It is an exciting time to be active in ACLPS. As always, the members of ACLPS are outstanding colleagues, but the level of activity in the organization is at its highest point in memory. The energy, creativity and unparalleled expertise of its members are making the Academy more and more visible and important to the field.

I describe below some recent ACLPS activities. These activities were initiated by previous Presidents including Fred Apple and Alan Wells and are being carried out by many talented members to whom the field will long owe a debt of gratitude.

Key New Activities and Aims in 2004-2005

National Curriculum for Residency Training

ACLPS is developing and will publish the first national curriculum for residency training in laboratory medicine. Brian Smith is leading this effort and has assembled a talented team. If you would like to participate, contact him as soon as possible. Completion of the curriculum is anticipated in 2005 when it will be vetted by members of sister organizations before its publication. Alan Wells has already presented ideas and obtained feedback from a meeting of North East Pathology Chairs in Bermuda.

Resident In-Service Examination (RISE)

Under a new agreement (in 2004) with the American Society for Clinical Pathology, ACLPS is participating this year in the development of the Resident In-Service Examination (RISE). The aim of ASCP and of ACLPS is to make the RISE the best possible educational activity for residents in training. ACLPS members have been appointed to the groups that write questions for each of the sections of the clinical pathology/laboratory medicine test. These sections include chemical pathology/toxicology, molecular diagnostics, clinical microbiology, transfusion medicine and hematology. If you would like to participate, contact the committee member who represents your areas of interest. Their names are listed as the Ad Hoc Committee on the RISE exam.

American Board of Pathology (ABP)

As the newest cooperating society of the American Board of Pathology (effective in 2004), ACLPS is involved in the discussion of
requirements for board eligibility. These include the length of time in training in laboratory medicine and the role of research training. The aim of these discussions is to ensure that residents have the opportunity to receive the best possible educational experience during their years in training. Dr. Ed Ashwood represented ACLPS at the meeting of ABP and presented views on these areas.

*American Journal of Clinical Pathology (AJCP)*

AJCP has long been the journal of ACLPS. In 2006, for the first time, an AJCP editorial board meeting will be held in conjunction with the ACLPS annual meeting (in Chicago).

*ACLPS Web Site, www.aclps.org*

David Chou has created a redesigned and wonderfully functional web site that is also attractive. I have used it repeatedly to tell others about our organization. If you have not seen it, do yourself a favor and take a look. It is an evolving project and will benefit from your input, but you can already send others there for information about ACLPS, including how to join.

**What’s next?**

With these activities and the upcoming annual meeting, 2004-2005 promises to be a high point in the history of ACLPS. The momentum will lead to increasing opportunities to serve trainees in laboratory medicine, whether they bring medical backgrounds or scientific expertise or both to the rapidly growing field of laboratory medicine. The field needs many talents, and it offers each of us an opportunity to contribute to the care of patients and to the development of the next generation of leaders.

The activities of ACLPS show that our organization can meet objectives that we cannot meet individually. If you have not yet participated in the activities of ACLPS, do offer to do so. ACLPS is the one organization for academic laboratory medicine in North America, and the input of each member is important. Our numbers are small, but, to quote Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group...can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” (I know that we don’t need to change the whole world, but you get the point.)

It is a privilege to continue to be a part of this outstanding organization that has long recognized the importance of education in laboratory medicine. As a reminder of the long-standing objectives of ACLPS, I reprint below the key objectives of our organization. They bear rereading.

