

2015 AACC Rocky Mountain Section (RMS) Annual Report

2015 Leadership

Chair – Anna Fuezery

Chair-Elect – Christine Snozek

Secretary – Laura Klimowski Bechtel

Treasurer – Peggy Emmet

Delegate – Joely Straseski

Membership Chair – Vilte Barakauskas

Nominating Committee – Patricia Raluca Slev

Legislative Liaison – Kamisha L Johnson-Davis

Past Chair – Qi Wei

Annual Section Meeting

The AACC RMS 2015 Spring Meeting was held at Calgary Laboratory Services in Calgary, AB on April 27-28, 2015. The meeting was entitled “Roadmap to the future: An essential travel guide for lab medicine trainees and professionals” and focused on the future of laboratory medicine. Session topics included the promotion and advancement of laboratory medicine (AACC President Dr. David Koch, CSCC President David Kinniburgh, and CSCC Incoming President Andrew Lyon), novel teaching tools to engage students in the classroom (Dr. Kinga Kowalewska-Grochowska), and novel approaches to diagnostic testing (Drs. Fred Strathmann, Mark Kushnir, Elizabeth Frank, and Hossein Sadrzadeh). The meeting also allowed six young clinical chemists and laboratory medicine trainees to present their research work through 10-30 minute oral presentations.

An industry exhibition, with representation from Beckman Coulter, Roche Diagnostics, Sciex, The Binding Site, BioRad, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Alere, Radiometer Canada, DiaSorin, and K’ (Prime) Technologies, was held in the conference site foyer for the duration of the 1.5 day meeting.

The meeting was attended by 60 people who arrived from Canada (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, British Columbia) as well as the United States (Georgia, Colorado, Arizona). These attendees ranged from clinical chemists, medical laboratory technologists, research scientists, medical laboratory trainees, and industry representatives. Overall, the meeting was successful and many attendees indicated how much they had enjoyed it.

The 2016 AACC RMS Spring Meeting will be held in Arizona on April 28 & 29, 2016.

National AACC Meeting

The RMS held its annual National AACC Meeting luncheon and business meeting on July 28th noon-13:30 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. The luncheon was catered by the Hyatt Regency and had a Southern theme to it. The luncheon was attended by 22 Section members.

Scholarships

The section awarded two \$500 Annual Section Meeting Educational Scholarships. The recipients were:

Dylan Thomas (Clinical Biochemistry Postdoctoral Fellow from Toronto, Canada)

Laura Bechtel (Lab Director for Cordant Health Services, Denver, Colorado).

The section also awarded four \$1000 Annual National AACC Meeting Educational Scholarships. The recipients were:

Bobbi Lynn Goudreau (Research Technologist, Edmonton, Canada)
Dennis Orton (Clinical Biochemistry Postdoctoral Fellow, Calgary, Canada)
Jeanne Panlener (Coordinator for Pathologist On Call Service, Salt Lake City, Utah)
Peggy Emmett (General Manager of CHCO CTRC Core Lab, Denver, Colorado).

2016 Leadership

AACC RMS members have elected the following individuals for next year's leadership:

Chair – Christine Snozek
Chair-Elect – Irene De Biase
Secretary – Brian Kelly
Treasurer – Peggy Emmet
Delegate – Joely Straseski
Delegate-Alt – Kamisha Johnson-Davis
Membership Chair – to be determined
Nominating Committee – to be determined
Legislative Liaison – Fred Strathmann
Past Chair – Anna Fuezery