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## Last Call for Papers for the Annual Meeting in Mobile on 23 to 27 May 2012

The 132<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the *Association of Clinical Scientists* will be held in Mobile, Alabama, on 23 to 27 May 2012. The headquarters will be the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, located in downtown Mobile. The meeting will be hosted by the University of South Alabama, School of Medicine, where one of the meeting sessions will be conducted. Drs. J. Allan Tucker and Jacek Polski, Co-Chairs of the Program Committee, cordially invite you to attend this outstanding conference. The program will focus primarily on *Advances in Pathology for Personalized Medicine*.

### Scientific Program

Clinical services in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine are undergoing major transformations owing to recent advances in clinical genomics and proteomics that have introduced the concept of personalized medicine. The critical impact of a patient's individual genome on his/her diagnosis and therapy is now recognized in oncology, pharmacology, toxicology, immunology, microbiology, and genetic diseases.

To meet the perceived educational needs in this specific area, this program is focused primarily on *Advances in Pathology for Personalized Medicine*.

Abstracts are due Friday, January 6, 2012 and, although many presentations have been identified to the Committee, program details were not yet known for this issue of the Trumpet. A tentative meeting program will be published in the February Trumpet. The keynote lecture will be the Abraham J. Gitlitz Memorial Lecture by J. Allan Tucker, Mobile, Alabama on "Challenges of Smaller Facilities in the Changing World of Medicine."

Platform sessions with keynote lectures and research papers will be devoted to Cell and Tissue Pathology, Clinical Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Clinical Molecular Biology and Genetics, Oncology, Clinical Immunology and Microbiology, Hematology and Transfusion Medicine, Therapeutics and Toxicology, Clinical Informatics and Computer Systems, and Clinical Science in Practice.

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**Call for Papers**

Association members and guests are invited to present papers on their research. Each proffered paper will have 12 min for oral delivery and 3 min for discussion. **The deadline for receipt of abstracts is Friday, 6 January 2012.** On pages 4 and 5 are printed the Instructions for Submitting Abstracts and the Full Disclosure Form that must be completed by the presenting author and each co-author. The abstracts will be published in the Program and the *Annals of Clinical & Laboratory Science*.

**Schedule of Events**

The meeting registration desk will be open and committee meetings will be held at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Scientific sessions will be held at the hotel all day on Thursday and Saturday. The Friday morning session will be at the Allied Health Sciences Building of the University of South Alabama.

On Friday afternoon there will be an optional tour to the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center. This facility is located where five different rivers, the Mobile, Spanish, Tensaw, Apalachee and Blakeley, flow into Mobile Bay, comprising the second largest river delta in the U.S. There is a theater and exhibit hall as well as guided boat rides and short walking trails. We will likely split our participants into two groups of 20-23 which will take turns on a one hour boat ride or in the theater and exhibit hall. Participants on the boat rides will very likely see wildlife including alligators. Box lunches will be provided to participants to enjoy during the bus ride to the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center.

The *Association's Annual Reception and Banquet* will be held

on Friday evening. In addition to a banquet address, the program will include presentations of the Association's awards for 2011. The Awards Committee announces the following recipients:

***Young Clinical Scientist Award:***

Kristen Reynolds, Louisville, KY;

***Diploma of Honor:***

Nina Tatevian, Houston, TX;

***Clinical Scientist of the Year:***

Juliana Szakacs, Boston, MA.

The *Annual Musicale and Art Show* on Saturday evening will feature a program of chamber music by members and guests, an exhibition of their art works, handicrafts, and photographs, and a wine & cheese reception. If you wish to perform or exhibit, please contact Myra L. Wilkerson, Chair of the Committee on Music and Arts (570 271 6332; e-mail [mwilkerson@geisinger.edu](mailto:mwilkerson@geisinger.edu)).

The *Run-for-the-Lilies*, an annual running event, will be held early on Saturday morning, organized by the Athletics Committee (Consolato Sergi, Chair).

Participants are encouraged to bring their families to enjoy Mobile's many and varied attractions. In addition to the events that have been mentioned, a stimulating program of activities for accompanying persons is being organized by the Association's Auxiliary.

**Meeting Registration**

The regular registration fee is \$435. Junior members, emeritus members, and non-member residents or post-doctoral fellows may pay a reduced fee (\$295). The registration includes a ticket to the reception and banquet on Friday evening.