David E. Bruns, MD
Professor of Pathology
University of Virginia

**OBJECTIVES OF THE ACADEMY OF CLINICAL LABORATORY PHYSICIANS AND SCIENTISTS**

1. To encourage and advance the highest standards of education in laboratory medicine in medical school and related curricula.
2. To encourage and promote the highest standards of resident training and post-graduate education of physicians and scientists in clinical pathology at universities and medical schools.
3. To encourage and promote the highest standards of service, education and research in academic laboratory medicine.
ACLPS is undertaking two new major educational initiatives that promise to have significant impact on residency training in Laboratory Medicine in the years to come. The first is the design of a curriculum for clinical pathology training. Ten years ago, four major pathology organizations (ACLPS, the Association of Pathology Chairs [APC], the College of American Pathologists [CAP], and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists [ASCP]) formed a conjoint committee to examine issues of optimal CP training which culminated in publication of the Graylyn Conference Report [Amer J Clin Pathol 103:127-9, 1995]. Since that time, however, several major shifts in clinical practice and in the philosophy behind residency education and evaluation have occurred. In particular, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education [ACGME] has mandated the development of a defined educational program for trainees in all medical specialties, focused on 6 main areas of competency: patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice. In response to that action, the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology (ADASP) has recently published a proposal for an "idealized" curriculum for anatomic pathology training [Amer J Clin Pathol 120:652-60, 2003]. ACLPS decided to proceed with a similar initiative on the Laboratory Medicine front and organizational efforts, which were finalized at the annual meeting last June, have led to formation of an ad hoc committee comprised of Bruce Alexander (steering committee), Ted Bovill (steering), Amitava Dasgupta (chemistry), Mark Fung (transfusion), Barbara Haller (microbiology), Greg Howe (molecular diagnostics), Curt Parvin (informatics), Ellinor Peerske (hematology), Harvey Rinder (molecular diagnostics), Brian Smith (chair), Steve Spitalnik (transfusion), Alan Wells (steering), Ron Weiss (management), and Mark Wener (immunology). Working with numerous other ACLPS members, the group has begun to formulate a very early first draft of a proposal which will go through several revisions over the next few months. Questions that are being addressed include what are the areas that need to be covered for minimal and higher levels of competency, what are “first level” (more or less first year) versus “second level” activities in the subspecialties, how much time is needed for minimal as well as higher level competency in an area, what are options for a third year of competency (usually for a CP-only trainee), and the like. The expectation is that this draft will then be vetted by other clinical pathologists drawn from academia and community practice as well as by some current residents. Although by policy ACGME does not officially approve or disapprove such documents, the pathology residency review committee [RRC] has also agreed to look over a draft in their regularly scheduled March, 2005 meeting. The committee will then bring a proposed version to the entire membership for discussion at the Pittsburgh meeting in June, 2005. After that discussion, the aim is to publish the proposed curriculum outline in AdCP by the fall. The hope and expectation is that this project will represent the first part of an evolving effort to better define training needs in CP and the evaluation of trainees. While the initial document will be somewhat general, the committee envisions subsequent efforts, taken in concert with relevant subspecialty organizations, to allow for publication of more detailed curriculae and competency evaluation in each of the major subspecialty areas.

The second major initiative in education is to have ACLPS play a greater role in the Laboratory Medicine portion of the resident in-service examination [RISE] administered by ASCP. This has been a project in the works for well over a year. Through the skillful efforts of Fred Apple, Alan Wells and others, ACLPS now has evolving official representation on the relevant committees at ASCP. Brian Smith sits on the overall ASCP RISE examination committee, chaired by Barbara McKenna. Ellinor Peerske is on the Hematology Resources subcommittee and Ron Weiss is on the Management subcommittee. For the 2006 RISE exam, therefore, we hope to have the participation of a large number of ACLPS members in formulating questions for the test. By forging a closer link to this important educational exercise, ACLPS will have greater visibility to housestaff and will continue to strengthen its underlying mission.

Brian R. Smith
brian.smith@yale.edu
1. Call to Order and Reading of the Minutes

Fred Apple called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM in the Westin Hotel at Tabor Center in Denver, CO. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of June 7, 2003. It was further moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the minutes be approved as written and previously published in the ACLPS 2003 Fall Newsletter.

2. Reports of the Executive Council

Fred Apple reported on behalf of the Executive Council and thanked Geza Bodor and Mike Wilson for organizing an outstanding, stimulating, and well-attended meeting.

Fred 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 will recognize only 6 months of research time during residency, including AP- only and CP- only training. However, they define research very narrowly as basic research. Clinically-oriented research would not count as research. The ABP is supportive of ACLPS involvement with the Resident In- service Examination (RISE). Some individuals involved with AP training would like to have more residency time devoted to AP rotations. The ABP is currently not supportive of any changes in lengths of time.

Fred mentioned that a national fundraising effort is being developed to help support the annual meeting.

3. Reports of the Standing Committees

A. Membership Committee

Jonathan Miller outlined proposed changes to the Bylaws that would eliminate the need for the membership to vote on new active and associate members. No one could recall any question about new member applicants ever having arisen during the business meeting. The by-laws changes will be voted on by the membership at next year’s annual business meeting. Jonathan indicated that a brochure to inform resident applicants, residents, fellows, and faculty is being prepared. Jonathan presented the list of new members and associate members for approval.

