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The 133rd Meeting of the *Association of Clinical Scientists* will be held in Boston, Massachusetts on May 22 to 25, 2013. The headquarters will be the Omni Parker House Hotel, located in downtown Boston. The meeting will be hosted by the Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. Dr. Juliana Szakacs, Chair of the Program Committee, cordially invites you to attend this outstanding conference. The program theme will be *Advances in Molecular / Genetic Diagnostics and Pediatric Pathology*.

In addition to a session on the meeting theme, other sessions on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and all day Saturday will include reviews and research papers from the Sections on Clinical Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Clinical Immunology and Microbiology, Therapeutics and Toxicology, Clinical Informatics, Cell and Tissue Pathology, and Clinical Science in Practice. The annual surgical pathology tutorial will include a session on dermatologic pathology. The Friday morning half day session will include a tour of the Dana Farber Cancer Center.

The Claude P. Brown Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Kyle C. Kurek, MD on "Cartilage Tumor Syndromes – Genetic Discovery to New Tumor Paradigms."

Association members and guests are invited to present their research. Each proffered paper

will have 12 minutes for oral delivery and 3 minutes for discussion. **Friday, January 25, 2013 is the deadline for receipt of abstracts.** Instructions for abstracts will be printed in the next issue of the *Trumpet*.

The Omni Parker House Hotel is the headquarters hotel for the meeting and most activities. This grand luxury hotel has been symbolic to Boston's rich history and culture since 1855. Old world charm and elegance are accompanied by all of the modern conveniences of a world-class establishment. Nestled in the heart of downtown Boston, the Omni Parker House is located along the Freedom Trail and at the foot of Beacon Hill, Boston Common, Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall marketplace. Parker's Restaurant is the home of the Parker House Roll and the Boston Cream Pie.

The special convention rate will be \$245/room (single or double) plus taxes and fees (currently, 14.45%). The hotel does not provide shuttle service from Boston Logan Intl. Airport; it is only 2.5 miles from the hotel. Local taxi cabs are recommended and the fares range from \$20-28 depending on traffic.

Social events will include the Association's annual reception and banquet on Friday evening, and the annual musicale and art show on Saturday evening, featuring chamber music and an exhibition of art, photographs, and handicrafts by members and guests.

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Association of Clinical Scientists
Minutes, Annual Business Meeting
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel
Mobile, AL, May 26, 2012, 5:00 pm.

Dr. Magali Fontaine, President of the Association, convened the meeting at 5:09 pm CDT. Members present were Drs. Bertholf, Hawker, Valdes, Szakacs, Hopfer, Pesce, Tucker, Bornhorst, Tatevian, Hicks, DeBari, Hunter, Krauss, Foulis, McCully, Wilkerson, Fosslien, Sergi, Brown, and Savory. These 21 members constituted a quorum per the Association's bylaws which require a minimum of ten members.

1. The minutes of the Business Meeting of May 21 in Louisville, Kentucky were approved following a motion from Dr. Hopfer and a second from Dr. Tucker.
2. Dr. Bertholf discussed the Treasurer's Report which was part of the handout. The report covers the year ending April 30, 2012. During this past year, the Association moved its checking account from the National Bank of Middlebury in Middlebury, Vermont to a Merrill Lynch checking account, and the Association's investment accounts were moved from Fidelity to Merrill Lynch. The combined Merrill Lynch accounts have approximately \$323,500. The ML checking account has approximately \$69,000 and the investment account approximately \$254,500. The Association is current with all bills that have been submitted.
3. Dr. Hunter, Chair of Scientific Sections, discussed what we learned while managing this meeting in Mobile that will help the Association in planning future meetings. We will be developing an SOP (standard operating procedures) manual with all of the required elements and timing necessary to manage the meeting. We will also be asking for more involvement of the chairs and vice chairs of the scientific sections for ideas on speakers and meeting sessions.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Publications Committee. Dr. Tatevian, Editor-in-Chief, gave a detailed report on

the status of the Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science. The online version has been improved with regard to fonts and abstract presentation. Turnaround time on submitted manuscripts is somewhat more than 60 days on average, unless the manuscript is rejected. During the past year, manuscripts have been received in the following numbers from the indicated countries: South Korea (49), USA and China (36 each), Turkey (11), India (3), Brazil, Iraq, and Mexico (2 each), and Russia, Hungary, Italy, Sweden, Canada, Iran, Serbia, Australia, Poland, Romania, Japan, Croatia, Spain, Czech Republic, Germany, Oman, and Greece (1 each). This represents 25 different countries. Approximately 50% of the submitted papers are accepted. We do need more papers from members of the Association. Dr. Tatevian is open to having issues be directed to a particular theme. She suggested several possible topics with some possible guest editors. She mentioned the names of 14 new reviewers of manuscripts.

