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Subir Kumar Das (India)

Membership to American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) is milestone to me, my colleagues and my Institute. I am enjoying enormous benefits from it. Clinical Chemistry, the Official Journal of AACC with impact factor above 7; bringing out the latest update in clinical chemistry, laboratory and molecular medicine. Being member, I am not only receiving the journal, but also getting access of selected article(s) in electronic version immediately after publication. My colleagues and students associated with Clinical Laboratory Services also enable to utilize the latest information whenever they want through me. Clinical Laboratory News, another source of information on Laboratory Services is also available on-line; and also equally bearing important information in the related field. These help us in improving Patient Care Services and study designing.

Any News items, information(s), fortnightly-published e-News Letter are regularly keep me in touch with AACC via e-mail. 'Mentor of the month' (by SYCL) and 'Meet our Member' (by AACC) are really inspiring. In addition, a number of books provided by AACC are very much informative and helped me in teaching and research designing.

I had a dream to interact with leading Renowned Scientists working in Clinical Chemistry worldwide. This became true by receiving International Travel Grant to attend 2006 Annual Meeting of AACC, in Chicago, Illinois. I wish to attend and interact with leading Scientists in future also. Lastly, through Van Slyke Foundation Research Grant under Point-of-Care Testing Division, I could initiate research, which might have beneficial effect in monitoring disease progression.

All these achievements would not be possible without a generous support from Van Slyke Foundation. I am indebted to Van Slyke Foundation for my professional achievement. I am very much grateful to Van Slyke Foundation and would like to receive such support in future also. [Top](#)



Robyn Devenish (Cambodia)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gallwas,

I would like to convey my thanks for the continuing support of the Galwass award.

In my current position as Laboratory advisor for the National Institute of Public Health Laboratory (NIPHL) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia it is extremely useful to have membership to the AACC.

The standard of Laboratory Medicine in Cambodia is gradually improving, but up to date journals are rarely available. I look forward to receiving the *Journal of Clinical Chemistry* every month, and enjoy keeping myself up to date with current scientific findings. I am of course then able to share the journal with my Cambodian colleagues at the NIPHL.

I am currently working with the laboratory staff to assist them to gain ISO 15189 Laboratory Accreditation.

Most of the quality laboratory management systems are in place but it will be a very big job to write up all the documentation that is required.

Another major achievement has been the introduction of coagulation testing at the NIPHL. This has meant for the first time in Cambodia, Hemophiliacs can be correctly diagnosed. Previously most cases have died at a young age from uncontrolled bleeding or wrongly treated with TB drugs for the swollen knee joints caused by haemarthrosis. Below is a photo of me and my Cambodian colleagues with whom I worked to set up the diagnosis and treatment for Hemophilia in Cambodia. One of the team is a pediatric hematologist, who can treat and manage the cases.

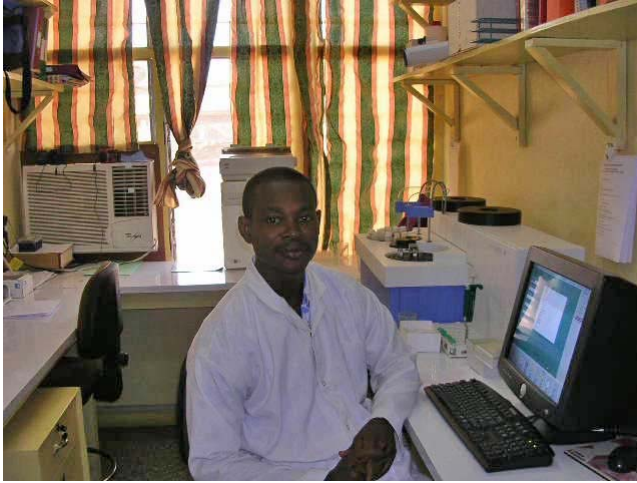


In 2007, I hope to work with the laboratory staff at the National Pediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh, to improve their skills in diagnostic laboratory medicine and set up quality laboratory systems.

I am very grateful for your continuing support of my work in Cambodia.

Sincerely and with warmest regards. [Top](#)

David Kwame Dosoo (Ghana)



It is a great pleasure for me at this time of the year to report on the how the Gallwas membership of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry has benefited me, my laboratory and fellow laboratorians.

I joined the AACC in 2001 through the Gallwas fund. Joining the AACC has had a very profound impact on my career as a clinical laboratory scientist. In 2003 and 2005, I received the AACC International Travel Grant which enabled me to

attend the Annual Meetings in Philadelphia and Orlando, respectively. At these meetings, I had the privilege of attending very educative sessions. The sessions on the laboratory's role in patients' safety, improving quality in the clinical laboratory and laboratory management were of immense help to me. Apart from the Annual meetings, I have also learnt a lot from the AACC website, the Clinical Chemistry Journal and also from a wide range of books and CDs that I received through the Gallwas membership.

With the Gallwas membership, I am able to get current information on various topics for my lectures to students on our laboratory program. I also make available the Clinical Chemistry journal to colleagues and students. The journal has been very useful to particularly to postgraduate students requiring information for writing their thesis.