## Hotel Accommodations

The Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel is the headquarters hotel for the meeting and most activities. This AAA 4-Diamond hotel features the Harbor Room restaurant open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the Fathoms Lounge open for light dinners (tapas) and which has covered outdoor seating, a fitness center, and an outdoor swimming pool. The hotel is also connected to the Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center and is near the Mobile entertainment district and museums. It is also near the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail with 54 championship holes at Magnolia Grove (17 miles) and is 35 miles from the Gulf Shores Alabama beaches.

The special convention rate will be \$129/room (single or double) plus taxes. Currently, the tax rate is 14%. The hotel's address is 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602. The hotel's website is: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/mobrv-renaissance-mobile-riverview-plaza-hotel/>. The number of available

rooms at the convention rate is limited, so you should make your reservations early by calling the hotel at (251) 438-4000, or toll-free (800) 922-3298, or by sending a fax to (251) 415-0123. Please specify that you will attend the Association's meeting in order to receive the meeting rate and enable the Association to meet its contracted number of rooms. The cut-off date for reservations at the special convention rate is 23 April 2012. On-site parking at the hotel is \$12 per day or \$17 per day for valet parking.

## Transportation

The Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel does not provide shuttle service to either the Mobile, AL (MOB) Airport (14 miles), the Pensacola, FL (PNS) Airport (57 miles), or the Biloxi, MS (GPT) Airport (72 miles). In addition to rental cars, alternate transportation options from MOB are taxi cab (~\$46 one way) or Mobile Bay Transportation (251-633-5693, [www.mobilebaytransportation.com](http://www.mobilebaytransportation.com)) (\$20 one way). Mobile Bay Transportation also serves the PNS (\$125 one way) and GPT airports (\$128 one way). Advance reservations are required.

### Service Announcement for Members - Interagency Task Force on Cost Principles for Educational Institutions

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy conducted a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on the subject of reducing the costs and reporting burdens (faculty and administrative) associated with Federally sponsored research at educational institutions. The RFI closed on July 28, and a National Science and Technology Council Task Force has been reviewing and interpreting the more than 150 responses received. While the RFI indicated that respondents would not receive individualized feedback on any suggestions, it did promise that the NSTC Research Business Models Working Group would provide a summary of input received. The summary has been posted on the RBM website ([http://rbm.nih.gov/a21\\_task\\_force.htm](http://rbm.nih.gov/a21_task_force.htm)), along with other information about the "A-21 Task Force." The Task Force has considered this input and is preparing its recommendations for actions to reduce administrative burden, enhance the productivity of researchers, and streamline Federal requirements while maintaining sound stewardship of Federally sponsored projects awarded to institutions of higher education.

This message was sent to the Association of Clinical Scientists by Kelsey D. Cook, PhD, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

## Abstracts for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists

### Contents

1. The abstract should not exceed 300 words.
2. The title should (i) precisely delineate the subject matter; (ii) not exceed 12 words, and (iii) not use proprietary names.
3. The authors' names should be stated as a group, with given names first, followed by surnames.
4. Academic degrees should not be used. The institution and city where the work was done should be stated; departments should not be listed.
5. The introductory sentence(s) should state the objectives and scope of the presentation.
6. The next sentences should describe the design of the study and mention salient test materials, subjects, and procedures. Uncommon abbreviations should be explained.
7. The body of the abstract should present the results and their statistical significance.
8. The final sentence(s) should state the conclusions and their implications. Uninformative sentences (eg, "the work will be discussed") should not be included.

### Format

1. The abstract consists of three paragraphs; the first gives the title, author(s), and affiliation(s); the second contains the text; the third states the CME Learning Objectives (see below).
2. The abstract should be prepared using MS Word.
3. The font should be "Times," the font size should be 12 point; left alignment should be used without justifying the right margin; default settings should be used for line spacing; indents and tabs should not be used. Do not use bold type; use italics only for genus and species.
4. The abstract should not contain tables.

### Submission

1. For abstract submission by computer CD, the label should indicate the name of the

presenting author. Enclose the CD in a mailer, along with (i) a printed copy of the abstract, (ii) a statement whether or not the presenting author is eligible for the Young Clinical Scientist Award (ie, an Association member, age <45 years), and (iii) Full Disclosure Forms for all authors (see below).