Dr. Tatevian has compiled substantial information for a discussion of whether the Association should convert the publication of the journal from combined print and on-line journal to an on-line journal only. The Executive Committee will be studying this information and will be making a decision in the near future. The decision was deferred from this week's meeting of the Executive Committee in order to obtain more information about our paid subscriptions (primarily libraries) and the impact of a decision to have the journal be on-line only on these subscribers.

b. Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Dr. Hawker, Committee Chair, reported that there were two proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws which had been announced 30 days in advance of the Business Meeting as required according to the Bylaws. He explained that the proposed changes were primarily to streamline the process for accepting and enrolling new members since we had outgrown the old procedure of approving new members through the Credentials Committee as "provisional members" and then having the general membership vote on these provisional members at the next annual

meeting. Thus, the new method in the proposed bylaws amendment would eliminate the Credentials Committee and would allow the Secretary or any other officer in the absence of the Secretary, to approve new members as long as a sponsored application is submitted. The second proposed amendment was to clean up some of the language that still referred to the former position of Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. DeBari moved and Dr. Tucker seconded that these proposed amendments be approved. The amendments were approved unanimously.

c. Membership Committee. Before giving his report, Dr. Valdes deferred to Dr. Hawker for several membership-related announcements. Dr. Hawker began by asking the members present to stand for a moment of silence to remember a member deceased during the past year – Dr. Julius Kerkay, of Veszprem, Hungary. Dr. Hawker then noted that 11 new Fellows had joined during the past year and one Fellow had rejoined, after dropping out a number of years ago. Dr. Hawker read the names of all 12 Fellows. Those present stood for a round of applause. Finally, Dr. Hawker noted that approximately 100 Fellows have been lost by not renewing their dues despite repeated emails or written mail. Although we have 119 Emeritus members who did return a membership information form to remain active as Emeritus members, we believe that most of these 100 Fellows who have dropped off our rolls may be emeritus-qualified, but simply no longer have interest in receiving emails or other correspondence from the association. Total membership in all categories is just under 300.

Dr. Valdes reported on a well-attended breakfast meeting of the Membership Committee this morning. The committee believes that we need to significantly grow the Association with younger members to replace the members we are losing to emeritus status or who are just dropping out as Dr. Hawker described. We also need to focus on retention of existing members, and especially retention of our newer and younger members. In addition to residents and fellows, we will be focusing on young faculty and young clinical scientists in translational research. The committee developed a list of recommendations which Dr. Valdes will bring up for discussion by the Executive Committee.

d. Educational Accreditation Committee. Dr. Szakacs reported that this year's meeting qualified for a

maximum of 20 CME credits, which was down slightly from the 20.25 credits we had in the previous several years. Dr. Valdes asked if keeping our meeting programmed as tightly as it was in order to obtain 20 CME credits was important, or could we program it with fewer credits. Dr. Szakacs replied that, while the 20 credits might not matter so much to our academic participants who have other opportunities to obtain CME, to those attendees who are physicians in private practice, we may be their only source of CME, and since they have to meet an annual minimum requirement of 20 CME credits, our meeting has always served that need quite well. Dr. Szakacs thought that a reduction in total CME credits (while charging the same registration fee we are currently charging) could hurt us. Dr. Bertholf suggested that we conduct a survey of our membership using Survey Monkey in order to gain some insight on this topic.

e. Music and Arts Committee. Dr. Wilkerson reported that the Musicale was all set for this evening despite one setback of Dr. Foulis not being able to secure a cello anywhere in Mobile that he could use. However, the committee does have a good program planned.

6. There were proposals for two new committees, which Dr. Fontaine brought to the attention of the members attending the Business Meeting. Dr. Peter Hu recommended the formation of a fund raising committee to augment the efforts of Dr. Hawker in securing support for the Annual Meeting and other Association needs. There was also a proposal for a junior scientist committee. By a show of hands, the members present approved these proposed new committees. They will be referred to Dr. Valdes to consider when he names all of the committees for the coming year. The Executive Committee will consider whether we need a Bylaws amendment in order to add these new committees.

