President’s Message

David Bruns

The 2004-2005 academic year has been an extremely active one for ACLPS, and the year’s successful efforts bode well for the future. Here are five examples:

- **National Curriculum for Residency Training**: Brian Smith and his team have developed the first national curriculum for training of laboratory medicine residents. A draft manuscript was reviewed by volunteers within and outside ACLPS, and it is being vetted by members of sister organizations. It will be ready for further discussion before the annual meeting in Pittsburgh. The document is likely to be an important topic for discussion at meetings of the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) and other organizations that are interested in the training of residents in our field. Arrangements have been made for publication of the curriculum in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology and Human Pathology, with subspecialty sections available for publication in other appropriate journals.

- **Resident In-Service Examination (RISE)**: ACLPS and ASCP have forged a working relationship this year in the preparation of the Resident In-Service Examination (RISE). For the first time, questions from ACLPS were part (perhaps 40 – 50%) of the clinical pathology section of the examination, which was, this year, used by all residency programs in the United States. Again, Brian Smith is to be congratulated for organizing a group of ACLPS members to provide questions for the examination and to meet with the relevant specialty committees charged with preparing sections of the examination. If you are interested in serving on the RISE committee, contact President-Elect David Sacks (dsacks@rics.bwh.harvard.edu) as soon as possible.

- **American Board of Pathology** ACLPS is now a cooperating society of the American Board of Pathology. This is a most-appropriate role for the Academy, which has its roots in
education. ACLPS has been well represented by Ed Ashwood at the two meetings of the Board, and was accompanied by President-Elect David Sacks at the Spring meeting. Thanks are due to both of them.

- **ACLPS Web Site** (www.aclps.org or http://depts.washington.edu/imaclops/) As I wrote in the last newsletter, I urge you to visit the redesigned and expanded web site. It keeps getting better, and can be used to introduce people to the field of laboratory medicine and to the Academy. If your training program is not listed, or if you have suggestions to improve the web site, contact David Chou (dchou@u.washington.edu). When you do, you can also thank him for giving us this gift.

- **Future Annual Meetings.** The Program and Finance Committee has lined up a schedule of future meetings through 2010. Locations for these meetings are U Chicago 2006, UCSD 2007, U Penn 2008, UCLA 2009, and Vanderbilt 2010. The 2005 meeting in Pittsburgh has an outstanding program (described elsewhere in this Newsletter) and a large number of Young Investigators (also discussed elsewhere in this issue). Fundraising for the meeting has been successful. The registration fee of only $300, which is lower than that for many previous meetings, will again include breakfasts and lunches plus the reception on Thursday and the Friday night banquet. It is a great bargain for an opportunity to see the future of the field, to encourage its growth and to see old friends and make new ones.

  The Executive Council has recommended some small but helpful changes to the Academy’s Bylaws. I endorse these changes and hope you will support them.

  As my term of office approaches its end, I remain grateful for the opportunity to be involved in the activities of ACLPS. I thank the many members who have given their time to make the activities of this year successful. Brian Smith is especially to be thanked as is Bill Roberts who has kept me on the straight and narrow. I move on to my status as a has-been, confident that the Academy is in good hands with David Sacks as President and with Bill Roberts still on hand to keep Sacks on track.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACADEMY’S BYLAWS:

Please use the enclosed ballot (at the end of this newsletter) to indicate if you approve or disapprove the proposed changes.

Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists, Inc.
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BYLAWS

Section 3 - Nomination and Approval of Membership

Section 3.1: Process

A. Nomination to Active Membership.

Candidates for active and associate membership shall be nominated by two active members who, by means of letter, shall describe the qualifications of each candidate in terms of the aims and objectives of the Society. A curriculum vitae shall be part of the application and shall include information concerning the candidate’s dedication to and accomplishments towards the advancement of teaching and scholarship in laboratory medicine. Nominations must be complete and in the hands of the Chair of the Membership Committee not less than thirty (30) days before the Annual Business Meeting.

Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and the affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Council, approval of the nomination for active membership status will be granted. All nominations shall then be considered by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting and final approval will require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present and voting.

