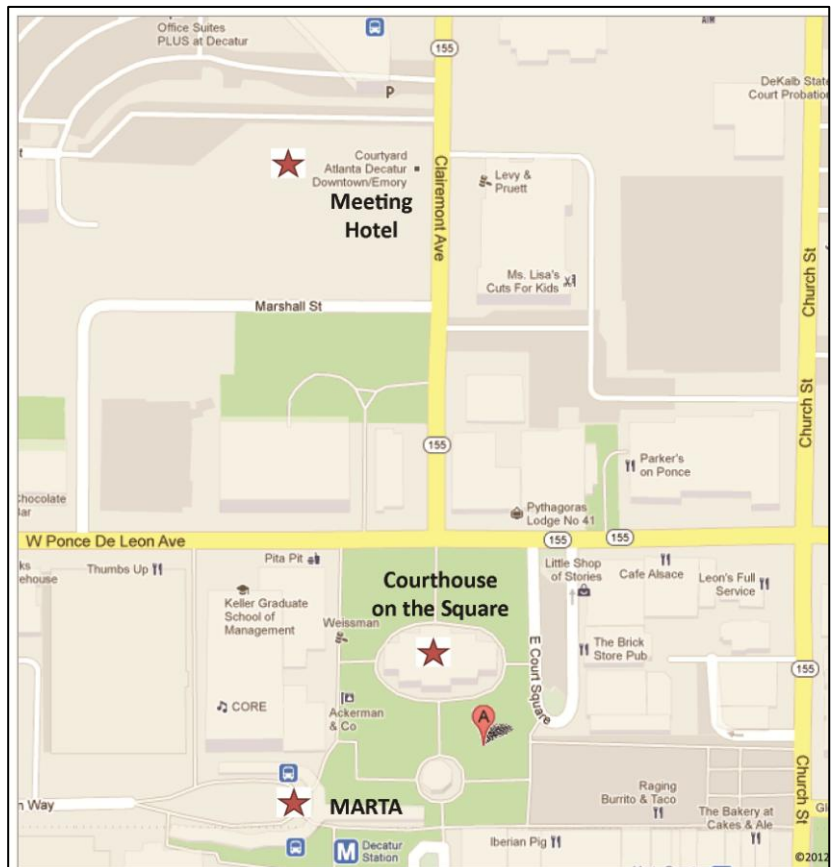
## Rapid Transit Rail Lines

1. Take Red or Yellow Line north from the Airport
2. Transfer to Blue Line at the Five Points Station
3. Take Blue Line east to the Decatur Station



## Downtown Decatur

Hotel is approximately three blocks north of the Decatur MARTA Station



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## ACLPS Award Winners of 2013

<b>Cotlove Award:</b>
Jeffrey P. Koplan, MD, MPH
Director, Emory Global Health Institute
Vice President for Global Health, Emory University

<b>Ellis Benson Award:</b>
Andy Hoofnagle, MD, PhD
Associate Professor
University of Washington
Department of Lab Medicine

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### Report on the Young Investigator Award Program

Neal Lindeman

A 89 abstracts were submitted for the 2013 Lab Medicine Conference from 32 different institutions. Abstracts were de-identified and sent to the panel of 8 reviewers; each reviewer scored all abstracts except those from his/her home institution. 60 abstracts were accepted for oral presentations and 29 abstracts were accepted for poster presentations. Thirty abstracts were winners of the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award (PESYIA), representing

authors from 12 different institutions. The recipients of the PESYIA with distinction will be announced at the meeting. We are looking forward to excellent talks and posters at the meeting this year!

Neal Lindeman, MD  
Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award  
Program Director

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### Education Committee Report: Update on the TRIG Project

Henry "Harv" Rinder

At the 2013 ACLPS Annual Meeting, there will be a brief update on, as well as informational materials available related to, the progress of The Training Residents in Genomics (TRIG) Working Group; ACLPS is one of the sponsoring organizations for the TRIG. The chair of the group and ACLPS member, Richard Haspel, has recently received a \$1.3 million grant from the NIH to assist TRIG in further developing a genomics curriculum for pathology residents. This funding is being used to design educational resources and programs, and it is anticipated that ACLPS and ACLPS members will

take an active role in this process. TRIG-related resident workshops will also be taking place at the annual meetings of both ASCP (2013) and USCAP (2014). In addition, a course entitled "Genomic Pathology 101: Practical Information for The Practicing Pathologist" is scheduled for CAP '13. If anyone is interested in speaking with Rich about the TRIG, he can be reached at