The knowledge acquired through the AACC has reflected positively on the quality of work that we perform in our laboratory. In May 2004, I was appointed the Manager of the laboratory of the Research Centre where I have been working since October 2003. With the AACC resources, I have always looking for ways of improving the performance of our laboratory to match up to international standards. I have discussed with colleagues in my laboratory various laboratory topics from the AACC materials on topics such as quality control and quality assurance, safety in the clinical laboratory. I am pleased to say our laboratory is performing very well. Currently, our laboratory is carrying out the analysis of samples as part of a malaria vaccine trial in children between the ages of 5 and 17 months. This trial is being supported by the Glaxosmith Kline (GSK) Biologicals and the Malaria Vaccine Initiative.

Though my Gallwas membership ended in December 2007, I will still continue to be a member of the AACC. I am very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. (Jerry and Sandy) Gallwas for their great thoughtfulness, Van Slyke Foundation, the Executives of the AACC, Mrs. Jean Rhame for the wonderful work they have been doing to ensure that we derive the maximum benefit from the AACC.

I would also like to use this opportunity to invite you to read what the Research Centre where I work is doing to help in improving healthcare by visiting www.ghana-khrc.org.
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Elena Egorova (Russia)

I am glad to be the member of American Association for Clinical Chemistry because of benefits to get to know a current state of a lab diagnostics in the USA, to compare it with our work, to study your experience and to discuss it with my lab colleagues.

Especially I was interested in the role of myeloperoxidase (MPO) and inflammation in the etiology of acute coronary syndromes (ACS). We work with the test kits for revealing the antibodies to MPO in diagnostics of vasculitis. Is the test kit for a detection of a value MPO itself available for lab practice?

I'll hope to read about the significance of MPO as the biomarker of cardiac pathology again. [Top](#)

Eduardo Luis Freggiaro (Argentina)

The Gallwas Grant is a great opportunity for people from developing countries to get an AACC membership. The economical situation makes the access to a membership very difficult in Latin American countries, especially in Argentina.

The Clinical Chemistry journal is an excellent option for me to keep myself and some colleagues on the loop. In my faculty (Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica, Universidad de Buenos Aires) several editions are lost or not available. This situation becomes a big barrier to read a paper which is of your interest. So far I have a five years collection of the journal and some colleagues known that, so when the library does not have a number I share my collection with them. That's the reason why I'm thinking of donating the complete collection to the faculty library.

It seems there were some logistics issues with some shipments last year. I did not receive some numbers. I send a complaint to AACC in July and respond to me saying that the pending numbers should be arriving soon, but they have not arrived so far.

For my clinical laboratory work the CLN is amazing. I enjoy a lot reading it. We have many regulatory and health problems in Argentina and it is very interesting to compare our situation against the US perspective.

As Gallwas Member I received an invitation to apply to a travel award to attend the AACC meeting. I sent my documentation last year and I have been honored with this award. Travel to the AACC meeting is a great chance to meet people from US and others countries of the world. The sessions and the conferences were very helpful for me, but the most important experience was the possibility to talk in the aisles with colleagues working in similar fields of clinical chemistry.

Last year I had the honor to present my works in *Helicobacter pylori* infection during the poster session. When I returned to Argentina a group of colleagues organized a meeting to talk about my experience at the AACC meeting.

As AACC member I chose participate in two divisions, Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology Division and Laboratory Information Systems and Medical Informatics Division. Actually I still do not have a very intensive participation in these divisions. I think that these divisions are not so opened to new members (and especially from others countries) or I have a passive attitude and do not ask about how can I contribute. I limited my participation to read the newsletters.

Is very difficult to express all the benefices that the membership gave me, in simple words I change my perspective of clinical chemistry. Thank you very much for this opportunity. [Top](#)

Alexander Gilmanov (Russia)

I am pleased to inform how my Gallwas Membership has benefited me and my colleagues in professional duties in 2006.

a. As professor, lecturer in Laboratory Medicine and Chief of Laboratory Medicine Chair in Bashkir State Medical University (Ufa, RUSSIA), I always tried to share and continue sharing a lot of information I have learnt at AACC meetings, from the *Clinical Chemistry* and AACC site among laboratory doctors, medical technologists and medical students - first of all in our Republic of Bashkortostan (on training courses), as well as on regional and all-Russian symposiums and conferences. I also use AACC archive materials (presentations, references etc.) for preparing lectures in clinical chemistry and general pathology. I can note that general level of knowledge and skills of our clinical laboratory specialists really grew up last years, and I think that my AACC Membership and participation in AACC Meetings were among the reasons. It also led to sensible grow of my own scientific reputation... The situation in our country is now changing, and we must be closely acquainted to all modern achievements in clinical chemistry field. This is even more significant as National State Project for advancing primary health care service started in our country from 2006: more 4000 clinical laboratories in Russia have already got and will get modern equipment, and need to use it effectively.

b. Special thanks for printed variant and full text archive access of *Clinical Chemistry* as well as free books we have got this year from AACC (Clinical Chemistry, Laboratory Medicine). These books, being inaccessible otherwise, are now widely used by my colleagues and me. I am sure this action is very significant for many lab specialists.

c. As a special point of AACC membership, thanks to VSF and Gallwas Travel Grant, I consider the possibility to participate in 2006 AACC Annual Meeting and present the posters. I have really enjoyed with feeling myself implicated to Laboratory Medicine of the World Level: to listen / discuss the leaders in different fields of laboratory science and practice, to meet old and to get new friends, to visit the greatest Clinical Laboratory Exhibition. At present the participation in AACC Meetings is the only chance for me to keep in touch with up-to-date Laboratory Medicine, to see its achievements "by own eyes" and actively share this among my colleagues in Russia

It is my special pleasure and privilege - to be the Gallwas Member of AACC, to live together with the van of world laboratory medicine. [Top](#)

Angela Godwin (Saudi Arabia)

As a clinical laboratorian, the Gallwas Membership has benefited me and my laboratory immensely in this short period. Becoming a member of the AACC was a far fetched dream for me and it is still a pleasant experience in my second year.