B. Nomination and Reappointment to Associate Membership

   (1) Nominations for associate membership shall occur by one of the following means:

      (a) Recipients of a Young Investigator Award will be invited to become associate members. The member of the society sponsoring the young investigator for a Young Investigator Award and the Director, Young Investigator Award Program shall be deemed sponsors of the nomination to associate membership. Recipients of Young Investigator Awards who become associate members will not be required to pay dues while in a training program.

      (b) Trainees in laboratory medicine or junior faculty not holding minimally the rank of Assistant Professor at a school of medicine or health sciences shall be nominated in the same manner as candidates for active membership.
(2) Reappointment to Continuation of associate membership status shall be considered annually. To be eligible for reappointment to continuation of associate membership the associate member must be either (1) a trainee in Laboratory Medicine or (2) a junior faculty member at a school of medicine or health sciences but not having attained the rank of Assistant Professor. Requests for reappointment must be received by the Chair of the Membership Committee not less than thirty (30) days before the annual Business Meeting. Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee and affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Council, approval of the request for reappointment will be granted.

Section 9.3: Secretary-Treasurer

F. The Secretary-Treasurer annually shall send associate members a questionnaire to ascertain their status and interest in continuing as associate members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the Chair of the Membership Committee and submit to the Membership Committee the names of the associate members who: (1) have attained the rank of Assistant Professor and express interest in advancing to active membership as nominees for active membership, (2) desire to retain associate membership and fulfill the requirements for reappointment to be considered for renewal continuation of the associate membership, (3) are no longer eligible for renewal continuation of associate membership, and (4) do not wish to retain their associate membership and therefore shall be deemed to have resigned their membership in the society.

INVITATION TO THE 2005 ANNUAL ACLPS MEETING IN PITTSBURGH, PA
9-11 JUNE 2005

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. Late 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.

We have arranged for special air ticket pricing from USAir. If you fly via them cite Gold File number 82683423 ACLPS at phone number 1-877-874-7687 with a tie in for car rental to Avis code number AWD K609400 at toll-free 866-629-6995.

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

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40th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians & Scientists

9-11 June 2005
Sheraton at Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA

Thursday, June 9
- Thursday 5pm: Commencement of Meeting (Executive Council meeting 3-5pm)
- Thursday Evening: Reception at Grand Concourse Restaurant

Friday, June 10
- Friday AM: 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
  Breakout 2: Proteomics in Clinical Chemistry
- Friday Break: The Pittsburgh Experience (trips to Warhol; Mattress Factory)
- Friday Evening: Banquet with Concert at Heinz Symphony Hall

Saturday, June 11
- Saturday Breakfast: Roundtables (LM Curriculum)
- Saturday AM: Breakout 3: Expert Systems for Automated Data Analysis
  Breakout 4: Flow Cytometric Evaluation of Neoplasm
- Saturday Business Lunch
- 1 PM: Adjournment
- 1 - 4 PM: Executive Council Meeting

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President-Elect 2005-06 (Vote for one):
   Ellinor Peerschke (Cornell University)
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   (Nomination from the Membership)

Secretary Treasurer 2005-08 (Vote for one):
   Elizabeth Frank (University of Utah)
   ______________________________
   (Nomination from the Membership)

Chair Membership Committee 2005-08 (Vote for one):
   Dan Sabath (University of Washington)
   ______________________________
   (Nomination from the Membership)

Executive Council Members-at-Large 2005-08 (Vote for two):
   Ted Bovill (University of Vermont)
   Bryan Wolf (University of Pennsylvania)
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   (Nomination from the Membership)
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   (Nomination from the Membership)

Nominating and Awards Committee Member 2005-08 (Vote for one):
   Amitava Dasgupta (University of Texas)
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   (Nomination from the Membership)

Publications Committee Member 2005-08 (Vote for one):
   Petr Jarolim (Harvard University)
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   (Nomination from the Membership)

Changes to membership process in Bylaws:
   Approve
   Disapprove

Ballots will be distributed at the ACLPS annual business meeting (6/11/05) for voting. If you cannot attend the annual meeting and would like to vote by mail, please send your completed ballot postmarked by 5/31/05 to:

William Roberts, MD PhD
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   500 Chipeta Way
   Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Your Name: