



NEWSLETTER

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Denver, Colorado

President's Message

Fred Apple

Greetings, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

I hope this brief message finds everyone well. Hopefully everyone has had a productive year and that 2004 will be even more interesting. The annual meeting in Tucson was a wonderful success, with an excellent scientific program and as usual, a friendly venue to visit with colleagues and make new acquaintances. The Young Investigators Program was outstanding and continues to be the highlight of the meeting. It is essential for the future of academic Laboratory Medicine that we continue to mentor young MD and PhD scientists in both basic and applied research endeavors. In this light, one of my goals as President is to establish an ad hoc committee to address recruitment of more medical schools and CP residents for consideration of ACLPS as a viable connection to academia in Laboratory Medicine. My vision is to draft a **white paper** that will communicate this to academic chairs and division directors, promoting one of ACLPS's primary missions regarding our successful Young Investigators Program. I would like to select committee members regionally, so if you are interested,

please contact me by January 15, 2004. Another initiative that ACLPS has undertaken involves our interaction with ASCP and the RISE examination. While there have been several bumps in the road since we initiated a tentative agreement with ASCP following the national meeting, it appears that ACLPS will be working with ASCP on the RISE examination. At present, we are awaiting final approval from the ASCP's Board that will recognize an ACLPS and ASCP joint role and agreed to allow an ACLPS representative to serve as co-chair of the CP portion of RISE. This initiative was unanimously supported by the Executive Council. In addition the ad hoc committee, appointed this past fall, "Curriculum and RISE Committee" co-chaired by Brian Smith and David Wells, have initiated the development of a CP curriculum, along the lines of the recently published AP curriculum (AJCP November 2003). We plan on submitting the final document for publication in AJCP in 2004. Establishing a CP curriculum, along with the RISE initiative, are large undertakings that will provide important recognition for our organization. The committee is well represented, and I request that you contact

Brian to assist in providing documentation for your institution's curriculum that may assist in accomplishing the committee's goals and meeting deadlines.

The program for the 2004 meeting in Denver is making substantial progress. Scientific sessions are being planned. Please feel free to contact Geza Bodor or Mike Wilson with any issues. Also, I would like feedback from the members as to whether the affiliation of ACLPS and AJCP are appropriately meeting

the needs of the organization. Please feel free to email me your thoughts.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for his or her support and advice during the first 6 months of my serving as President. It has been an education.

Best regards and I hope your winter is warmer than mine in Minneapolis.

Fred

Member Survey

There has been ongoing interest from some quarters in eliminating separate residency training tracks for straight anatomic pathology (AP) and straight clinical pathology/laboratory medicine (CP/LM) in favor of a single "Pathology" track. Proponents suggest that technological advances have so blurred the boundaries between AP and CP/LM that the differences are no longer meaningful. Not surprisingly, ACLPS members have been essentially unanimous in their opposition to combining the tracks when such proposals were discussed at the Annual Meeting or by the Executive Council. In particular, ACLPS members had the belief that a substantial number of academic faculty with responsibilities in Laboratory Medicine have come through CP/LM residency training. But there was little data to back up this subjective impression.

To begin to develop some more solid evidence, I conducted an informal survey of eight programs that regularly train CP/LM residents (specifically, Harvard—Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard—Massachusetts General Hospital, University of California at San Diego, University of California at San Francisco, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Washington University and Yale). The bottom line was that of 215 CP/LM graduates for whom information was available, 148 (69%) were currently in academic positions, 24 (11%) were in biotechnology jobs, 25 (12%) were in private practice, and 18 (8%) were in "Other" positions

(further details are below).

These data are in line with our other informal survey reported in last Spring's newsletter by Alan Wells, in which ACLPS members with email addresses were asked if they had trained as CP/LM. 62 members answered in the affirmative. All of these members have academic CP/LM affiliations.