The membership to the AACC through the Gallwas grant has helped me by first gaining access to the journal which is a pride in our department here at Saudi Arabia and when this has been covered by my colleagues here will be a permanent part of my previous work place that is the Manipal College of Medical Sciences library at Nepal, which will be a great asset to them. Though it will reach them annually it will be part of their medical library helping undergraduates, postgraduates and staff from the department of biochemistry. This way I am sure I can contribute a part of my Gallwas membership to my colleagues at Nepal.

This has also given me an opportunity to access the AACC program and its services. As a laboratory practitioner and research assistant in a developing country, it is without any doubt also to benefit with free textbooks which are extremely valuable assets of reference and is an integral part of my reading as well as reference for our laboratory here. It is also a critical point that AACC takes care of knowledge development of scientists in underprivileged foreign countries.

I do have a few suggestions for the AACC for improvement as follows:

- a. If possible through the monitoring of IP logging a few developing countries can log in free to access academic material from the site. (eg HINARI systems);
- b. More sponsored training or workshops (especially in recent chemistry techniques) as a hands on experience will be beneficial than an internet dialogue in our countries;

c. The presence of the AACC and Clinical Chemistry in the Gulf is also at its infancy and it is through this membership that a few in this area are aware of such a society for Clinical Chemistry and laboratory medicine and I would suggest to appoint a region specific representative for coordinating a promoting events in different areas around the world.

I feel sure this has been a very valuable experience for me which allows me to share my ideas through my membership, share the membership within underprivileged areas and also apply this knowledge in my regular practice in teaching and clinical laboratory work.

Once again I would like to thank you for this award. [Top](#)

Sorin Giju (Romania)

Being a Gallwas Member offers me and my colleagues many opportunities. I have the opportunity to receive the “*Clinical Chemistry*” free. Normally in Romania I can not buy it. “*Clinical Chemistry*” publishes all the news in my field of interest and I share this news with my colleagues.

I was an International Travel Grant Winner for two years – 2005 and 2006. In 2005, I was an International Travel Grant Winner with financial support from Sandy and Jerry Gallwas and in 2006 my grant was supported by the AACC’s Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology Division.

In the USA, I saw new techniques and new ideas that I try to apply in my lab from Romania. For example, I try now to introduce the quantitative assays for Troponin T. The elevation of Troponin T in non-heart attack ESRD patients has been described in numerous papers over the last decade and perhaps for a longer time. There appears to be no doubt that the elevated Troponin T in the ESRD patients is a significant risk factor for cardiac mortality. There are also quite a few studies showing an increase (but a lesser one) of Troponin I in ESRD patients who do not have heart attacks. In Romania we are in the beginning to these studies.

Very important for me and for my lab colleagues was the visit to Exhibit Hall. There I saw the last generation of lab instruments. Now, our laboratory is negotiating with the hospital administration the purchases of one for the automation analysis of urinary sediment. I saw this instrument in two great laboratories in Chicago, IL in 2006. This fact convinced me to try to make in my country what I saw in the USA.

A great facility for me as a Gallwas Member is receiving free the books, the revues and the CD’s with the news in our field of interest. I presented this news to my colleagues and to my residents. In 2005 and in 2006, I participated at AACC Annual Meeting as an accepted poster presenter. My participation at Poster Session permitted me to know what is new in my field of interest and to change opinions with colleagues from all around the world.

Finally, a great advantage for me was the fact that in 2006 I became an Associate Fellow of National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (NACB). So I made many professional relationships with scientists from all around the world. [Top](#)

Dr. Hoang Thu Ha (Vietnam)

2006 is a special year for me. I have much updated my knowledge in clinical biochemistry. The Clinical Chemistry journal is always an interesting information resource for me and my colleagues. The exchanges of experiences with the AACC colleagues (through AACC website) are very useful for me in developing new tests in my lab : blood gases, tumor markers: AFP, CEA, PSA, Insuline, CA 19-9, hormones T3, TSH, ft4, hsCRP. I have presented the lectures on Quality Control, Laboratory Automation in the seminars of the hospitals of HaNoi. As the member of the AACC Gallwas membership, I could share the very rare books and CDs in VietNam , ordered via the AACC store.

I believe that the AACC Gallwas membership is quite fruitful for me and my colleagues. I express my gratitude to the AACC and the Gallwas Membership Committee.