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

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The following active members requested a change to emeritus status:

Hassan Khayan-Bashi  
University of California San Francisco  
Michael B. O’Sullivan  
Mayo Clinic Scottsdale  
John Savory  
University of Virginia  
Robert M. Schmidt  
San Francisco State University  
Morton K. Schwartz  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
Russell Tomar  
Cook County HospitalB.

B. Program and Finance Committee
David Bruns thanked Geza Bodor and Mike Wilson 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 Pittsburgh on June 9-11, 2005 in Pittsburgh.

C. Publications Committee
Pete Rainey reported that the American Journal of Clinical Pathology is valued by ACLPS. Hardcopy subscriptions will be continued for ACLPS members. This will likely require an increase in dues. Eventually, electronic subscriptions may be preferred. Before this change can be contemplated, the table of contents would need to be e-mailed monthly.

D. Nominating and Awards Committee
Alan Wells 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
Dave Chou gave an update on the ACLPS web site. Dave reported that the ACLPS site is being updated by a professional web designer. He requested members to please provide him with interesting CP-related pictures to be used. Dave thanked Lyn Bry and Curt Parvin for their help.

Fred Apple gave a report on the RISE partnership with ASCP. ACLPS has appointed a member to each of the 8 Resource Councils. Four of the 8 Councils have interacted since an ACLPS member was appointed. One concern is the lack of access to test questions. There continue to be problems with the quality of questions on the exam.

Fred gave an update on the Curriculum Committee. A timeline has been developed so that a curriculum should be available in the next year or so. It will be similar to the ADASP document for AP. David Bruns would like the name of a community pathologist to help review the curriculum. The members were asked
to send a copy of their CP curricula to Brian Smith.

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 4/16/04) $30,530.15
- YIAP Fund (as of 4/16/04) $13,650.36
- YIAP Endowment (as of 4/31/04) $531,890.39
Total $576,070.90

7. New Business
Fred thanked outgoing Executive Council members, David Sacks and David Herold, for their dedicated service to the Academy. He also mentioned that a session focusing on CP training is being considered for the 2006 annual meeting in Chicago.

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
Alan Wells announced that the election ballot as presented to the membership was approved.

President Elect  David Sacks

Executive Council
Members-at-Large  Tony Butch
2004-2007  Elaine Lyon

Nominating and Awards Committee
Member 2004-2007  Bryan Wolf

Publications Committee
Member 2004-2006  Robin Lorenz

Fred Apple congratulated all the newly elected members of the Executive Council and Committees.

10. Installation of the New President
Fred Apple thanked the many ACLPS members who have helped during his tenure as President and turned the meeting over to David Bruns as the new President of ACLPS. David thanked Fred for all of his time and hard work. ACLPS is a small but influential organization whose influence is increasing dramatically, particularly through the Curriculum Committee. David indicated that he will continue with current programs. Specifically, the Curriculum Committee is critical. The RISE partnership with ASCP also fits nicely. He would like to see even more visibility for ACLPS nationally. The update of the web site is an important component of this process. In addition, the preparation of a white paper/brochure to distribute to residency applicants and PRODS is important. Finally, ACLPS needs to have more of an impact on Pathology Department Chairs to attract interested faculty and young investigator. Many opportunities for further growth of the organization are becoming available.

11. Adjournment
There was no further business to conduct and David Bruns adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.
ACLPS OFFICERS 2004-2005

President                                  Immediate Past President       Fred S. Apple
David E. Bruns                             Minneapolis, MN
Charlottesville, VA

President-Elect                            Past President                 Alan H. Wells
David Sacks                                Pittsburgh, PA
Boston, MA

William L. Roberts                         Salt Lake City, UT

Executive Council
(Includes officers listed above, Membership Committee Chair, Paul E. Strandjord YI Award Program Director, and the following members at large.)