2. For submission by e-mail, the abstract as a Word document should be attached to an e-mail message and sent to [clinsci@sover.net](mailto:clinsci@sover.net) with the word, ABSTRACT, on the title line. The body of the e-mail message should include the presenting author's complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and whether or not he/she is eligible for the Young Clinical Scientist Award.
3. To comply with requirements for CME accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), each author and co-author must complete and sign a CAP Full Disclosure Form to disclose any relevant financial interests or conflicting relationships. The Full Disclosure Forms may be sent by pdf, fax, or regular mail.
4. The abstract must state the CME Learning Objectives of the presentation by completing the following sentence: "Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to..."
5. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **Friday, 6 January 2012**. The Association's address for US Mail, FedEx, or other express delivery service is: 6431 Fannin, MSB2.292, Houston, TX 77030, USA; the telephone number is (713) 234-6387; the fax number is (713) 500-0732; the e-mail address is [clinsci@sover.net](mailto:clinsci@sover.net).
6. The presenting author will be notified by e-mail before 1 March 2012 whether or not the paper has been accepted. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the program booklet and published in the *Annals of Clinical & Laboratory Science*.

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Signature

Name, printed, with degrees

Date

# ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL SCIENTISTS

## Registration Form for the Annual Meeting in Mobile, AL on 23 to 27 May 2012

Last Name	First Name	Initial	Degree
Institution	Street Address		
City	State	Zip	
Telephone #	Fax #	e-mail address	

	No. of persons	Charge (\$)
Meeting Registration (\$435 Regular; \$295 Junior or Emeritus) (includes one ticket to the Reception and Banquet)	_____	_____
Thursday Lunch – Sponsoring Section to be Determined (\$30)	_____	_____
Friday Afternoon - Special Excursion to Five Rivers Delta Resource Center (includes box lunch) (\$40)	_____	_____
Friday Evening - Additional Guest Ticket for Reception and Banquet (\$85)	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch - Section on Cell and Tissue Pathology (\$30)	_____	_____
Saturday Evening - Musicale & Art Show, with wine and cheese reception (gratis)	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:</b>		_____

Payment options: (Cancellation with full refund will be accepted until 23 April 2012.)

1. Mail this form with a check, payable to Association of Clinical Scientists, to Association of Clinical Scientists, 6431 Fannin, MSB2.292 Houston, TX 77030
2. Charge American Express, Visa, or MasterCard (circle which one and complete the blank lines) and fax this form to (713) 500-0732.
3. Register on-line (available after January 15, 2012) on the Association website at [www.clinicalscience.org](http://www.clinicalscience.org).

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration (mo, year): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Association of Clinical Scientists

## Proposal of Candidate for Membership

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Birthplace Birthdate Citizenship Gender

Education (Institutions, Locations, Dates, Degrees)

Postdoctoral Training (Institutions, Locations, Dates, Certification, Licensure)

Past Positions (Institutions, Locations, Dates, Titles)

Present Position (Institution, Location, Date, Title, Academic Appointment)

Clinical and Scientific Expertise (Subspecialty, Clinical Focus, Research Emphasis)

Candidate's Signature Date Membership Category

Sponsor's Signature Date Printed Name

The Sponsor certifies that the candidate fulfills the requirements for membership and subscribes to the goals and objectives of the Association of Clinical Scientists. This proposal form should be sent, along with the candidate's curriculum vitae and bibliography, by mail, fax, or e-mail to the Secretary-Treasurer:

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## ARE YOUR COLLEAGUES MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION?

Each year the Association undertakes to recruit new members by soliciting nominations from the current Fellows. "This program has proven to be the most successful way to sustain our membership. "The Association's Membership Drive is focused on pathologists and clinical scientists with a scholarly temperament who enjoy attending scientific meetings, presenting and publishing papers, reading journals, participating in professional activities, and broadening their scientific expertise.

Each Fellow is asked to identify two such persons who are likely candidates for membership in the Association of Clinical Scientists. Please select them from colleagues at your institution, clinical scientists at other hospitals or laboratories in your region, acquaintances in foreign countries, and residents or post-doctoral fellows. Please send the Secretary-Treasurer by e-mail the names and addresses of the candidates, with comments about their professional qualifications, interests, activities, and personal attributes. Include each candidate's Full Name, Degrees, Institution, Department, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Country, e-mail address, and telephone numbers.

"The Secretary-Treasurer will use your comments to draft personal letters to the candidates, inviting them to join. Each will receive: (a) a membership proposal form, (b) a brochure that describes the Association's goals, activities, and the benefits of membership, and (c) the current issues of the *Annals of Clinical & Laboratory Science* and the *Clinical Science Trumpet*. You will receive copies of the letters so that you can support the membership invitations with e-mail messages to the candidates. Please encourage each candidate to complete the membership proposal form and submit it along with his/her curriculum vitae and bibliography to the Secretary-Treasurer, who will forward the documents to the Credentials Committee.

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