Thank you very much and best wishes for the New Year 2007. [Top](#)

Dr.Than Than Htwe (Malaysia)

American Association for Clinical Chemistry
International Advisory Group
Survey of Gallwas Grant recipients

Name: Dr.Than Than Htwe

Nationality: Myanmar

Work address: University Kuala Lumpur- Royal College of Medicine, Perak, Malaysia

Type of facility: Semi government

Year Gallwas grant was awarded: 2002

Overall view:

1. AACC membership has benefited my practice of laboratory medicine: agree
2. AACC membership has helped me improve the quality of laboratory practice: agree
3. AACC membership has been useful to me in teaching/ training medical students/ laboratory physicians/ scientists: agree
4. I have implemented new developments based on what I have learned as AACC member : agree
5. I often share the benefits of AACC membership with colleagues: agree

AACC membership has benefited my work in the last 2 years:

- Better access to current information (Clinical Chemistry): Yes
- Ability to network with other laboratory doctors and scientists: Yes
- Improved dialogue with clinicians: Yes
- Access to electronic resources (AACC online, Clinical Chemistry online, e - conferences): Yes
- Discount on publications: yes
- Discount on meetings: No
- Divisional activities: No

My membership in other laboratory medicine or clinical societies:

1. Member of Australian Institute of Medical Scientists
2. Member of Myanmar Association of Clinical Pathologist
3. Member of Myanmar Medical Council
4. Member of Malaysian Medical council

What opportunities have you had to publicise AACC membership in your country

- Presentations: No
- Journal articles: Yes
- Articles in Society Newsletter or on the Internet: No
- Teaching : Yes
- Personal recommendations: Yes

Divisions

I am a member of:

- Molecular Pathology (Division 1)
- Clinical and Diagnostics Immunology (Division 2)

For Division 1 above: Membership of this Division has been useful to me: yes

For Division 2 above: Membership of this Division has been useful to me: yes

The AACC Annual Meeting:

Have you attended the AACC Annual Meeting in the last 2 years: No

Clinical Chemistry journal

- Read selected articles and store for reference: Yes
- Approximately how many people have access to my copy of Clinical Chemistry: 8-10
- Share the journal with a library :Yes
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Your job

Percentage of your work time is spent in the following activities:

- Performing laboratory test 5%
- Reporting/ interpretation/ advice 5%

- Laboratory management 10%
- Research 30%
- Teaching 50%
- Patients care 0%
- Other 0%

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Agnes Ivanov (Estonia)



2006 was a very busy year for me and our laboratory. I began 2006 year as quality manager of United laboratories with goal to accredit a largest part of United laboratories. Due to the good work of quality management the largest part of clinical chemistry and immunology departments and all of microbiological and mucological tests were accredited according ISO 15189.

As head of clinical chemistry department my goal was to improve a new laboratory infological system to our laboratory. Several successive years of good work have allowed to evaluate a new program “*e-labor*”, which will connect to the digital medical history.

As a member of POCT division my goal was to introduce and evaluate the new automated blood gas system to the critical care department of Tartu University hospital. It was be very complicated time - a lot of training with doctors, nurses and technicians but also very interesting for me. I did two feedback studies from this evaluation and wrote the abstract, which I send to the CPOCT Division’s 21st International symposium in Quebec City. The committee has accepted my abstract “Evaluation of the 1st automatic system for blood gas analysis” for inclusion in the poster display in the meeting. But I didn’t have a possibility to participate this interesting meeting.

I want to thank of Jean G.Rhame who support me for participation in the Laboratory Automation conference: “Advanced Tools for Improving the Practice of medicine”, March 16-17, 2006-Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

I want to thank of Roberta Sutherland from Young’s Effects Online. Our doctors are very happy for possibility to use this on-line database.

I want to thank all of the AACC. [Top](#)

Liudmila Ivanova (Russia)

I am Liudmila Ivanova, the quality manager by North West Medical Center of Evidenced Based Medicine.

In 2006 I visited Annual Meeting of AACC in Chicago. I listened to very interesting lectures, especially about quality control. There I had poster: 'Split sample approach to harmonize results of laboratory investigations in North West region of Russia'. In 2007 my colleagues and I send abstract: 'Use and results of questionnaires in quality management'.

My laboratory was open in February 2006. Now we have 3,000 samples in day. The information, which I take in you magazines and by e-mail help me in my work.

The members of AACC visited my laboratory as a better in St. Petersburg. I sent several photo about it.

Thank the Gallwas center for you help of development laboratory service in the world.

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Jagannadha Rao Peela III

I had been issued AACC member ship September 2005 effecting from January 2006. I had obtained membership by Galwass Grants by American Association of Clinical Chemistry. I got the membership while I was working for Ministry of Health Hospital of Saudi Arabia as specialist in Biochemistry. I am receiving the Clinical Chemistry Journal and getting more knowledge about clinical chemistry and refreshing myself. As a member of clinical chemistry the membership was useful in several ways while I was working there. I conducted several seminars in King Khaled General Hospital, Hafr Al Batin, Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia. There were more than 30 lab personnel and 9 Lab specialists including Histopathology, Haematology, Microbiology, Serology and Biochemistry. I taught so many latest developments to them because of the knowledge I gained through clinical chemistry journals through my membership. It was very useful to me, my colleagues and my subordinate staff members.

Regularly I am receiving the AACC news bulletin in my e-mail and knowing all the latest news about clinical chemistry subject world wide. I am very fortunate to say that I got membership in NACB in February 2006 because I am the member of AACC.

