

AACC Southern California Section 2011 Annual Report

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The Southern California Section had another successful year of scientific and educational programs. Locally based IVD manufacturers and reference laboratories provided excellent support for our programs including venues, speakers and financial assistance. The dinner meetings offered a useful opportunity for social interaction and networking.

The following meetings were held with the approximate number of attendees noted in parentheses.

- January 18, 2011 - Board Meeting and dinner program, Beckman Coulter, Brea, CA (85) Ann M. Gronowski, AACC President, "The Clinical Chemistry of Pregnancy" and Richard Flaherty, AACC Executive Vice President, "Health Care Reform: Chapter 2".
- February 8, 2011 – Full-day workshop on Autoverification, jointly sponsored with the Laboratory Information and Medical Informatics Division, held at Beckman Coulter, Brea, CA (102). Seven speakers and panelists covering technical, practical, organization and regulatory aspects of designing and implementing an Autoverification program.
- March 15, 2011 - Board Meeting and dinner program, Quest Diagnostics, Valencia, CA (85) Daniel W. Chan, Johns Hopkins University, "Tumor Markers: Past, Present and Future" and "Clinical Proteomics: The World is my Playground" (Albert L. Nichols Awardee).
- May 24, 2011 – Board Meeting and dinner program, Phenomenex, Torrance, CA (90) Robert L Fitzgerald, Veterans Administration Medical Center and UC San Diego, "Mass Spec Applications for the Clinical Laboratory", and Casimir P. Eitner, Expression Pathology, Inc., "Emerging Clinical Applications of SRM/MRM Mass Spectrometry to Tumor Protein Analysis".
- September 20, 2011 - Board Meeting and dinner program, Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Los Angeles, CA (85) Robert H. Fairclough, University of California, Davis, "Developing Antigen Specific Therapy for an Autoimmune Disease" and Monet N Sayegh, Siemens Diagnostics, "Vitamin D Levels: Essentials, Assessment, Implications".

- November 15, 2011 - Board Meeting and dinner program, Kaiser Permanente, North Hollywood, CA (75) Wendy Chang, UCLA and USC Schools of Medicine, "Anti-Mullerian Hormone: Clinical Utility and Analytical Measurement"; and Vincent Funari, Cedars-Sinai Genomics Core and UCLA School of Medicine "Next Generation Sequencing Today in Research and the Clinic: Promises and Problems".

Awards: In addition to the Albert L. Nichols Award mentioned above, the Southern California Section participated in both the California State Science & Engineering Fair and the Orange County Science & Engineering Fair with judging and monetary awards to several students both the junior and senior divisions.

Annual Meeting: We cosponsored the California Mixer on Sunday, July 25th.

Charitable Contributions: The Southern California Section contributed \$2000 to the van Slyke Foundation, and \$2500 to the Medical Technology program at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

The Final Circular

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AACC WORKSHOP ON AUTOVERIFICATION
February 8, 2011
Brea, CA**

Co-Sponsored by AACC Lab Information System and Medical Informatics Division and
Southern California Section of AACC

Objective: This workshop will address the topics of strategic planning, implementation, selection and validation of middleware in compliance with regulatory requirements for autoverification. The focus will be on the rationales of establishing the appropriate rules or criteria for the autoverification of test results from various laboratory disciplines, including chemistry, hematology and coagulation. The target audience is clinical laboratory scientists, laboratory managers, pathologists, clinical chemists, and medical directors.

Location: Beckman Coulter Conference Facility
Beckman Coulter Inc.
250 S. Kraemer Blvd.
Brea, CA 92821

Registration: 8:00 – 8:25 a.m.

Opening Session: 8:25 – 8:30 a.m.
Welcome and Introduction
Paul C. Fu, Ph.D.
Chair, Continuing Education Committee
Southern California AACC

**Plenary
Session A** 8:30-9:15 a.m.
Legal aspects of Autoverification in clinical laboratory:
California perspective

Moderator: Jack Zakowski, Ph.D.

Speaker: Karen Nickel, Ph.D.
Past-Chief: Laboratory Field Services
California Department of Public Health
Past President: AACC

- Session B** 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Strategic Planning: Implementation and Validation
- Speaker:** Susan Dawson, MBA.
Clinical Lab. Director, Clinical Lab. Services
Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, IL
- Recess:** Refreshment
10:15-10:30 a.m.
- Session C** 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Overview and Practical Consideration in the Selection of
Functional Rules or Criteria for Autoverification
- Speaker:** Sihe Wang, Ph.D.
Director, Clinical Chemistry Division
Cleveland Clinic, OH
- Session D** 11:15 a.m.– 12:00 noon.
Assessment and Validation of Middleware for Autoverification
- Speaker:** Stephanie McFadden
Technical Support Engineer
Beckman Coulter, Inc.
Brea, CA
- Lunch Recess:** 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. at Beckman Conference Center
- Section E** Workshop/Case Studies
Moderator: Tom Houts, Ph.D.
1. 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Autoverification of Results in Chemistry and
Immunochemistry and “STAT” vs. “Routine” Testings
- Speaker:** Kenneth Blick, Ph.D., FACB, DABCC
Professor and Director of Chemistry
Department of Pathology
College of Medicine
Oklahoma University. Health Science
Center
Oklahoma City, OK

2. 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
Autoverification of results in Hematology, Coagulation,
Urine analysis and Point of Care Testing.

Speaker: Judy Johnson
Laboratory Director
Bon Secours Health Partners
Laboratories
Richmond, VA

Recess: Refreshment 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

3. 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Regulatory and organizational issues with
autoverification

Speaker: William A. Coughlin
Senior Technical Trainer
Data Innovations
South Burlington, VT

4. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.
Panel Discussion
Panelist: All Speakers

Adjourn: 5:15 p.m.

NOTE: This workshop conference is supported in part by Beckman Coulter, Inc.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Registration: Please send the registration form before January 15, 2011 with a check payable to Southern California AACC. Enrollment is limited. Cancellation with full refund will be accepted until January 15, 2011.

Meeting registration fees include admission, refreshment and lunch.

Please check:

	Before January 15, 2011	After January 15, 2011
<input type="checkbox"/> AACC member	\$100	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-AACC member	\$125	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> CLS Trainee or Pathology Resident in Training	\$25	\$50

Continuing Education: 8 AACC credits hours (pending for approval)

Please either mail, fax or e-mail your registration, but send your check payable to Southern California AACC only by mail ASAP to:

Paul C. Fu, Ph.D.

Chairman, Continuing Education Committee

The Southern California AACC

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Please note that the hotel will provide shuttle services to the Beckman Coulter Conference Facility. **When making reservation**, please call Ms. Sharon G. Kaye (1-714-961-6464) or e-mail skaye@beckman.com.
