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The Association for Molecular Pathology Announces International Affairs Committee

Supports the Association's role as the international organization for molecular pathology professionals.

Bethesda, MD, May 21, 2015: The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP), the premier global, non-profit organization serving molecular diagnostic professionals, announced today the formation of the International Affairs Committee. "AMP members work and reside in 47 countries outside the U.S. and they represent an ever-growing and significant percentage of our membership," said AMP President, Janina A. Longtine, MD. "From its inception, AMP has sought to serve and represent molecular diagnostic professionals from around the world. The absence of the term "American" in our name was a purposeful decision," said Longtine. The role of the International Affairs Committee (IAC) will be to advance molecular pathology around the globe through educational and professional activities and collaborations.

The work of the IAC began in 2010 with the formation of the International Affairs Working Group. Since that time, the group has successfully collaborated to form four AMP International Affiliate Organizations, support more than a dozen conferences outside the U.S. with AMP speakers, and further expand AMP's educational initiatives to Europe, Asia, and other continents beyond North America. "I am proud of what we have achieved in a relatively short period of time," said Rami Mahfouz, MD, MPH, Committee Co-Chair. "The demand for education is tremendous. The fact that the AMP Board has elevated this group to Committee status shows how important global education in molecular diagnostics is to the organization."

Celebration of AMP's clear commitment to international educational initiatives will take place onsite at the AMP 2015 Annual Meeting to be held November 4-7 in Austin, TX. "We are planning an International Showcase during this year's AMP Annual Meeting," said Lei Po (Chris) Wong, PhD, Committee Chair. "Selected case studies will be presented and time will be devoted to conversation around the challenges and opportunities for molecular diagnostic professionals outside the U.S." AMP will also highlight its exhibitors from outside of North America during the Annual Meeting and acknowledge each of its four International Affiliates: The Hong Kong Society for Molecular Diagnostic Sciences, The Molecular Pathology Association of India, The Korean Society for Laboratory Medicine, and the German Society for Pathology.

ABOUT 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 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. For more information, visit www.amp.org. For additional information about the IAC, visit

http://www.amp.org/committees/membership_prof_dev/iawg/index.cfm

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