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AMP 2016 ANNUAL MEETING



AMP2016 Annual Meeting
Big World. Molecular Medicine. One Community.
 November 10-12, 2016
 Charlotte, North Carolina

The 2016 online abstract submission system will open in early April.

Prepare now to present your poster at the preeminent educational event for molecular diagnostic professionals from around the world, the AMP 2016 Annual Meeting! **Submission deadline is May 31, 2016.**

- All accepted abstracts will be published in the Annual Meeting issue of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* – the premier journal in the field.
- Selected authors will be invited to present their research at a special session during the AMP Annual Meeting.
- Technologists and Young Investigators are eligible to apply for exclusive AMP awards with their submissions.

ADVOCACY



AMP is excited to announce the first edition of the AMP policy newsletter, The ChAMPion. In the last several years, AMP has increasingly become more involved in advocacy as regulatory and reimbursement forces adversely affecting molecular diagnostic testing have increased. The ChAMPion, which is devoted solely to advocacy and public policy, aims to provide more expansive updates to better educate members on these rapidly evolving issues. Links to the most recent ChAMPion will be provided in each AMPlifications newsletter but also keep a look out for new issues of The ChAMPion on the ChAMP listserv.

Check out link to the first issue below, where you can read about upcoming AMP advocacy events, President-elect **Federico Monzon's** January Capitol Hill day, and recent AMP advocacy news including **AMP's response to FDA's report on oversight of LDPs; Common Rule NPRM; Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA); and two upcoming FDA workshops.**

The link to The ChAMPion is available here: <http://www.amp.org/chAMPion/February2016.cfm>

INNOVATION & IMPROVED PATIENT CARE



The Clinical Practice Committee and all AMP Subdivision Leadership groups kick started the New Year with their first quarter meetings for 2016. Please contact any of AMP's Subdivision Leadership <http://www.amp.org/subdivisions/index.cfm> or Clinical Practice Committee http://www.amp.org/committees/clinical_practice/members.cfm volunteers with your ideas for AMP initiatives!

Karl Voelkerding and Chen Wang were appointed as the CAP and AMIA liaison respectively to the Developing Standards for Next-generation Sequencing (NGS) Bioinformatics Pipeline Validation: Single Nucleotide Variants (SNVs), Small Indels (<=21bp) and Multi-nucleotide Variants (MNVs) Working Group.

Mark Ewalt was appointed to the MDS/MPN Working Group.

The **CAP/IASLC/AMP Molecular Testing Guideline for Lung Cancer patients**- Revision project team will be meeting at the AMP headquarters in Bethesda on February 26-27, 2016 to finalize the draft recommendations. Stay tuned for more updates!

The **CPC will be recruiting for a 2016 Junior Member** – application at <https://ampvolunteer.secure-platform.com/a/> to open soon! See http://www.amp.org/about/elected_positions-descriptions.cfm for more information regarding the position.

Please visit AMP's Clinical Practice Committee http://www.amp.org/committees/clinical_practice/members.cfm or Subdivision Leadership <http://www.amp.org/subdivisions/index.cfm> webpages to identify the new AMP leadership and for more information on AMP initiatives.

If you have an idea for a new project that AMP can help with, please let us [know!](#)

EDUCATION



The AMP paper, A Suggested Molecular Pathology Curriculum for Residents: A Report of the Association for Molecular Pathology, by authors **Dara L. Aisner, Anna Berry, D. Brian Dawson, Randall T. Hayden, Loren Joseph, and Charles E. Hill** will be published in the March *JMD*. [View the News Release](#)
[View the Curriculum](#)

Congratulations to Gary Procop and Karen Kaul who have been elected as President and Secretary, respectively, to the American Board of Pathology for 2016!

Trainee Volunteers Wanted: Applications for serving the Training & Education Committee as a junior member are now being accepted: <https://ampvolunteer.secure-platform.com/a/>

The **AMP MGP Online Self-Study Review Course** is available through **December 31, 2016!** Go to <http://www.amp.org/mgp2015/registration.cfm> for more information.

Samuel Caughron and **Aaron Bossler** will provide an overview of coding, coverage and reimbursement determination processes for the **free webinar, Molecular Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement 101: A Webinar Presented by the Economic Affairs Committee, to be held on March 8, 2016 at 1:00pm** (Eastern). Register to attend at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4905759571683966465>.

Watch your CHAMP messages for **AMP's upcoming Spring webinar series!**

AMP's educational collaborations continue with other organizations such as:

Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference 2016 (March 6-11 in San Francisco).

- March 6: "NGS Assay Selection, Validation and Compliance" short course presented by **Eric Duncavage, Colin Pritchard, and Avni Santani**.
- March 6: "Clinical Informatics: Returning Results from Big Data" short course presented by **Eric Klee, Nilesh Dharajya, and N. Sertac Kip**.
- March 7: Keynote Session: "Why an Accurate Diagnosis is Fundamental to Health Care" with **Elaine Lyon, Loren Joseph, and Linda Sabatini**.

USCAP 2016 (March 12-18 in Seattle), visit: www.amp.org/trainees

- March 13: AMP Companion Meeting symposium, "Implementing Molecular Testing to Make Treatment Decisions," with presentations by **Eric Duncavage, James Cook, Jeffrey Kico, Christina Lockwood, and David Wu**.
- March 14: Trainee Breakfast Reception
- March 15: USCAP/AMP Special Course: Molecular Diagnostic and Genomic Applications in Cancer: A Primer for the Pathologist, directed by AMP members **George Netto** and **Karen Kaul**.

ASCP 2016 Annual Meeting (September 14-16 in Las Vegas).

- AMP Collaborative Society educational session, "Molecular Diagnostics Primer," instructed by **Cecilia Yeung**.

CAP '16 (September 25-28 in Las Vegas).

- "Sequence Gazing: Variant Calling and Interpretation for Next-Generation Sequencing" presented by AMP members **Eric Duncavage** and **Ian Hageman**.

Online Monthly (free!): ASCO/CAP/AMP Molecular Oncology Tumor Board Case Study Series. Go to <https://connection.asco.org/discussion/breast-cancer-february-2016-molecular-oncology-tumor-boards> to review February's case study and post your comments on the discussion board. Previous months' case study topics included Lung, PEComa, and Thyroid cancer.

For an up-to-date listing of AMP at associated meetings, visit: <http://www.amp.org/meetings/associated/index.cfm>

International Affairs Committee

Ted Schutzbank is the AMP speaker for the **5th Annual Conference of the Molecular Pathology Association of India (MPAI)**, to be held March 12-13 in Chandigarh, India (www.MPAI2016.com). Other AMP members speaking at the conference include **Antonia Sepulveda, Priti Lal, Rangaraj Selvarangan** and **Rizwan C. Naeem**. AMP member **Bibhu R. Das** serves on the MPAI organizing committee.

Applications for AMP's 2016 International Membership Grants are now being accepted. Please see http://www.amp.org/awards_grants_honors/international_membership_grants_requirements.cfm for eligibility and application requirements. Submit an application online at: <https://ampawards.secure-platform.com/a/>

Awards Committee

Nominations are now being accepted for AMP's three recognition awards: The 2018 Award for Excellence in Molecular Diagnostics, the 2016 Jeffrey A. Kant Leadership Award, and the 2016 Meritorious Service Award. Please submit your nomination(s) online at <https://ampawards.secure-platform.com/a/>.

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