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Upstate New York Section Advancing Clinical Chemistry Worldwide

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Memo to File: 2011 Annual Report, Upstate NY Section, American Association for Clinical Chemistry

Continuing Education Activities:

- Annual Spring Meeting, May 5-6, 2011, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
The meeting was held at the Doubletree Fallsview Resort & Spa by Hilton. The program included thirteen scientific presentations for this 1.5 day program, including several from non-member guest speakers. ACCENT Credit (9 hours) was available to AACC members for this accredited continuing education program. Total attendance included 39 participants. Our Keynote Speaker was Dr. Guillaume Pare, Director of the Genetic and Molecular Epidemiology Laboratory in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, who gave a presentation on "The Future of Cardiovascular Genetics."
In addition to the educational program, a section business meeting presided by the section chair was held for all section members in attendance.
- Annual Fall Meeting, November 10-11, 2011, Verona, New York.
This meeting was held in collaboration with the Central NY Chapter, CLMA, at the Turning Stone Casino. The program included a combination of 11 educational presentations as well as commercial exhibits from more than 50 vendors, and was attended by more than 200 registrants, including approximately 30 AACC members from within the local section and representing the entire section geography. ACCENT Credit (11.0 hours) was available to AACC members for this accredited continuing education program. Our Keynote Speaker and recipient of the Section's 2011 Norman Kubasik Lectureship Award was Dr. Jack Ladenson from the Department of Pathology and Immunology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO.
- Selected AACC Webinar Programs – with Local Section Sponsorship.
The Upstate NY Section sponsored local participation and registration at multiple sites across the section for several AACC Continuing Education Webinars in 2011. The "Prostate Cancer Screening and Risk Assessment" March 3 program was held at 3 different sites in the region (Rochester, Syracuse and Albany), and was attended by 78 participants. The December program on "Acute Kidney Injury-Biomarkers" was expanded to 6 sites throughout the section, including Albany, Syracuse, Rochester (sponsorship from Ortho Clinical Diagnostics), Buffalo, Toronto and Hamilton. Total attendance of 50 participants across the section.

Section Awards Presented in 2011:

- Max Chilcote Young Investigator Award to John Sievenpiper, MD (Niagara Falls, May 6.) Presentation title: "The Facts about Fructose"
- Norman Kubasik Lectureship Award to Jack Ladenson, PhD (Verona, November 10.) Presentation title: "Experience with Heart and Brain Biomarkers"
- Somogyi Sendroy Award to Donald Powers, PhD (Verona, November 10.) Don has been a member of the Upstate NY section since 1978, and has contributed to section meetings frequently over the years with a variety of presentations, most recently a presentation on "Risk Management and the Clinical Laboratory", at the Spring Meeting, 2009.

Elections:

The Upstate NY Section extends its thanks to all officers rotating off the Executive Board for their past service. The new slate of officers elected in November, 2011, to be installed for terms of service effective January 1, 2011, includes:

Section Chair: Tony Chetty, MD

Chair Elect/Program Chair: Maria Diamandis-Pasik, Ph.D.

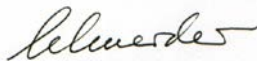
Past Chair/Nominating Committee Chair: Erasmus Schneider, PhD.

Secretary: Judy Sterry, MS, MT (ASCP)

Treasurer: Robert Rej, PhD

Delegate to HOD: David Silva, PhD

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Upstate NY Section AACC