

2015 Annual Report of the Northeast Local Section, AACC

A. Board members

The current board members (July 2015 through June 2016) are:

Chair: Joel Lefferts

Past Chair: Mahdi Garelnabi

Program Chair: Roy Peake

Secretary: Mark Kellogg

Treasurer: Frank Polito

HOD Representative: M. Rabie Al-Turkmani

Membership Chair: Christine Sears

Education Chair: Kerri Weinert

Northeast Laboratory Conference Representative: Allena Ji

B. Elections

A nomination committee consisting of Joel Lefferts, Mahdi Garelnabi, Mark Cervinski, Manfred Scholtz and Mark Kellogg requested nominations from local section members for candidates to run in an election for four opening positions on the board: Program Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and House of Delegates Representative. The committee chose candidates for these positions and the following individuals were elected and will start serving July 2016:

Program Chair: M. Rabie Al-Turkmani

Secretary: George Parsons

Treasurer: Frank Polito

HOD Representative: Mohamed Youssef

C. Education Programs

The Northeast Local Section had another active year with seven monthly dinner meetings that were all well attended. We had an excellent group of speakers for these meetings including the AACC president who was able to present at our annual awards meeting in May. These meetings included our annual Student Night in May for the 2014-2015 academic year and the 2015-2016 Student Night in November. We are actively

planning a one and a half day meeting to take the place of our regularly scheduled April and May meetings in 2016.

February 12, 2015: GERALYN Lambert-Messerlian, Ph.D.

Laboratory Assessment of Ovarian Reserve:

Anti-Müllerian Hormone (AMH)

Attendance: 29

March 19, 2015: Joint Meeting with ASM:

Heidi L. Rehm, PhD, FACMG

Supporting Genomics in the Practice of Medicine

Attendance: 61 (28 AACC, 33 ASM)

April 16, 2015: Poster Session

Six poster presenters; 20 attendees

May 7, 2015: David D. Koch, Ph.D., DABCC, FACB

President, AACC

Hb A1c testing: Analytical choices, reporting units, and clinical ramifications

Attendance: 38

September 17, 2015: Olaf A. Bodamer M.D, PhD, FAAP, FACMG

Analysis of Lysosomal Enzymes in Dried Blood Spots

Attendance: 32

October 22, 2015: Gary L. Horowitz M.D

Mining Patient Data to Improve Laboratory Quality

Attendance: 34

November 16, 2015: Barbarajean Magnani, PhD, MD

Homicidal and Suicidal Poisonings: Lessons in Forensic Toxicology

Attendance: 67 (34 Students)

D. Student Outreach

As in years past we continue to reach out to regional clinical laboratory science students

by hosting them at our annual Student Night events. In addition to having them join us at one of our monthly meetings we continue to sponsor their AACC Student Membership for one year. The Board views this activity as having value as it encourages the participation of the younger technologists in the AACC.

E. NEAACC Outreach and Collaboration with other Associations:

As in years past we have co-hosted an educational event with the Northeast section of the American Society for Microbiology. Our speaker, Heidi Rehm, gave an exciting talk on genomics. We have plans to continue our tradition of this joint meeting with ASM in 2016.

F. Awards

The NEAACC board has approved 4 different awards to recognize the scholarship and service efforts of section members. The DR. EUGENE ROGERS TRAVEL AWARD was the first award for our section. This award is given to the winner of our annual poster contest who was Ali Sakhdari. George Parsons was awarded the Outstanding Service Award and Eugene Rogers received the Excellent Scholarship Contribution to Education and/or Research of Clinical Chemistry Award.

G. Board Meetings and activities:

The board held 7 regular meetings that were held the same prior to each of our monthly meetings.