

Northeast AACC (NEAACC) Section Annual Report 2011

The NEAACC section is a very productive and dynamic group as well as a driving force to the AACC clinical scientific and medical laboratory communities in Northeast since its creation. Here are the major highlights of accomplishments as a group this year.

A. Northeast AACC Local Elections 2011:

Elections for the new Section Officers took place in the fall 2011. Votes were made by AACC electronic voting. The voting results are as follows

Position	Name	Online Count	Paper Count	Total Vote Count	Winner
Program Chair	Mark Cervinski	32	0	32	Yes
Treasurer	Jim Hall	32	0	32	Yes

The 2012 Board will be:

Chair: Mark Kellogg

Past Chair: Martin Kroll

Program Chair: Michael Pringle

Program Chair-Elect: Mark Cervinski

Secretary: Sonia Taktak

Treasurer: Jim Hall

HOD Representative: Nichole Korpi-Steiner

HOD Representative-Elect: Nichole Korpi-Steiner

Membership Chair: George Parsons

Education Chair: Kerri Weinert

B. Education Program:

B1.Attendances:

The Northeast Section had a total of 7 scientific meetings in 2011, 5 hosted by our section in Waltham, MA and one held in conjunction with the CLMA (Clinical Laboratory Management Association) during the annual NERCE (Northeast Regional Conference and Exhibition) 2011 in Boxborough, MA.

The meetings and attendance were as follows:

<u>Date (2011)</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1. February 17	31
2. March 17	37
3. April 18	34
4. May 19	18
5. September 15	31
6. October 20	34
7. November 17	62 (Student night: 40 paying participants and 22 non-paying students sponsored by NEAACC)

B2. Education Program topics and Speakers:

- 1. Diabetic Ketoacidosis: The Latest Understanding of Pathophysiology and Treatment**
 - a. Dr. Mike Agus Director, Medicine Intensive Care Program Children's Hospital Boston*
- 2. Paper and Partnerships to Save the World: Upending the Nonprofit Model**
 - a. Una Ryan, OBE, PhD, DSc Chief Executive Officer Diagnostics for All, Boston, MA*
- 3. The Analytical & Clinical Complexities of Measuring hCG**
 - a. Ann M Gronowski, PhD, DABCC, FACB President AACC Associate Professor of Pathology & Immunology and Obstetrics & Gynecology Washington University--Keynote speaker at Annual NERCE 2011-Boxborough MA*
- 4. The Pathology of Drug Abuse.**
 - a. Barbarajean Magnani, PhD, MD Chair and Pathologist-in-Chief Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Tufts Medical Center, Boston MA*
- 5. Novel Applications of Biomarkers in Heart Failure.**
 - a. James L Januzzi, MD, FACC, FESC Director Cardiac Intensive Care Unit Associate Professor of Medicine Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston MA*
- 6. Lab Automation: Myths and Reality.**
 - a. Petr Jarolim, MD, PhD Associate Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School. Director, Clinical Chemistry, Laboratory Control and Ambulatory Care Center Clinical Laboratories, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston MA*
- 7. The Future of Point-of-Care Testing in the Hospital Setting: Perspectives from an Academic Medical Center.**
 - a. Kent Lewandrowski, MD, FCAP Associate Chief of Laboratory and Molecular Medicine, Mass. Gen. Hosp. Associate Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School Editor in Chief, "Point of Care"*

C. NEAACC Sponsoring Clinical Science Students:

A vital part of the mission of the Northeast Section of AACC is education and organization recruitment. During our November dinner/presentation meeting the NEAACC section sponsors the attendance of undergraduate senior Medical Laboratory Science students from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and University of Massachusetts Lowell. This was the first professional meeting/presentation for the senior students and they were very thankful that the local chapter supported their attendance. The Local Board also offered 1 year of support for student membership to the seniors. Several of the previous student night seniors have continued as members on their own and the section will check membership and see how effective this program is in terms of recruitment. This was the sixth year in a row that the section has done this. The Local Board strongly feels that we must be proactive in the recruitment of new youthful members into AACC in order to keep the organization viable.

E. Website for NEAACC Local Section:

Our section is keeping its current year event page up to date with posting of event fliers several weeks prior to the next monthly meeting. The Board has started to utilize Linked In as a means of improving communications, but participation from the membership is limited.

F. NEAACC Outreach and Collaboration with other associations:

NEAACC has been involved in NERCE annual meeting for decades. Our participation with NERCE is at several levels. NEAACC is a co-organizer of the conference along with the Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA). This year, NEAACC committed to provide speakers for the Immunoassay Users Forum the Point of Care Testing sessions. NEAACC also provided the keynote speaker for the conference dinner. NEAACC is represented at all NERCE organizational conference calls and speaker sub-committee meetings. Dr. Ann Gronowski was the NEAACC keynote speaker at NERCE 2011. For the 2012 NERCE Meeting the board appointed Evrim Erdogan as liaison to the NERCE planning committee. Sonia Taktak also continues to play an active role in helping plan for NERCE activities.

We continue our joint meeting with the local American Society of Microbiology group in February of 2012. We are currently investigating the logistics and possibility for broadcasting the presentation portion of our meetings. We hope this will allow members from the more distant areas of the section in New Hampshire and Maine to participate more actively.

G. Membership Initiatives:

We continue our initiative to use postcards as an alternate means of meeting notification and this seems to help reach members not utilizing email. Our efforts in membership/recruiting seem to be paying off as new membership for the section this year significantly increased.

We are now planning a new initiative that will involve a local "poster/abstract" presentation for young members. The members will present their abstracts at our November 2012 meeting and a winner will be selected to receive \$1200 towards attendance at the following AACC Annual meeting. The travel award was initiated following the suggestion and very generous donations of \$500 from Eugene Rogers. Following announcement of the award we also received a donation of \$1000 from Dr. Kent Lewandroski, the speaker at our November meeting.

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