

## Northern California Local Section Annual Report 2011

### Educational Meetings:

Date	Title	Speaker	Venue
1/19/2011	The Analytical & Clinical Complexes of Measuring hCG National AACC Update	Ann Gronowski, PhD, DABCC, FACB Richard Flaherty - EVP, AACC	Hong Kong East Ocean Restaurant, Emeryville, CA
3/31/2011	Serum protein electrophoresis by capillary techniques: benefits and limitations	David Grenache, PhD, DABCC, FACB	Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley, CA
4/28/2011	Nuances of Mass Spectrometry Method Validation	Tom Annesley, PhD, DABCC	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City, CA
6/7/2011	High-throughput DNA Sequencing	Scott Boyd, MD, PhD	Shiva's Indian Restaurant, Mountain View, CA
9/23/2011	BayChem Symposium: Emerging Concepts in Autoimmune Disease***	Various speakers***	Marina Community Center, San Leandro, CA
10/25/2011	Diagnosis of Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency	Dina Greene, PhD, DABCC	Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley, CA
12/7/2011	Preoperative Laboratory Tests: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	Tim Hamill, MD	Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, CA

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### BayChem 2011: Emerging Concepts in Autoimmune Disease

**Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

#### Program

- 7:30am–8:00am**      **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00am–12:30pm**    **Moderator** – Kara Lynch, Ph.D., University of California San Francisco
- 8:00am–9:00am**      **Keynote Speaker**  
**Converting anti-nuclear antibody testing from IFA to BioPlex™ 2200 – one lab's experience**  
 Gyorgy Abel, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Clinical Immunology and Molecular Diagnostics/Clinical Chemistry, Lahey Clinic Medical Center, Burlington, MA
- 9:00am–10:00am**    **Rheumatoid arthritis and diagnostics**  
 Jeremy Sokolove, M.D., Department of Medicine, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 10:00am–10:30 am**    **Coffee Break**
- 10:30am–11:30am**    **IBD diagnostics**  
 Gary Norman, Ph.D., Director of R&D, INOVA Diagnostics, Inc., San Diego, CA
- 11:30am–12:30pm**    **Celiac Disease**  
 James Faix, M.D., Department of Medicine, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 12:30 pm–1:30 pm**    **Lunch Break & Exhibits – Continuing Education Opportunity**
- 1:30pm–4:00pm**      **Moderator** – Deborah French, Ph.D., University of California San Francisco

- 1:30pm–2:30pm**      **Infection and Autoimmunity – what is the connection?**  
Steve Binder, Director, Technology Development, Clinical Diagnostics Group, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, CA
- 2:30pm–3:00pm**      **Coffee Break & Exhibits – Continuing Education Opportunity**
- 3:00pm–4:00pm**      **Antiphospholipid Syndrome**  
Jonathan Graf, M.D., Assistant Professor, Division of Rheumatology, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

**Additional BayChem Information:**

The Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology Division of the AACC was a co-sponsor of this event. They contributed financially and provided a speaker for the event (Gyorgy Abel). The CDID covered the cost of the trip for Dr. Abel.

The event had a number of corporate sponsors as well including: Abbott, Roche, Beckman Coulter, Bio-Rad, Siemens and AB Sciex.

There were approximately 75 people who participated in the BayChem event. Students were offered significantly discounted registration rates compared to AACC members and non-members.

**Additional Local Section Information:**

1) At the **Annual Award Meeting** held on 1/19/2011 the following awards were presented:

Edwin Van Remortel Service Award:	George Helmer
Excellence in Contribution to Education Award:	Gerry Albee
Past Chair Award:	Katherine Chen

2) The Northern California Section co-hosted the **California Mixer** that was held at the AACC Annual Meeting on July 24.

3) Jim Faix continues to post the **Molecule of the Month Series** on the Northern California Local Section website.

4) The Northern California Section continues to encourage student participation by sending meeting announcements to the local CLS training programs. CLS students can attend all of the meetings free of charge. The charge is also reduced from \$30 to \$10 for all post-doctoral fellows, residents, medical students and graduate students.