Presently I am working as faculty member of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, GARYOUNIS UNIVERSITY, Benghazi, Libya. Here I am teaching Biochemistry to undergraduates of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental and public health. I am also involved in teaching post graduates of biochemistry and helping their research work. Here I was attached to Hospital Laboratory to maintain and manage the lab work.

I strongly believe that it will be very much helpful to me if I continue my membership as clinical chemistry personnel. As faculty member in the university's faculty of medicine, I am supporting and supervising the post graduates of the department in the following research works:

- a. The inflammatory response in Mild and Severe Psoriasis
- b. Biomarkers of inflammation in Acute Coronary Syndrome
- c. Membrane function markers following Ischemic/Reperfusion injury in experimental Rat Testicular Torsion
- d. Inflammatory markers and Hypercholesteremia in patients receiving Kidney Transplant
- e. Association between body Iron stores and risk of Cardiovascular disease
- f. Genetic and Biological profile of Breast Cancer in Young Female Libyan patient

I think that it is very helpful to my students also in their work with the knowledge gained through my membership. This year I had submitted an abstract to the annual meeting 2007 through OASIS. [Top](#)

Snezana Jovicic (Serbia)

In the past year, my work was in great part influenced with the Gallwas membership grant and the subscription for *Clinical Chemistry Journal*. It helped me and my colleagues in improving our every day work in health service, as a part of our Institute's activities. Also, beside myself, there are more young colleagues involved in scientific and research activity of the Institute. The subscription for *Clinical Chemistry* allowed us the insight in all the latest achievements in the field of clinical chemistry. The *Clinical Chemistry Journal* is the irreplaceable source of references essential for our research. Also, the book by Dr. Laposata brought us the new perspective of laboratory medicine.

My personal work in the past year started with the publication of my paper in *Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Journal* in February:

Jovicic S, Ignjatovic S, Dajak M, Majkic-Singh N. Analytical performance and clinical efficacy for cardiovascular risk estimation of an Olympus immunoturbidimetric high-sensitivity C-reactive protein assay. *Clin Chem Lab Med* 2006;44(2):228-231.

I was also the co-author on two posters at two international symposiums:

Dopsaj V, Dopsaj M, Sumarac Z, Novakovic N, **Jovicic S**. Iron status parameters of elite young water polo players after the competition seasons. *Rev Port Cien Desp* 2006;6(supl 1):81.

Simic-Ogrizovic S, Dopsaj V, **Jovicic S**, Milenkovic D, Jovanovic D, Nestic V. Which is the most important factor for active urinary stone formation in patients with urolithiasis? XVIII Danube Symposium of Nephrology, September 26-30, 2006; Abstract Book:146.

At the 14th Meeting of Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation, held in Sofia, Bulgaria, 26-30 September 2006, I had an oral presentation:

Jovicic S, Ignjatovic S, Majkic-Singh N. Application of high-sensitivity C-reactive protein in cardiovascular risk assessment for primary prevention. *Balkan Journal of Clinical Laboratory*, XIII, 06, 1.

Finally, I presented two posters, and was co-author on one, at two national congresses with international participation:

XV Congress of Medical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine and IV Congress of Pharmacy.

Jovicic S, Ignjatovic S, Majkic-Singh N. Comparison of two different methods for cardiovascular risk assessment: Framingham risk score and SCORE system. *Jugoslav Med Biochem* 2006;25(4):464-5.

Jovicic S, Ignjatovic S, Majkic-Singh N. Correlation between high-sensitivity C-reactive protein and total, HDL and LDL cholesterol and cardiovascular risk assessment algorithm. *Arh farm* 2006;56:672-3.

Kangrga R, Ignjatovic S, Dajak M, **Jovicic S**, Majkic-Singh N. Relationship between serum transferrin concentration and the total iron-binding capacity. *Arh farm* 2006;56:670-1.

In the year 2006, I successfully finished first year of specialist studies in medical biochemistry. Considering my postgraduate studies, they were influenced by recent changes in educational system in Serbia. Because of the adaptation of our educational system with the European standards and Bologna convention, postgraduate studies for M. Sci. on the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade were transformed to PhD studies. The students on M.Sci. studies were automatically transferred to PhD studies and I was among them. Therefore, I am currently on 2nd year of PhD studies in medical biochemistry.

All of my work during the past year was considerably influenced by the Gallwas membership and *Clinical Chemistry Journal*. It was a stimulus for me to work harder. Thank you for your support. [Top](#)

Ishmael Kasvosve, PhD. (Zimbabwe)

During the year 2007, I have continued to benefit immensely from my membership to AACC, which was made possible by the Gallwas Membership Award. I have continued to receive the *Clinical Chemistry journal*.

This is a valuable resource for me and clinical chemistry post-graduate students in my department at the University of Zimbabwe. Although Zimbabwe is one of the countries that can freely access the journal on the internet, it is extremely difficult to use this service since internet browsing is very slow (sometimes it can take up to 10 min to open a page!). I have also continued to receive e-mail alerts of important upcoming events of AACC. Furthermore, my membership to AACC is highly regarded by my employer.

