

Report on:

2016 Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) Annual Meeting

AMP:

The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) was founded in 1995 to provide structure and leadership to the emerging field of molecular diagnostics. AMP's 2,300+ members practice in the various disciplines of molecular diagnostics, including infectious diseases, inherited conditions and oncology. They include individuals from academic and community medical centers, government, and industry; including pathologist and doctoral scientist laboratory directors; basic and translational scientists; technologists; and trainees. Through the efforts of its Board of Directors, Committees, Working Groups, and members, AMP is the primary resource for expertise, education, and collaboration in one of the fastest growing fields in healthcare. AMP members influence policy and regulation on the national and international levels, ultimately serving to advance innovation in the field and protect patient access to high quality, appropriate testing.

Overview of Annual Meeting:

This annual Meeting was hosted by Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) and was held at Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC, USA from 10th -12th November, 2016.

The AMP 2016 Annual Meeting was especially targeted to clinical practitioners, research Scientists, medicinal education professional and students and post doctoral fellows with an interest in gaining a basic and advanced understanding of diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic approaches in the areas of Hematology, Infectious Diseases, Inherited Diseases and Bioinformatics with the goal of improving patient care, improving clinical practice and other health care practitioners.

The conference was structured into early bird session, general sessions, workshop session, Plenary Session, symposium session, poster presentation session, breakout sessions and poster presentation session.

A concurrent exhibition was held onsite during the meeting, allowing opportunities to visit with booth personnel and investigate new products and services.

All conference material was included in the registration fee.

Attendance Statistics:

There were more than 200 exhibiting companies, 60 educational sessions, nearly 400 poster presentations, and 2,000+ attendees in Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC, USA, 2016.

Objective of the meeting:

- a) To increase basic and applied pathology knowledge, focusing on the molecular diagnosis of diseases
- b) To provide forum for the exchange of new research by scientists and investigators
- c) To facilitate knowledge acquisition regarding issues and challenges related to patient care and prevention of diseases.

What Sessions Did I Find Most Valuable?

Although each and every session was well structured and organized. I found the “*Workshop Session*” was beneficial and dynamic. The session was mostly focused on the use and application of diverse modern technology and techniques for the proper diagnosis and prognosis of various human diseases and health care. The session was very interactive where several scientists, researchers and clinical share ideas, knowledge and experience through which I can learn regarding diverse techniques, methodology, obstacles and troubleshooting of protocol and procedure. I believe such knowledge and ideas can be executed in my future projects, works and practice. I got an opportunity for networking through this session.

Overall Summary of Conference Experience:

I was very pleased with my attendance and felt it was well worth. I gained valuable experience that can be implemented in our organization. In addition, I learned new methods and techniques. The networking experience was very beneficial. I was able to speak with several industry experts who provided tips and useful information regarding science, research, its implementation and utilization for beneficial of humankind. The conference was very organized and the speakers remained neutral, making the information extremely valuable. The exhibition hall provided a friendly, informative place to meet with vendors and view their products and services.

I even got an opportunity to spend time and share a moment to Dr. Cynthia L. Jackson and looking forward for networking in future collaboration.

In addition, the meals and refreshment breaks were extremely productive where I got an opportunity to explore among different variety of food and drinks.

I was very delighted that I was awarded with “*International Trainee Travel Awards*” and hope to attend in the future meeting conference.

Glimpse of the event:



Fig. Attendance during the AMP meeting 2016.