I would like to thank David Sacks, Mike Laposata, David Herold, Valerie Ng, Gordon Yu, Mitch Scott and Harvey Rinder for providing data for their programs. I would like to include data on CP/LM graduates of other programs as well, and would appreciate getting similar information from ACLPS members at other programs that offer CP/LM training (Please send to pmrainey@u.washington.edu).

(The details: I asked for the number of CP/LM graduates and the current professional positions held by these graduates. Graduates who were continuing in further training positions [e.g., fellowships] were not included in the final data set, nor were those completing training prior to 1980. Current positions were known for 75-100% of the former residents in each of the data sets; most programs had information for >90% of graduates. The span of the data sets ranged from 8-23 years.)

Pete Rainey

ACLPS Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 7, 2003
12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

Alan Wells called the meeting to order at approximately 11:50 PM at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort in Tucson, AZ. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 8, 2002. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as written and previously published in the ACLPS 2002 Fall Newsletter.

2. Reports of the Executive Council

Alan Wells reported on behalf of the Executive Council and thanked Hossein Sadrzadeh and Ron Schifman for organizing an outstanding, stimulating, and well-attended meeting.

Medicare part B billing for non-MD Laboratorians will be presented to the APC at their annual meeting at the end of July. So far, with the exception of ASCP, all the other societies approached (ASM, AACC, ASHI) have been supportive in principle, but do not want to commit resources or energy at this point. ASCP and CAP (based on public statements, and not contacted for that reason) are against. Considering the political realities (requires an act of congress to enable this), ACLPS will table this effort for now.

CP only training is again under attack from ABP for reasons unknown. ADASP has taken a position against this to the APC and ABP. APC is also against this. ACLPS is now an affiliated society of the ABP and should raise its voice to maintain the diversity in training approach that currently operates.

RISE exam was discussed in Friday afternoon special session. The ACLPS members overwhelmingly supported ACLPS as taking on the responsibility of organizing this and forming foundational curriculum guidelines. Fred Apple will appoint an ad-hoc committee to go forward with this endeavor. An e-mail will be sent to all ACLPS members.

3. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Membership Committee

A new streamlined process of having young investigator award winners become associate members was initiated this year and it worked well. 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
Beverly W. Baron, M.D. The University of Chicago	Dr. Jonathan L. Miller Dr. Loren Joseph
Lydia C. Contis, M.D. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Dr. Alan Wells Dr. Fiona Craig
Elizabeth L. Frank, Ph.D. University of Utah School of Medicine	Dr. William Roberts Dr. Carl Wittwer
Darshana N. Jhala, M.D. University of Alabama at Birmingham	Dr. Vishnu Reddy Dr. Jay McDonald

Pei Lin, M.D. University of Texas	Dr. Louis Fink Dr. Pete Rainey
Erin Rubin Ochoa, M.D. Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Dr. Michael Pryslosky Dr. Herbert Rose
Lokinendi V. Rao, Ph.D. University of Massachusetts Medical Center	Dr. William Roberts Dr. Edward R. Ashwood
Milenko J. Tanasijevic, M.D. Harvard Medical School	Dr. David M. Dorfman Dr. David Sacks
Jessica Wang-Rodriquez, M.D. University of California, San Diego	Dr. Paul Wolf Dr. David Bailey
Xiao-Ming Yin, M.D., Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Dr. Alan H. Wells Dr. Jeffrey A. Kant

