

**2015 Annual Report**  
**Southeast Section of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry**

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**Business Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Participants</u>
April 9, 2015	Board Meeting	Conference Call	Spring Meeting, Health Fair Break First Meeting Finance, Awards	6
July 27, 2015	Business Breakfast	Hyatt Regency Hotel Atlanta, GA	Finances, Awards Scientific Presentation	29

**Scientific Programs**

***SES Spring Meeting***

May 1, 2015 Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, AL 19 Participants  
Title/Emphasis: Tumor Biomarkers

**Speaker 1:** David Koch, PhD, DABCC, FACB, AACC President, Professor, Emory University  
Title: What is the deal with  $\beta$ hCG, and will assays calibrated to the 5th international standard affect anything?

**Speaker 2:** Richard G. Moore, MD, FACS, FACOG, Professor, Brown University  
Title: Pelvic Mass Risk Assessment: Who Is at Risk for Ovarian Cancer?

**Speaker 3:** Robert Hardy Ph.D., Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Title: Can dietary fatty acids make a difference in breast cancer metastasis?

**Speaker 4:** Patrick B. Kyle PhD, DABCC, Associate Professor, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Title: Immunoassay Interactions and Interferences

**Speaker 5:** Kimberly Washington, MT, Medical University of South Carolina  
Title: Discrepancies in Hematocrit and Hemoglobin Measurements by Point-of-Care (POC) Devices and Laboratory Instruments in Patients with Hemodilution.

**Speaker 6:** Ronald Whitley, PhD, Professor, University of Kentucky  
Title: A Novel Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry Method for the Simultaneous Quantification of 44 Drugs/Metabolites in Meconium

**Speaker 7:** Balu K Chacko, PhD, Fellow, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Title: Translational potential of Bioenergetic health index (BHI) in Healthy individuals and Chronic Kidney Disease

**Speaker 8:** Jonathan C. Gullet, MD, Resident, Medical University of South Carolina  
Title: The Stability of ACTH during Sample Processing

### ***Annual Section Breakfast & Membership Meeting***

Monday, July 27, 2015      Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA    29 Participants

**Speaker 1:** Sarah W. Njoroge, Fellow of Pathology, Vanderbilt University  
Title: Improve compliance with practice guidelines through changes in physician order sets

**Speaker 2:** Satya N. Narla, Fellow, Medical University of South Carolina  
Title: Bias of Glucose Measurement among Multiple Analytical Systems in Various Specimen Types

### ***Educational Webinars***

February 26, 2015      ACCENT-accredited Webinar      20 Participants

Speaker: Dr. Paul Jannetto, Mayo Medical Laboratory  
Title: “Why is Laboratory Testing For Pain Management so Painful?”

### **Awards**

May 1, 2015  
Gerald Cooper Travel Award  
Jonathan C. Gullet, MD

Spring Meeting Abstract Awards  
First Place: Kimberly Washington, MT  
Second Place: Ronald Whitley, PhD  
Third Place: Balu K Chacko, PhD

July 27, 2015

Christopher Frings Travel Award

Sarah W. Njoroge, PhD

Satya N. Narla, PhD

### **Health Fair**

July 27, 2015 The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Atlanta, GA

Participants: James Ritchie, Rex Astles, Larry Broussard, Yusheng Zhu,

Co-organizer: Fulton County Health Department, Atlanta, GA

Sponsor: Nova Biomedical

Performed Glucose, Creatinine, eGFR, HIV testing for about 40 peoples.

### **Elections**

**The following officers have been elected and their terms will start on January 1, 2016.**

Chair-Elect: Roger Bertholf, PhD

Secretary/ Treasurer: Elia Mears, MS

Nominating Committee: James Ritchie, PhD

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