I want to thank you for this Gallwas membership. It has and continues to make a difference in my professional life. [Top](#)

Dr. Lina Korovskaya (Russia)

2006 was outstanding year for my AACC Gallwas membership. We created a real bridge between AACC and RAMLD (Russian Association for Medical Laboratory Diagnostics). AACC Management Science Division and Molecular Pathology Division supported two Annual All-Russian meeting in Moscow (October 2006) and St.-Petersburg (May 2006).

Management Science Division arranged 2 lectures of AACC speakers Carl Garber and Leroy Mell in Russian Annual meeting “National Days for Laboratory Medicine” in Moscow, October 2006. 2 presentations of *Carl C. Garber* “**Overview of CLIA 88 Regulations, and**” and Leroy Mell “**Management And Economics For The Medical Laboratory**” were interpreted to Russian and put into webpage <http://www.ramld.ru> for all laboratory physicians in Russian Federation.

Members of AACC Molecular Pathology Division: Steven Wong, Pauline Lau and Robert Dworschack, presented very qualified lectures for 10th Russian Forum «Immunology Days in St.Petersburg» in May 2006 in St.-Petersburg. <http://www.imdays.spb.ru/english.htm>.

During 2 meetings in Moscow and St.-Petersburg Chair of IAG Professor Pauline Lau, Chair of AACC Molecular Pathology Division Professor Steven Wong, ex - Chair of MSD Professor Carl Garber and Dr. Robert Dworschack visited my Laboratory in Pavlov State Medical University, laboratory of another AACC Gallwas Grant recipient Dr.Liudmila Ivanova in Medical Center of Evidenced Based Medicine and laboratory of AACC Taravel Grant recipient 2006 Tatiana Lobachevskaya in Medexpress-service clinic in St.-Petersburg. AACC colleagues could see how we implement our knowledge to real life.

I use AACC web page for my seminars with medical students and training course for Laboratory physicians.

Collaboration with AACC allows me develop my research study in Management Science in Lab Medicine. I prepared 3 presentations on this topic in Russian Conferences and 2 presentations in International conferences. Clinical Chemistry Journal and AACC bookstore help me in my professional life. I submitted an abstract with last results of my study for AACC Annual meeting 2007 in San Diego.

My colleagues and I continue to develop future plans of collaboration with AACC. We are preparing now AACC session in 11th Russian Forum «Immunology Days in St.-Petersburg», Russia (May 28 – 31, 2007) and “National Days for Laboratory Medicine” in Moscow, October 2007. [Top](#)

Zita Kucinskiene, MD, PhD, (Lithuania)

First of all I would like to thank you for the possibility to apply for the AACC Gallwas membership, which I became in August, 2002. This was an event, which helped me a lot in my career:

- Being the member of the AACC helped me in getting the literature and the latest news on various laboratory medicine problems. All this information is being used for preparing lectures, so the information is being spread more widely among the students, residents
- My selected division was “Lipoproteins and vascular diseases” and it correlates with my research, which is concentrated on the investigation of the ethiopathogenetic mechanisms of atherosclerosis, including biochemical, infectious, immunological, genetic markers; so being the AACC member helped me to get the latest information on this problem, which is again spread in the form of seminars for the master degree and PhD students.
- Being the director of the Center of Laboratory Diagnostics of Vilnius University Hospital, I am interested in problems associated with management, future trends in laboratory medicine. During this period of time laboratory has changed a lot, our society - the Lithuanian Society of Laboratory Medicine, is the member of the IFCC. I had a possibility to participate in some conferences, congresses, e.g. Oak Ridge conference in Baltimore in April, 2005.

What we really need – this is the possibility to get more literature: textbooks, methodological literature, etc. This is basic for the education not only of students, residents, but also for the professionals, working in the laboratories.

I would like to thank you all once more for the invaluable possibility to be the AACC Gallwas member.

As far as my AACC Gallwas membership has ends in 2006, for the year 2007 I became the AACC member, paying its dues. So I hope to get all the information as I did earlier.

Thank you once more and all success in the year 2007! [Top](#)

Andrey Mamaev (Russia)

During the year I obtained the positive experience with the Gallwas memberships. The support assisted me in the informing of my colleagues from Altai State Medical University about the modern trends in laboratory diagnostics. Moreover I had the excellent educational experience at the 2006 AACC Annual Meeting. The information about proteomics that I received significantly extended my knowledge in the field. I visited the excellent exhibition where found several suppliers for my laboratory.

The Staff of Sciences Division is efficiently working with its Newsletter, which I receive via e-mail often. Using the resources I found some information for specialists in the field of therapy and surgery. Thus the support was very important for me and my colleagues for the year. [Top](#)

Naoufel Nabli (India)

The Clinical Chemistry Journal represents the thickest contribution of my statute as an AACC member. The journal is more and more used by students (4 post-doc and 2 undergraduate student this year) and biologists (3) of the laboratory, it is specially used for bibliographic search for the different works of research. As an AACC member, I could also be informed of the different novelties in Clinic Biochemistry. After my involvement to the yearly congress of AACC in 2005, I could not participate unfortunately in the congress of 2006. I intend to participate in the one of 2008. I also regret that the trainings and on line seminars of the AACC are paying, what remains impossible to adjust from my country TUNISIA.