2002-2005
Ellinor I. Peershke New York, NY
Ana K. Stankovic Atlanta, GA

2003-2006
Bruce Alexander Birmingham, AL
Brad Cookson Seattle, WA

Representatives to Other Organizations

Council of Academic Societies
Steve Spitalnik New York, NY

Intersociety Pathology Council
Jeffrey A. Kant Pittsburgh, PA

Commission on Accreditation in Clinical Chemistry
Mitchell G. Scott St. Louis, MO

American Board of Clinical Chemistry
Geza S. Bodor Denver, CO

Association of Pathology Chairs
James S. Fine Seattle, WA

American Board of Pathology Chairs
Ed Ashwood Salt Lake City, UT

Committees and Special Assignments

Membership Committee
Jonathan L. Miller, Chair (2002-05), Chicago, IL
William L. Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer (2002-05), Salt Lake City, UT
Dan Sabath, Member-at-Large (2002-05), Seattle, WA
Jay Bock, Member-at-Large (2003-06), Stonybrook, NY
Open, Member-at-Large (2004-07)

Nominating and Awards Committee
Fred Apple, Chair (Immediate Past President) Minneapolis, MN
Doug Blackall (2002-2005), Los Angeles, CA
Mike Creer (2003-2006), St. Louis, MO
Open, Member-at-Large (2004-2005)
Program and Finance Committee
David Sacks, Chair (President Elect):
Boston, MA
Geza Bodor, 2004 Local Co-Host
Denver, CO
Mike Wilson, 2004 Local Co-Host
Denver, CO
Alan Wells, 2005 Local Host
Pittsburgh, PA
Jonathan Miller, 2006 Local Host
Chicago, IL

Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program Director
Eric D. Spitzer
Stonybrook, NY

ACLPS Newsletter Editor
Geza S. Bodor
Denver, CO

Historian
George Z. Williams (1966-76)
Tiburon, CA
Ellis S. Benson (1976-86)
Minneapolis, MN
Edward R. Ashwood (1987-96)
Salt Lake City, UT

Publications Committee
Alan Wells, Chair Pittsburgh, PA
Amitava Dasgupta (2002-2005)
Houston, TX
Barbara Haller (2003-2006)
San Francisco, CA
Robin Lorenz (2004-2007)
Birmingham, AL
Mike Laposata (ex-officio)
Boston, MA

Internet Applications Task Force
David Chou, Chair Seattle, WA
Lynn Bry Boston, MA
Curtis A. Parvin St. Louis, MO

David Herold, 2007 Local Host
San Diego, CA
William L. Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer
Salt Lake City, UT
Eric D. Spitzer, PES-YIAP Director
(2002-07)
Stony Brook, NY
Member-at Large (2004–05) open
Member-at Large (2004–05) open

Ron Weiss (Management)
Salt Lake City, UT
Barbara Haller (Micro/Viro)
San Francisco, CA
Greg Howe (Molecular Co-chair)
New Haven, CT
Harvey Rinder (Molecular Co-chair)
New Haven, CT
Steve Spitalnik (Transfusion)
Rochester, NY
Greg King?? (General)
St. Louis, MO
Open (General)

ACLPS World Wide Web Home Page http://www.aclps.org
George Brecher, MD
(1913 – 2004)

George Brecher, MD, Professor Emeritus, Department of Laboratory Medicine, of the University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco died on July 5th, at the age of 90. He founded the Department of Laboratory Medicine at UCSF in 1966 and then led the department for 12 years.

George Brecher had a distinguished career as a clinician, teacher and biomedical investigator. He was born in Czechoslovakia and was educated in Germany, Switzerland, and Czechoslovakia, where he obtained his MD degree in 1938. He emigrated to England in 1939. After obtaining additional training, he came to the United States in 1942, and was selected for a residency program in the Department of Pathology at the Mayo Clinic. He served in the U.S. Army as a Captain in the Medical Corps from 1944-1946, and then became a Fellow in Pathology at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, where he subsequently served as the Chief of the Hematology Section in the Department of Clinical Pathology from 1953-1966. He remained a member of the faculty at UCSF following his retirement from the chairmanship of the Department of Laboratory Medicine, and continued to carry out research at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory of the University of California. He was also a member of the Associate Faculty at UC Berkeley at the time of his death.

