

CRITICAL AND POINT-OF-CARE-TESTING DIVISION NEWSLETTER

Greetings CPOCT Division Members!

It's hard to believe its 2018 and I am actually the CPOCT Division Chair! And in spite of all the cold and snowy conditions, we are just about 7 months away the 2018 Annual Meeting and Clinical Laboratory Expo in Chicago!

The 2017 Annual Meeting featured some outstanding sessions and brown bags focusing on POCT and the POCC Forum on 'A Nurse's Perspective to POCT' was a huge hit.



In addition, I can't help but mention the AACC Point of Care Testing Boot Camp held in Baltimore, MD on December 8, 2017. The Boot Camp was a follow up to a presentation at AACC in San Diego this past summer. The speakers and topics covered were basically the same but in San Diego, the Camp was limited to 2-1/2 hours so it was great to have an entire day to present. Briefly...

- When this meeting was planned, the goal/expectation was about 50 registrants. We ended up having 140 register with only about 10 no shows.
- Because this was held in Baltimore, the thought was most attendees would be regional, which was correct. But a quick survey showed that we actually had attendees from MA, NJ, VA, PA, MI, ND, CA, TX, FL, MN, WV, NC, WA, and NV. With one who came all the way from Iceland!

If you missed it, you missed an awesome time of learning and networking... and rumor has it, a full day Boot Camp might be added to the Annual Meeting this summer as well as dedicating a day around the [27th International CPOCT Symposium](#) being held in Washington, DC this September. So stay tuned!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Karen Jenkins, our past-chair, for her work in making the past two years successful and productive ones for the division. I know I have big shoes to fill and I'll be leaning on the many dedicated members and volunteers in the CPOCT division to make the next two years special as well.

As many of you may know, I left my role as POCC at Children's Minnesota Hospital last September and am now a Clinical Applications Manager in the Acute Care Division for Instrumentation Laboratory. It has been a whirlwind of a transition but it's great to use my experience as a POCC to help others in the lab.

Special thanks also go to the members of the organizing committees for the 2017 and I would like to congratulate the following officers in the CPOCT Division for 2018:

Chair Kerstin Halverson Instrumentation Laboratory	Treasurer Leslie Donato Mayo Clinic	Members at Large Brenda Suh-Lailam Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Past Chair Karen Jenkins Emory University Hospital Midtown	Nominating Committee Jessica Marie Colon-Franco Medical College of Wisconsin Diane Davis Instrumentation Laboratory	Monica Thomas Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Nam Tran Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Chair-Elect Nichole Korpi-Steiner University of North Carolina	Nicole Tolan SCIEX Diagnostics	Steven Valorz Alere Informatics
Secretary Charbel Abou-Diwan Nova Biomedical	Adonica Wilson A. I. duPont Children's Hospital	

In the weeks ahead, committee members will be meeting to put together plans for our 2018 events and we will be communicating with you and providing updates as they become available.

One highlight is the [27th International CPOCT Symposium](#): The Role of Point-of-Care Testing in a Value-Based taking place on September 26-29 in Washington, DC.

And don't forget to submit your nominees for the [2018 POCC of the Year](#)! Nominations will be accepted through March 15, 2016 and you can nominate a peer or yourself!

Be sure to check the [CPOCT Division website](#) for program and event updates. We'll also post our activities on the [PointofCare.net website](#) calendar pages as well.

And last but not least, take advantage of the all-new [AACC Artery](#) Communication Forum and the all new [Express Membership](#) that AACC is offering!

Until then, if you have any questions or comments on the CPOCT Division, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
Kerstin Halverson, BA, MS
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27TH INTERNATIONAL CPOCT SYMPOSIUM THE ROLE OF POCT IN A VALUE-BASED LANDSCAPE

The 27th International CPOCT Symposium: The Role of Point-of-Care Testing in a Value-Based Healthcare Landscape will take place on **September 26 – 29, 2018** at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel, Washington, DC.

The 2018 Symposium will focus on the current and future role of point-of-care testing in a healthcare environment with a focus on value and quality of care. Session topics will include public health and disease prevention, diagnosis and monitoring disease for the critically ill, at-home patient self-management, direct-to-consumer testing, and new/emerging technologies.

Abstract submission deadline: May 1, 2018

Organizing Committee:

- Leslie Donato, PhD, Mayo Clinic (Chair)
- T. Scott Isbell, PhD, St. Louis University School of Medicine
- Karen Jenkins, BS, MT(ASCP) Emory University Hospital Midtown
- Brad Karon, MD, PhD, Mayo Clinic
- Nichole Korpi-Steiner, PhD, University of North Carolina
- Rob Nerenz, PhD, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center,
- Brenda Suh-Lailam, PhD, Lurie Children's Hospital

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

ACCENT® credit hours will also be available. ACCENT® credit is accepted in all states where documentation for continuing education is required, including the following states: California, Florida, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Please [visit the conference website](#) for updates.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR THE...

2018 POCT COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The POCT Coordinator Award is given annually to recognize outstanding achievements in the POCT field by persons who are primarily responsible for a given institution's POCT program.

The award is not limited to persons or programs within the United States. Selection is made by the Awards Committee of the AACC Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division and is based on the extent of the nominee's responsibilities and accomplishments, particularly the impact this person has made in improving the quality of the POCT program at their facility.

Nominations are due by March 15, 2018! [Click here for an application.](#)

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO POCT AWARD

This award is given for a single outstanding achievement or body of accomplishments that have advanced the field.

Nominations are due by March 15, 2018! [Click here for an application.](#)

OTHER DIVISION AWARDS

For more details on other awards, including Best Abstract, Travel Grants and more, [click here](#).

THE AACC ARTERY IS GAINING MOMENTUM... ARE YOU PART OF IT?

The AACC Artery is the newest communication offering for AACC members. Forums on AACC Artery offer collaborative spaces for AACC members to ask questions, share knowledge, and refine ideas by connecting with their peers. The AACC Artery is a private online community of laboratory medicine professionals accessible only to AACC members. In AACC Artery, you can:

- Discuss scientific practice and research issues with like-minded professionals in AACC's scientific divisions.
- Communicate with other members of AACC Local Sections and continue conversations between meetings.
- Search the Member Directory to find members in your area or members with similar interests.

[Visit the AACC Artery](#) today!

AACC 'EXPRESS MEMBERSHIP' LEVEL INCLUDES AACC ARTERY!

The AACC has created a newly-designed membership category that will meet the needs expressed by the point of care community. The new membership category will be called Express Membership: it will cost \$65 a year, and benefits of this membership will include access to the new community portal, AACC Artery.

AACC Artery has an established and highly engaged point of care forum, to which many of you are presently contributing, and that represents a big step-up in the game of networking and knowledge sharing. Those of you contributing to the AACC Artery have already expressed your endorsement and preference for the additional kinds of interactions you can have within the Artery.

So tell your colleagues about this new opportunity and visit <https://artery.aacc.org/home> for more on the AACC Artery!