I also hope that my Gallwas member will be conducted for the next five years. [Top](#)

Akanni E. Olufemi (Nigeria)

AACC membership courtesy Gallwas grant has been of immense assistance to the advancement of my career in Laboratory Medicine.

The opportunity of receiving free the Clinical Chemistry Journal keeps me abreast of latest developments in scientific research which has improved my research knowledge and raises the level of professional practice in my Institution diagnostic laboratories.

Various scientific information that circulates among AACC members even at the division level, conferences and scientific meetings have been very helpful.

Annual book gift (Courtesy Gallwas grant) from AACC book store has been of great help to me and is found to be very resourceful.

AACC membership courtesy Gallwas grant has been of great advantage to my career/research development and promotes good laboratory practice. [Top](#)

Shakila Sri Kumar (India)

I have been issued AACC membership thanks to the generous Gallwas grant. I have been enjoying the benefits of this membership for the last one year. I was issued this membership when I was working as an assistant professor as well as a clinical biochemist in a medical institute in India. The medical updates that I received regularly helped me in acquiring the latest developments in medical field and also helped in guiding the postgraduate students in their dissertation works. This membership has also helped me in my career upliftment by being offered a placement in Asian institute of Medicine, Science and Technology, Malaysia as a faculty in the department of Biochemistry. I am right now involved in research work on 'markers in Obesity'. I wish to continue my membership and hope to attend the workshops and conferences conducted by AACC in near future. [Top](#)

Dr Vinita Thakur (India)

It is my pleasure to be a Gallwas member of AACC, 2004-2008. I have been constantly benefited by the association all through these years. I regularly get information regarding the various events like conferences, training programmes etc. held under the aegis of association. It gives me immense pleasure to write that I was one of the participants of recently held BAYER HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2006 in University of Notre Dame, Southbend. Twenty-five national and international delegates attended the course. The course was well-organized and excellent faculty members delivered lectures. All aspects of management were covered in the course extensively.

I am regularly receiving Clinical Chemistry journal free of cost from the association. Junior staff as well as my colleagues and I read journals. It is immensely helpful for us to improve the clinical practice by reading latest developments in the field of clinical chemistry. I am thankful to the association and feel pleased by receiving latest edition of Tietz Text book of Clinical Chemistry and Molecular Diagnostics free of cost. It was not possible for me to purchase these books without the generous help of the association.

I once again extend my gratitude to all the executive committee members of association for their untiring and constant unbiased efforts to help people in the field of clinical chemistry all around the globe. [Top](#)

Karel Tomberg (Estonia)

I have been awarded an AACC Gallwas membership grant since 2005.

Gallwas Grant has given our laboratory the possibility to read the journal *Clinical Chemistry* and keep in contact with the latest developments and news in laboratory

medicine. *Clinical Chemistry* is the first regular international journal in the Laboratory of North Estonia Regional Hospital.

We are regularly circulating *Clinical Chemistry* in the sections of clinical chemistry, haematology, immunology and haematopathology. Doctors and specialists have the possibility to take copies of the relevant articles and use the knowledge in their work and teaching residents and other colleagues. I have also been circulating the electronic copies of the articles to the specialist dealing with the specific topic. In addition the journal is a source of information about new literature.

I have also been following AACC *eNews* and circulating it to the senior doctors of the laboratory.

In summary Gallwas grant is of great value to me and my colleagues. [Top](#)

Aurelian Udristoiu (Romania)

Dr. Aurelian Udristoiu;MD, working as clinical laboratory scientist, Gallwas Member AACC since January 2002,with ID #76664, I inform you that like as Gallwas-Member AACC, I benefited in my practice of laboratory medicine by followings:

- AACC membership has helped me to improve the quality of laboratory practice
- AACC membership has been myself to see teaching learning from medical laboratory physicians` scientists
- I had implemented new developments based on what I learned as a Member AACC. To my place of work, County Hospital Tg-Jiu, Romania.

I often shared the benefits of AACC membership with my colleagues from our Laboratory.

Like as membership AACC I had benefited in my work of followings:

- I have had better access to current information at *Clinical Chemistry* and I used this Journal for to read selected article in my field of activity, Hematology and Biochemistry and to send for to be published my work of researches;
- I had better ability to network with other laboratory doctors and scientists from another country which have had quality of AACC Member Gallwas;
- I improved dialogues with clinicians to my place of work
- I had access to electronic resources (AACC Online Clinical Chemistry Online E-Conferences ,Audio-conference AACC, etc.),discounts on meetings, Divisional branches., being member in Clinical Diagnostic Immunology and Laboratory Information System

- I had opportunities, in my country, to study and to present works of information about articles published in 'Clinical Chemistry' to Conferences from Romanian Society of Laboratory Medicine (SRLM), new-letters on the Internet, teaching my residents from our County Hospital Tg-Jiu being Director of Laboratories and writing Recommendations from my Colleagues for to become new members in AACC.
- I became a Recipient International Travel Grant/ in 2004/07/25-29/, being invited to Annual Meeting ,Los Angeles, CA, as winner and for two time a new Award International Travel Grant in 07/25-29/2005 to Annual Meeting AACC from Orlando, FL

Also I am a membership in other laboratory medicine or clinical societies, with active roles.