It was at N.I.H. that he initiated his series of major contributions to the laboratory practice of hematology and to the field of hematopoiesis. His career as a widely accomplished biomedical investigator extended for half a century, and was characterized by both the development of improved tests for use in clinical hematology laboratories and by important original biomedical investigations. Dr. Brecher improved and made more reliable the techniques for the quantification of reticulocytes (1949) and blood platelets (1950), culminating in the development of a markedly improved technique for platelet counting, using a particle analyzer (1965). He was a pioneer in the application of automation for blood cell analysis. He introduced supravital staining of blood cells into the clinical laboratory. He was the first to experimentally demonstrate the feasibility of platelet transfusions for the prevention of post-irradiation hemorrhage (1951). This discovery of fundamental importance was followed by a series of research papers, in association with Eugene Cronkite, which focused on radiation damage. These studies also included some of the first investigations of the effectiveness of granulocyte transfusions. Another important series of investigations of red blood cell production were carried out with Frederick Stohlman Jr. He effectively utilized radio-isotopes to study the proliferation of the precursors of circulating blood cells. During the latter part of his research career, he focused on investigations of pluripotent stem cells, which are capable of repopulating the bone marrow.

George Brecher was responsible for the training of many physicians, both at the National Institutes of Health and at the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, who subsequently developed successful careers in academic medicine. He had a critical mind and anyone who made a scientific presentation with George in the audience had to anticipate at least one insightful (and often challenging) question. He was highly articulate and his opinions were always honestly and forcefully expressed. However, his criticism was always tempered by his profound respect for well-performed scientific inquiry.

Most importantly, George Brecher was a man of enormous enthusiasm, intellect, energy, and vision. He was one of only a few individuals who recognized the significant impact of evolving laboratory science on health care delivery; and he was one of the even smaller group who took it upon themselves to implement those changes, to the benefit of patients throughout the world. George introduced computers to the clinical laboratory, when for most laboratory scientists they were little more than an item of science fiction. He insisted that the resources of the clinical laboratory be utilized in a fashion that never overlooked the individual patient, while at the same time assuring availability of resources for the greatest number of patients.

George Brecher’s passion, particularly early in his career, could manifest itself in a lack of appreciation for the efforts of others who were not
up to his level of ability, insight and willingness to commit. Being on the other end of his acerbic wit and caustic criticism was an experience that none of his residents and fellows will ever forget. Nevertheless, it was those same residents and fellows who went on to mold the new field he had played such a major role in creating. His influence on his trainees was both life altering and lifelong. A reflection of the fondness mixed with trepidation that his trainees had for him was the creation and presentation of the “Roaring Lion Award” from his residents and fellows at the NIH. Despite George's forcefulness, he was selflessly devoted to his trainees, often to the point of putting their needs before his own. Those who merited his friendship and guidance were indeed fortunate, and he was the very epitome of a mentor to his trainees and junior colleagues.

Among his many honors were the Distinguished Service Medal of the U.S. Public Health Service, the French Legion of Honor, and the Medal of Merit of the Charles University in Prague, his alma mater. He also was a past-President of the American Society of Hematology and a member of the Association of American Physicians (among many other professional organizations). He served as a consultant to both the Hematology and Radiation Study Sections of the N.I.H., and also to the Brookhaven National Laboratory, in Upton, NY.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Brecher; a daughter, Eva Baker; 4 step-children, Manuel Buchwald, Miguel Buchwald, Monica Sullivan, and Claudio Buchwald; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. His passing is mourned by former residents, fellows, colleagues, and scientific collaborators worldwide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE 40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACLPS

Dear Friends,

We welcome you to Pittsburgh for the 40th Annual Meeting. We have an exciting program that includes cutting edge science in proteomics, informatics, emerging diseases, and flow cytometry. The Cotlove Lecture featuring one of our own, Pathologist Lance Liotta, a pioneer in diagnostic proteomics will kick off the scientific sessions.

The Meeting will occur in Station Square, a restaurant and music destination just across the Monongahela River from downtown Pittsburgh. After the opening reception in a restored railroad terminal, the Meeting will open with the Paul Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program and other proffered abstracts. Later that afternoon, after the first scientific sessions, excursions will be arranged to visit the unique Warhol and Mattress Factory museums. The banquet will then be at the world-class Pittsburgh Symphony, replete with classical concert. Saturday morning will open with breakfast roundtable discussions centering on establishing guidelines for Laboratory Medicine residencies, as a prelude to the 41st Annual Meeting in Chicago in 2006. Two more scientific sessions followed by the business meeting will close out the Meeting.