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## Program and Finance Committee (PFC) Update

The ACLPS PFC has had several working conference calls this year to help oversee the 2013 Annual Meeting (in Atlanta, GA; sponsored by Emory University) and to start the planning for future meetings. The committee members are Robin Lorenz (Chair), Angela Caliendo (2013 Local Host; Ex-officio), Kendall Crookston (Member-at-Large), David Grenache (Secretary-Treasurer), Anthony Killeen (2015 Local Host), Neal Lindeman (PES-YIAP Director), Marisa Marques (Member-at-Large), Alan Mast (2012 Local Host), Jim Ritchie (2013 Local Host), and Enrique Terrazas (2014 Local Host).

I would like to first thank Jim Ritchie and Angela Caliendo for a fantastic job of organizing the 2013 annual meeting and for all their fundraising efforts. I believe that everyone will enjoy the topics and interactions in Atlanta this June. Neal Lindeman has also done an excellent job directing the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program (PES-YIAP) this year. There were 89 abstracts and these were ranked by

a set of 8 judges (thanks to those hard working individuals!). Sixty of these were chosen for oral presentations and 30 will receive PES-YIA awards.

The committee also worked on planning for future ACLPS meetings. The 2014 meeting will be held May 29-31, 2014 at the Marriott Marquis hotel in downtown San Francisco. The 2015 meeting will be hosted by the University of Minnesota; the 2016 by the University of Alabama at Birmingham; the 2017 by Yale University; the 2018 by Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX; and the 2018 by the University of Utah. If your institution would like to volunteer for the 2019 meeting, please contact one of the committee members so that it can be discussed at our next meeting. In addition, we welcome any and all feedback about the 2013 meeting, so please contact one of our committee members if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Robin Lorenz  
PFC Chair and ACLPS President Elect

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## Clinical Informatics Board Certification

The American Board of Pathology is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for subspecialty certification in Clinical Informatics. The link to the application is posted on our website home page at [www.abpath.org](http://www.abpath.org). The first examination will be given October 7-18, 2013 at Pearson-VUE test centers across the US.

Because this is a new ABMS/Am Board of Pathology subspecialty, there is a five year period of qualification by practice/experience. It is anticipated that in 2018 and thereafter, pathologists will only qualify for certification if they complete an ACGME accredited fellowship program in clinical informatics.

Briefly, the Practice Qualification (by experience route to certification) requires three years of practice/experience in Clinical Informatics and must be at least 25% time (on average 10 hours per week). Practice need not be continuous; however, all practice time for qualification must have occurred in the five-year period immediately preceding application. Practice time must have occurred in the US, its' territories, or Canada. Completion of a fellowship program that is

acceptable to the ABP may be applied toward the practice requirements outlined above. Fellowship activity of less than 12 months in duration may be applied toward the practice pathway. Fellowship training may count for up to 2 for 1 time in months toward the practice time requirement.

Applicants will be asked to provide the names and contact information of three references that can attest to the applicants clinical informatics experience. Study guide materials and examination content outline are posted on our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

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## **2013 ACLPS Election Ballot of Officers and Committee Members**

Annual Business Meeting  
Saturday June 8, 2013  
Atlanta, Georgia

President-Elect 2013-2014 (Vote for one):

Harv Rinder (Yale University)

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(Nomination from the Membership)

Executive Council Members-at-Large 2013-2016 (Vote for two):

Jorge Sepulveda (Columbia University)

Jerry Yeo (University of Chicago)

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(Nomination from the Membership)

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(Nomination from the Membership)

Nominating and Awards Committee Member 2013-2016 (Vote for one):

Alex McAdam (Harvard University)

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(Nomination from the Membership)

Education Committee Members 2013-2016 (Vote for three):

Sandeep Gurbuxani (University of Chicago)

Audrey Schuetz (Cornell University)

Chris Tormey (Yale University)

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(Nomination from the Membership)

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