- 1) The Romanian Society for Clinical Engineering and Medical Computing, Bucharest, since 1991;
- 2) The Romanian Society of Laboratory Medicine SRML, since 1992;
- 3) Member in Romanian Association of Clinical Laboratories founded in 2004;
- 4) Director of Clinical Laboratories from County Hospital Tg-Jiu, since 1998 until present time;
- 5) Member AACC-Gallwas, since 2002 until present time, ID #76664;
- 6) Membership Professional in American Association of Scientific Clinical Laboratories (ASCL);
- 7) Also I became The Fellow Member NACB/2005 to AACC Meeting Orlando, FL.

I attended to AACC Annual Meeting from Philadelphia in 2003/20-25//07, without any sponsor or a Grant, only by proper my salary from government hospital, individual, because of my passion of research in clinical laboratory.

Every time I found all Conference AACC very interesting and I found useful by my participation at:

- lectures/edutraks, workshops, round tables, Posters
- Exhibits, contacts with industry personal, meetings with other laboratory workers, remaining with great impressions, beautifully ,wining and a good experience in problems of management laboratories

Finally, after I wrote by E-mail to my colleagues from my country about very interesting Conferences in Annual Meeting AACC, I hope so that AACC must have more Romanian members and more much attendance to next AACC Annual Meeting from San Diego, in 07/15-19/2007.

I have already previously Statements 2003/2004/2005/2006 that I didn't have enough financial funds for to attend at Annual Meetings AACC and for 2007 year to attend at the AACC Meeting from San Diego.

Many thanks to AACC and specially for the Van Slyke Foundation for the all my scientific benefits. [Top](#)

Prof. Dr. Hoang Van Son (Vietnam)

My warm greetings from Vietnam!

The AACC Gallwas membership is always an interesting resource for me and my colleagues. In 2006, the Hanoi Health Department has nominated me Senior Scientific Adviser of the City Project of Organisation of the Centre of Laboratory Medicine of Hanoi, the biggest one of this City until to-day. The information and knowledge gained through the Journal Clinical Chemistry and the exchanges of experiences with the AACC colleagues are very useful for me in preparing and discussing this Project which will be realized in mid-2007.

I have presented the lectures on Nanodiagnostics, on Proteomics in the Faculty of Medicine, and have written one article on Nanotechnology in the Journal "Medical and Pharmaceutical Information", No 11/2006. The Clinical Chemistry issues have been always shared with my colleagues, because in Hanoi, we can't read them in the Medical Libraries of the Faculty of Medicine or in other Medical Institutions.

I believe that the AACC Gallwas membership is very interesting and fruitful for my work.

I express my gratitude to the AACC and the Gallwas Membership Committee. [Top](#)

Eleonora Varmusova (Slovakia)

1. Journal Clinical Chemistry is still shared with a clinical biochemist from the town 90 km apart.
2. Excellent source of information (new technology, articles of opinion leaders, reviews) from journal and AACC web-site offers promotion, source of knowledge and my continuous inspiration in my effort to make some difference in the area of clinical chemistry in my country. [Top](#)

H Weerawarna (Sri Lanka)

The Gallwas membership gave me confidence to carry out my routine duties efficiently as the Clinical Biochemist attached to the Department of Pathology, National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

This hospital has undertaken to expand the service provided for the diabetic population and to establish diagnostic facilities for the diabetic clinic. The test repertoire was expanded to include the test required for the long-term management of diabetes by introducing glycohaemoglobin and urine micro albumin. An automatic analyzer has been purchased to handle the increasing workload. In this endeavor, my updated knowledge on automation was very useful to select the proper analyzer which utilizes micro volumes of reagents to reduce the cost per test.

As in previous years, I was able to run the biochemistry service cost effectively with the allocated budget, as one of my major concerns is to provide a cost effective clinical biochemistry diagnostic service. As, this hospital I am serving, has to provide the service free of charge, I have to understand the difference between private sector hospitals where the introduction of any new test will become a profit making venture whereas in the government sector, introduction of any new test means an additional expenditure and therefore, a prior allocation has to be obtained for the purpose. Therefore, proper planning in time is required if the newly introduced service has to be continued.

Use of locally prepared reagents for automatic analyzer, as a cost saving measure, is being continued during this year, too. In addition, locally prepared reagents were used in the automatic analyzer for urine micro albumin using immuno turbidimetric method.

The assignment which I have undertaken to serve as a panel member for the registration of medical devices has been continued and during this year 87 devices were registered.

The teaching assignment, which I have undertaken were continued for certificate of Medical Laboratory Technology and Diploma in Pathology courses in clinical biochemistry component. The workshop on 'Long term management of diabetes' which was conducted with the help of the Association of Medical Laboratory Technologists was successful and participants were able to get hands-on experience on immuno turbidimetric method of urine micro albumin using reagents composed by me.

Registration of Sri Lanka Association for Clinical Chemistry under company act of Sri Lanka has been initiated as the secretary of the association and the registration will be completed by March 2007 for the purpose of affiliating with the Asian Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry.

It is worthwhile to mention that because of the agitations implemented as the secretary of the Association of Government Scientific Officers, from January 2006 all the government scientists are now enjoying higher salaries and better promotional prospectus.

The Gallwas membership encouraged me and supported me to perform all these activities and I take this opportunity to thank the AACC for awarding this valuable membership to me. [Top](#)