For those staying Saturday, other excursions can be arranged to numerous cultural, scientific, recreational or athletic sites in and around Pittsburgh (www.pittsburgh.net). Family sites include the National Aviary, Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium, Children’s Museum, Science Center, and Rails-to-Trails cycle routes. For older kids, there are the Carnegie and Frick Museums, Smithsonian Heinz History Center, Manchester Guild, Phipps Conservatory, Fallingwater and other architectural sites, and various theater and music venues. There are numerous PGA-rated golf courses and white-water rafting.

We look forward to your visit!

Jorge, Bill & Alan
40th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians & Scientists
9-11 June 2005
Sheraton at Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA

Preliminary Program

June 9: Thursday
Evening Reception
Grand Concourse Restaurant

June 10: Friday
Morning - Young Investigator Program
with 4 breakout sessions
Friday PM - Cotlove Lecturer
Lance Liotta, NCI
Friday PM - Breakout 1:
Molecular Methods in Microbiology and Infection Control
Friday PM – Breakout 2:
Proteomics in Clinical Chemistry

Friday Break – The Pittsburgh Experience
Trips to Warhol
The Mattress Factory
Friday Evening – Banquet with
Concert at Heinz Symphony Hall

June 11: Saturday
Breakfast – Roundtables (LM Curriculum)
Saturday AM – Breakout 3:
Expert Systems for Automated Data Analysis
Saturday AM – Breakout 4:
Flow Cytometric Evaluation of Neoplasm

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STRANDJORD YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD PROGRAM

The deadline for receipt of abstracts for the Paul E. Strandjord Young Investigator Award Program will be February 25, 2005.

Updated forms and instructions will be available on the ACLPS website from mid-December (http://depts.washington.edu/lmaclps/).

Eric Spitzer
Director, YIAP
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY MEDICINE  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

The School of Medicine of the University of California at San Francisco is seeking applications for the position of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Laboratory Medicine. We seek an individual of vision who is committed to the Department’s goal of becoming a leading force in the development and application of sophisticated new technologies for the diagnosis and management/treatment of human disease.

Applicants must hold the should have an MD, PhD or MD & PhD degree(s) and have a nationally recognized research program in basic or translational research. The successful applicant will play a leading role in building cross-cutting translational research programs at UCSF; will also become a member of the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program at UCSF; and will participate actively in the mentoring of fellows and residents in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Pathology and other translational research disciplines.

UCSF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. The University undertakes affirmative action to assure equal employment opportunity for underrepresented minorities and women, for persons with disabilities, and for Vietnam-era veterans and special disabled veterans. UCSF is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from women and under-represented minorities.

Applicants should submit a CV and brief statement of research interests and plans by 15 January 2005. Submit a hard copy and an electronic copy to:

Don Ganem, MD  
Laboratory Medicine Search Committee Director  
c/o Michael Armanini  
G.W. Hooper Foundation, Box 0552  
University of California  
513 Parnassus Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94143

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INVITATION  
TO  
COURSE ON EVIDENCE-BASED LABORATORY MEDICINE  
21-24 September, 2005  
Budapest, Hungary

This international “train the trainers” course aims at disseminating the methodology of evidence-based laboratory medicine (EBLM). Key objectives of the course are: To improve the participants ability to formulate questions, to systematically find and evaluate the evidence about diagnostic interventions, and to prepare the participants to teach and practice the methods of EBLM in their own countries. The course is based on a training model developed by Critical Appraisal Skills Program (CASP) International, Oxford, UK. The four day course consists of lectures, small group workshops and feed-back sessions. The official language of the course is English and 25 CME credit will be awarded to participants. Lecturers and facilitators represent experts in the field, including members of the Screening and Diagnostic Tests Methods Group (SDT-MG) of the Cochrane Collaboration and memers of the Committe on Evidence-based Laboratory Medicine (C-EBLM) of IFCC. The following lecturers and facilitators have been confirmed for the course: Patrick Bossuyt (The Netherlands), Robert Christenson (USA), Jon Deeks (UK), Matthias Egger (Switzerland), Paul Glziou (UK), Andrea Rita Horvath (Hungary), Wytze Oosterhuis (The Netherlands), Daniel Pewsner (Switzerland), Christopher Price (UK), and Sverre Sandberg (Norway). Course venue is the Hotel Taverna, located in the heart of Budapest on Vaci Street. Registration forms can be downloaded from the IFCC web site: www.ifcc.org. Registration deadline is 1 June 2005.