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

Name	Sponsor(s)
Matthew L. Albert, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Desmond Burke Dr. Ellinor Peerschke
Jafar Bozorgmehr, M.D.	Dr. Sayed M.H. Sadrzadeh Dr. Petrie M. Rainey
Lynn Bry, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. David B. Sacks
Li Chai, M.D.	Dr. Henry M. Rinder
Wen Fan, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Ellinor I.B. Peerschke
Tricia Francis, M.D.	Dr. David Herold
Shen-An Hwang, Ph.D.	Dr. Amitava Dasgupta
Ming Jin, Ph.D.	Dr. Petrie M. Rainey Dr. Jonathan F. Tait
Stefan Juretschko, Ph.D.	Dr. Tom Fritsche Dr. Michael Astion
James Stacey Klutts, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Sam Santoro Dr. Jack Ladenson
Mathew D. Krasowski, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Jonathan L. Miller Dr. Karen Frank
Mustafa Mahdavy, M.D.	Dr. Louis M. Fink
M. Rajan Mariappan, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Henry M. Rinder
Gwendolyn A. McMillin, Ph.D.	Dr. Elaine Lyon
Douglas R. Mitchell, M.D.	Dr. Ann M. Gronowski
Melissa Murray, D.O.	Dr. Davise H. Larone
Jason Scott Nolan, M.D.	Dr. Ken B. Waites
Kerith Overstreet, M.D.	Dr. David N. Bailey
Annette P. Peck, M.D.	Dr. Daniel E. Sabath
Christopher R. Polage, M.D.	Dr. William L. Roberts
Kerry A.S. Proctor, M.D.	Dr. William Roberts
Lirong Qu, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Alan Wells Dr. Jeffrey A. Kant
Jennifer L. Rakeman, Ph.D.	Dr. Brad Cookson

Alex J. Rai, Ph.D.	Dr. Daniel Chan
Yasi Saffari, M.D.	Dr. Sayed M.H. Sadrzadeh Dr. Petrie M. Rainey
Suman Setty, MBBS, Ph.D.	Dr. Ronald C. McGlennen
Kenichi Tamama, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Alan Wells Dr. Jeffrey A. Kant
Shan Yuan, M.D.	Dr. Petrie M. Rainey Dr. David Chou

The following active members requested a change to emeritus status:

Bartholomew, William
Cate, John
Crosson, John
Jarett, Leonard
Li, Chin-Yang
Matthews, William
Peter, James
Ross, Doris

B. Program and Finance Committee

Fred Apple thanked for Hossein Sadrzadeh, Ron Schiffman, and Linda Hoffman for putting on an outstanding meeting. Members were reminded to begin planning now to attend next year's meeting, which will be hosted by the University of Colorado on June 3-5, 2004 in Denver.

C. Publications Committee

No report.

D. Nominating and Awards Committee

Pete Rainey 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

The Internet Task Force has improved our web site this past including adding links to web sites for the American Journal of Clinical Pathology and the American Society for Clinical Pathology. The employment opportunity section of the web site has been continually updated with a number of new postings.

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 5/16/03)	\$29,941.10
YIAP Fund (as of 5/16/03)	\$31,057.98
YIAP Endowment (as of 4/31/03)	\$491,745.24

Total \$551,744.32

7. New Business

Alan Wells thanked outgoing Executive Council members, Brian Smith and Steve Spitalnik, for their dedicated service to the Academy. He is indicated that the annual dues for ACLPS will be raised from \$75 to \$100 for 2004. The dues have not been raised for a long time and additional funds are needed to support the regular activities of the organization. There was general support for this change from the membership present.

8. Presentation of New Members

Jonathan Miller had previously presented the new members for approval. Those who were present were introduced and welcomed into the Academy.

9. Announcement of Election Results

Pete Rainey announced that the election ballot as presented to the membership was approved.

President Elect	David Bruns
Executive Council Members-at-Large 2003-2006	Bruce Alexander
	Brad Cookson
Nominating and Awards Committee Member 2003-2006	Mike Creer
Publications Committee Member 2003-2006	Thomas Daly

Alan Wells congratulated all the newly elected members of the Executive Council and Committees.

10. Installation of the New President

Alan Wells completed his duty as President and turned the office over to Fred Apple as the new President of ACLPS. During his remarks, Fred put forth several challenges for the organization. First, the substantial role that ACLPS will have in preparation of the RISE examination is a major undertaking for the organization. It will provide good visibility for the organization and allow us to take a leadership role in academic laboratory medicine. This is an opportunity to ACLPS members to have a positive impact on pathology residency training. Second, the young investigator award program (YIAP) is extremely important to the organization. Fred would like to develop a position statement on the YIAP mission and develop a regional recruitment effort to encourage additional young investigators to present research at the annual meeting. An ad hoc committee will be appointed to assist with this effort. Third, ACLPS will providing a representative to the American Board of Pathology. This individual will be appointed shortly. Finally, should ACLPS offer to assist the FDA with better scientific methods for new assay approval? This issue will be investigated further during the next year.