7. Awards Committee. Dr. Valdes, Chair of the Awards Committee reported that the Committee selected the following to receive the Association's awards for 2013 at our Annual Meeting in Boston:

- Dr. John Savory (Charlottesville) – the Gold Headed Cane
- Dr. Clive Hamlin (Cleveland) – Clinical Scientist of the Year
- Dr. Vincent DeBari (New Jersey) – Diploma of Honor

Dr. Valdes then explained that the Committee decided to present more than one award for Young Clinical

Scientist because we had so many young scientists present outstanding papers at this meeting. Further, the Awards Committee felt that they should subdivide this award into separate categories of Innovation/Science, Technology Development, and Clinical Applications. Therefore, the 2013 awardees for Young Clinical Scientist in these respective categories will be:

Innovation/Science – Dr. Lori Millner (Louisville)

Technology Development – Dr. Frederick Strathmann (Salt Lake City)

Clinical Applications – Dr. Joshua Bornhorst (Little Rock) and Dr. Kristine Konopka (Houston)

7. Nominating Committee. Dr. Zander reported on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

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Dr. Fontaine asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Dr. Allan Tucker moved and Dr. Szakacs seconded that nominations be closed. The members approved the motion unanimously. Dr. Hunter then moved and Dr. Hopfer seconded that the announced nominees be elected by acclamation. The members approved this motion unanimously.

8. These newly elected officers were thus installed into office and Dr. Fontaine passed the gavel to Dr. Valdes who took over as President to run the remainder of the Business meeting. Dr. Valdes began by thanking Dr. Fontaine for her excellent effort this past year serving as President.

9. Plans for future meetings of the Association.

a. May 22-25, 2013, Boston, MA. Dr. Szakacs reported that the meeting will be held at the historic Omni Parker House Hotel. Members of her committee include Drs. McCully, Kurek, and Tatevian. The meeting will be hosted by Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates. There is a possibility that the Friday morning session will be held at the Dana Farber Cancer Center. Possible topics include management and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).

b. 2014. Dr. Bertholf reported that the plan is to hold this meeting at the Amelia Island Resort the week after Memorial Day, specifically May 28 – June 1, 2014, hosted by the University of Florida-Jacksonville. He will be presenting a proposal to the Executive Committee for approval.

c. 2015. Dr. Hawker reported that the tentative location will be Salt Lake City, Utah, hosted by the University of Utah Department of Pathology and ARUP Laboratories.

10. New Business.

a. Possible trip to Bermuda. Dr. Tatevian reported that there has been some discussion of a possible trip to Bermuda and the Oceanographic Research Station. The station has new buildings and new organization. Dr. Tatevian stated that the lodging in the past was a dormitory, but was still a good environment. The trip would cost \$151 per person for food and lodging and that a minimum of 7 participants would be required. She said that in the past we used to have approximately 30 participants when the Association did these trips. Dr. Tatevian believes we could possibly get 5 couples (10 people) for a future trip. It was suggested that we survey the membership to assess the level of interest and determine the best month for such a trip.

b. Dr. Hawker asked for a round of applause to thank Dr. Fontaine for her year of service as President in our first full year following the passing of Dr. Sunderman.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm, (motion by Dr. DeBari, second by Dr. Hopfer).

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Hawker

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Passing of William L. Roberts, MD, PhD

ARUP Laboratories has announced that University of Utah professor and ARUP medical director, William Lewis Roberts, MD, PhD, died July 26, 2012 at age 52, following a year-long battle with brain cancer. He was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Ohio State University on a Battelle scholarship. He graduated in 1982 with a BS in chemistry, and was accepted to the NIH medical scientist trainee program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned a PhD in Pharmacology in 1988, and an MD degree in 1990. From 1991-95 he completed a pathology residency and fellowship at Yale University, where he served as chief resident. During his training, he presented his research at the annual meetings of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS) and received the Young Investigator Award for his research in 1992, 1993, and 1994. He also received the ACLPS Gerald T. Evans Award in 2006 for outstanding leadership and service.

Dr. Roberts' first academic appointment was as assistant professor of pathology at the University of Mississippi in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1998, he joined the University of Utah and ARUP as assistant professor in clinical chemistry. At ARUP, he directed the automated core laboratory and served as the Chemistry Group Medical Director, chair of the capital equipment committee, and executive member of the Research Institute. He was promoted to full professor at the University of Utah School of Medicine in 2007. As a clinical chemist, Dr. Roberts was academically prolific; he authored 144 peer-reviewed publications, eight review articles, and 13 book chapters. In addition, at the time of his death, his publications had been cited 2,684 times.

He was an active member of AACC, ACLPS (past president), CAP, and the Association of Clinical Scientists. He published papers in the *Annals of Clinical and Laboratory Science* and also reviewed manuscripts for the journal. He will be greatly missed as a passionate clinical chemist, scientist, teacher, colleague, mentor, husband, and father.

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