**AMP 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

AMP2016 Annual Meeting
Big World. Molecular Medicine. One Community.
November 10-12, 2016
Charlotte, North Carolina

The 2016 online abstract submission system will open in early April. Prepare now to present your poster at the preeminent educational event for molecular diagnostic professionals from around the world, the AMP 2016 Annual Meeting! Submission deadline is May 31, 2016.

- All accepted abstracts will be published in the Annual Meeting issue of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* – the premier journal in the field.
- Selected authors will be invited to present their research at a special session during the AMP Annual Meeting.
- Technology and Young Investigators are eligible to apply for exclusive AMP awards with their submissions.

**ADVOCACY**

AMP is excited to announce the first edition of the AMP policy newsletter, The ChAMPion. In the last several years, AMP has increasingly become more involved in advocacy as regulatory and reimbursement forces adversely affecting molecular diagnostic testing have increased. The ChAMPion, which is devoted solely to advocacy and policy public, aims to provide more expansive updates to better educate members on these rapidly evolving issues. Links to the most recent ChAMPion will be provided in each AMPlifications newsletter but also keep a look out for new issues of The ChAMPion on the AMP listerv.

Check out the first issue below, where you can read about upcoming AMP advocacy events, President-elect Federico Monzon’s January Capitol Hill day, and recent AMP advocacy news including AMP’s response to FDA’s report on oversight of LDPs; Common Rule NPRM; Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA); and two upcoming FDA workshops.

The link to The ChAMPion is available here: [http://www.amp.org/chAMPionFebruary2016.cfm](http://www.amp.org/chAMPionFebruary2016.cfm)

**EDUCATION**


Congratulations to Gary Procop and Karen Kauf who have been elected as President and Secretary, respectively, to the American Board of Pathology for 2016-2017!

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Trainees Volunteers Wanted: Applications for serving the Training & Education Committee as a junior member are now being accepted: [https://ampvolunteer.secure-platform.com/a](https://ampvolunteer.secure-platform.com/a). The CPC will be recruiting for a 2016 Junior Member team will be meeting at the AMP headquarters in Bethesda on February 26-27, 2016 to finalize the Revision project.

**EDUCATION**

Developing Standards for Next-generation Sequencing (NGS) Bioinformatics Pipeline Validation:
If you have an idea for a new project that AMP can help with, please let us know! [http://www.amp.org/committees/clinical_practice/members.cfm](http://www.amp.org/committees/clinical_practice/members.cfm) or Subdivision Leadership [http://www.amp.org/meetings/associated/index.cfm](http://www.amp.org/meetings/associated/index.cfm) volunteers with a position.

[http://www.amp.org/about/elected_positions-descriptions.cfm](http://www.amp.org/about/elected_positions-descriptions.cfm) for more information regarding the position.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Applications for AMP’s 2016 International Membership Grants are now being accepted. Please see [http://www.amp.org/awards/grants_international_membership_grants_requirements.cfm](http://www.amp.org/awards/grants_international_membership_grants_requirements.cfm).
- Nominations are now being accepted for AMP’s three recognition awards: The 2018 Award for Excellence in Molecular Diagnostics, the 2016 Jeffrey A. Kant Leadership Award, and the 2016 Meritorious Service Award. Please submit your nomination(s) online at [https://ampawards.secure-platform.com](https://ampawards.secure-platform.com).

**INNOVATION & IMPROVED PATIENT CARE**

The Clinical Practice Committee and all AMP Subdivision Leadership groups kick started the New Year with their first quarter meetings for 2016. Please contact any of AMP’s Subdivision Leadership [http://www.amp.org/subdivisions/index.cfm](http://www.amp.org/subdivisions/index.cfm) or Clinical Practice Committee [http://www.amp.org/committees/clinical_practice/members.cfm](http://www.amp.org/committees/clinical_practice/members.cfm) volunteers with your ideas for AMP initiatives!

Karl Voelkerding and Chen Wang were appointed as the CAP and AMIA liaison respectively to the Developing Standards for Next-generation Sequencing (NGS) Bioinformatics Pipeline Validation: Single Nucleotide Variants (SNVs), Small Indels (<=21bp) and Multi-nucleotide Variants (MNVs) Working Group.

Mark Ewalt was appointed to the MDS/MPN Working Group.

The CAP/IASLC/AMP Molecular Testing Guideline for Lung Cancer patients - Revision project team will be meeting at the AMP headquarters in Bethesda on February 26-27, 2016 to finalize the draft recommendations. Stay tuned for more updates!

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