11. Adjournment

There was no further business to conduct and Fred Apple adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Announcements

Call for Abstracts - 2004

Dear ACLPS Colleagues:

Members of ACLPS and non-members, with the sponsorship of an ACLPS member, are invited to submit abstracts to be presented at the Session for Scientific Papers at the 2004 Annual Meeting. I 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 Copyright Release Statement will be available on the ACLPS website (www.aclps.org) in January. The deadline for abstracts will be February 24, 2004. Individuals will be able to submit the abstract as an e-mail attachment. Forms requiring signatures can be faxed.

Sincerely,

Eric D. Spitzer, MD, PhD
Director, Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Awards Program, ACLPS

Call for Nominations for ACLPS Officers

The primary job of the Immediate Past President is to chair the Nominating and Awards Committee. This Committee is charged with developing the list of candidates for ACLPS Officers. An ongoing challenge for the Committee is to identify future ACLPS leaders and to get them involved. Initial involvement usually is by election or appointment to one of the standing Committees. If you are a member of ACLPS who would like to become more involved, please let me know at wellsa@upmc.edu. Similarly, if you have a colleague who could become a contributor, but might be too modest to propose themselves, let me know as well.

Alan Wells
Chair, Nominating Committee

AJCP Subscription

Several ACLPS members have not received copies of the American Journal of Clinical Pathology since June of 1999. My investigation has revealed that they were not members of ASCP and therefore were on a special subscription list. When ASCP changed computer system, the codes for this special list were not transferred. ASCP is still working on this problem. If any ACLPS member has a problem with their AJCP subscription please contact Michelle Harris McGraw at ASCP. Her phone number is (312) 738-1336 and her e-mail is micheleh@ascp.org. She will mail back issues and add your name to a manual mailing list which has been created for temporary use while the computer problem is being fixed. Also, please let me know of your problem. My phone number is (800) 242-2787 ext. 2086 and my e-mail address is: william.roberts@arup-lab.com.

Bill Roberts, MD
Secretary-Treasurer

The ACLPS web site needs your help

Have you been to the ACLPS web site (www.aclps.org) lately? If so, you may have noticed the site is oriented primarily to our members. We would like to attract medical and doctoral students to the field of laboratory medicine. Would you be interested in working to improve the ACLPS web site? An Ad Hoc Committee will be assembled to provide additional content for our web site to make it more useful for both members and specifically non-members. The committee will also be updating the site to make it more user friendly. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee, please contact Fred Apple, President, at fred.apple@co.hennepin.mn.us

2004 ACLPS Annual Meeting Program

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Westin Tabor Hotel

June 3-5, 2004

Denver, CO

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 3

Afternoon

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

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

6:00-8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception,
Westin Tabor Hotel

5:00-6:00 p.m. Optional planned activity

Tour of Fitzsimmons campus

6:30-10:30 p.m. Reception and Awards Banquet

Denver Museum of Nature and
History

Friday, June 4

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

10:15-11:30 a.m. Young Investigator Presentations
(4 simultaneous sessions)

11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch

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

Jack Ladenson: "Pathologists
Overseas"

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

2:15-3:00 p.m. Breakout sessions

Session A Clin Chemistry

Session B Hematology

Session C Microbiology

3:00-3:15 p.m. Break

3:15-4:30 p.m. Breakout sessions

Session A Clin Chemistry

Session B Hematology

Session C Microbiology

Saturday, June 5

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

8:30-10:15 a.m. Molecular Biology Lectures

Gregory Tsongalis

Carl Wittwer

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:15 a.m. Molecular Biology Lectures

David Hillyard

11:15-12:00 p.m. Roundtable discussion

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

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