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### **AMP Receives 40% Increase in Abstract Submissions**

**Bethesda, MD, June 13, 2012:** the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) announced a record-breaking number of abstract submissions for the AMP 2012 Annual Meeting on Genomic Medicine, marking a 40% increase over last year. The Meeting will be held October 25-27, 2012 in Long Beach, CA. An increase in the number of meeting attendees and exhibitors is anticipated as well. "The record growth in every phase demonstrates clearly how well-recognized it is that AMP offers the meeting of the year in molecular diagnostics and genomics," stated Iris Schrijver, MD, AMP President.

Growth in recent years and the spike in this year's AMP Annual Meeting participation mirror the marked growth in the field of molecular pathology. "AMP has had consistent growth in the number of abstracts submitted and number of attendees at the annual meeting, but the increase this year blew the lid off even our expectations," noted Mary Steele Williams, Executive Director, "The AMP 2012 Annual Meeting on Genomic Medicine promises to be jam-packed with attendees and exciting scientific exchange."

As the only organization dedicated solely to the practice and science of molecular pathology, it is natural that the AMP Annual Meeting serves as the showcase for translational research, clinical practice, and practical technical discussions in all aspects of molecular diagnostics and genomic medicine. Abstract topics submitted for this year's meeting span the breadth of molecular diagnostics, including the use of next generation sequencing in a clinical setting; novel tools for the detection of infectious agents; development and validation of new molecular tests; detection and analysis of various biomarkers in cancer.

Session topics chosen for this year's meeting include; integrating pharmacogenomics into health care, utility of next generation sequencing, new molecular pathology CPT codes, and many more. AMP expects a record number of poster presentations at this year's AMP Annual Meeting. With 400+ posters plus more than 30 hours of educational sessions and 55 presentations, this year's event is expected to be the largest to date.

#### **ABOUT AMP:**

The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) is an international medical professional association dedicated to the advancement, practice, and science of clinical molecular laboratory medicine and translational research based on the applications of molecular biology, genetics, and genomics. For more information, please visit [www.amp.org](http://www.amp.org).

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