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CDID DIVISION OFFICERS

Chair: Gabriella Lakos, MD, PhD, Abbott Laboratories, Hematology

Chair Elect: Melissa Rosemary Snyder, Mayo Foundation

Past Chair: Stanley J. Naides, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute

Secretary: Tara Sheree Givens, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute

Education Officer: Maria Alice Vieira Willrich, Mayo Clinic

Treasurer: Peter Martis, Inova Diagnostics

Research Officer: Lokinendi V. Rao, Quest Diagnostics

Communications Officer: Mohammad Al-Ghoul, Center for Disease Detection

Professional Development Officer: Thomas E. Burgess, Quest Diagnostics

Staff Liaison: Erin Grady, AACC

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CALL FOR ELECTION

Dear CDID Members,

I've been serving as Chair of the Division since January 1st, 2016; previously I served as Education Officer. At the beginning of 2018, I will be succeeded by Melissa Snyder, current Chair-Elect, and I will serve as Past Chair.

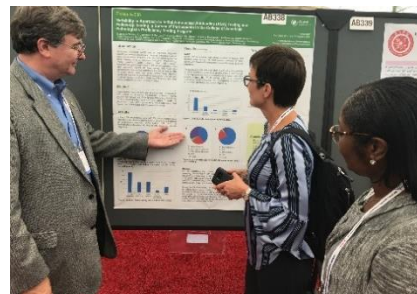
The Division's Executive Committee consists of nine members. Officers can serve two consecutive, two-year terms in the same role, there is no limitation on the number of functions in which a person can serve.

Every election is important, but this year CDID is going to choose a Chair-Elect, who, after the two-year term will become the Chair of the Division; therefore, this vote has major impact on CDID in the next four years. Three other positions, the Secretary, Education Officer, and Professional Development Officer positions are up for election, too.

Please help us continue being a progressive and impactful Division by nominating laboratory professionals - including yourself - who are willing to serve in this volunteer role to "encourage the study, advance the science, and improve the practice of diagnostic immunology and the use of immunological techniques in clinical chemistry"*.

Please send the names of the candidates to Stanley Naides, Past Chair (Stanley.J.Naides@questdiagnostics.com), who is heading the Nominating Committee, together with a short bio and a photo of the candidate, and the name of the position. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Gabriella Lakos, Chair, CDID



**Mission statement from the Bylaws of the CDID.*

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CDID AND HCD MIXER AND BUSINESS MEETING

The Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology Division (CDID) and Hematology and Coagulation Division (HCD) hosted a joint mixer on August 1, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis San Diego, during the annual AACC meeting. Drs. Gabriella Lakos, CDID Chair and John Mitsios, HCD Chair opened the meeting by welcoming division members and guests.

The Carl R. Jolliff Award for Lifetime Achievement in Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology

The Jolliff Award recognizes a current AACC member for outstanding contributions in clinical service or education in the area of immunology or immunodiagnosics. Dr. Stanley Naides, CDID Past Chair, presented the 2017 Jolliff Award to **Steven Binder**, Senior Director, Technology Development at Bio-Rad Laboratories (on the left).

Steve received his B.A. degree in History and Science from Harvard University. From 1979 to 1983 he was the Supervisor of Drug Monitoring, Immunology and Special Chemistry at the University of California, Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory at San Francisco General Hospital. In 1983, Steve joined Bio-Rad Laboratories as a Senior Research Scientist. His work focused on new HPLC product development, toxicology, diabetes, genetic screening, and serum protein analysis. In addition, Steve was the Platform Development Manager for creation and development of the BioPlex 2200 multiplex immunoassay platform for the diagnostic market. He currently oversees evaluation and introduction of new technologies and novel biomarkers for potential use in diagnostic products as well as the management of intellectual property, design review, and multiple research collaborations. Steve has been an active member of and contributor to AACC and CDID for many years, including serving as CDID Chair. Congratulations Steve on your distinguished career and winning the Jolliff Award!



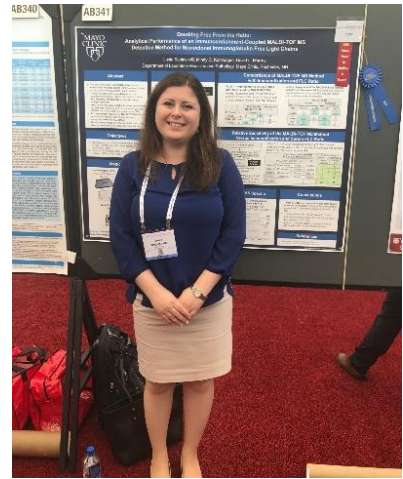
This year's award was provided through the generous support from our corporate sponsor, Thermo Fisher Scientific. Thank you!

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CDID Best Abstract Award

Dr. Maria Alice Willrich, CDID Education Officer presented the CDID Best Abstract Award to **Lusia Sepiashvili, Ph.D.** for her abstract entitled *"Breaking Free from The Ratio: Analytical Performance of an Immunoenrichment-Coupled MALDI-TOF MS Detection Method for Monoclonal Immunoglobulin Free Light Chain."*

Dr. Sepiashvili received this award for the second consecutive year for her work at Mayo Clinic. She presented a summary of her poster presentation during the mixer.



CDID Business Meeting

Report from the Chair

Dr. Gabriella Lakos introduced the officers and gave an update on the division's activities during 2017 and future activities. Some of the activities highlighted included sponsorship and endorsement of sessions for the 2017 Annual Meeting, participation in SPCC weekend, the Lab Test Utilization project, approval of CDID's nomination of a liaison to the IFCC Committee for Harmonization of Autoimmune Tests (C-HAT), and partnership with clinical societies on Practice Guidelines. Future activities will include planning for the 2018 Annual Meeting and upcoming CDID elections.

Report from the Treasurer

Peter Martis, Treasurer, reported on the division's finances. The division's income is primarily derived from annual membership dues. Peter provided updates on the total income and expenditures for 2016, total income and corporate sponsorship for 2017, and the increase in membership dues from \$15 to \$20 for 2018.

Report from the Education Officer

Dr. Maria Willrich, Education Officer, provided an update on the division's educational activities. She highlighted the Poster Walk and the sessions that were endorsed/supported by CDID at the annual meeting. CDID is planning for a webinar in the fall and the 2018 Call for Proposals for Annual Meeting due on October 31, 2017.

Access to the AACC Artery CDID webpage increased by 50% after the transition to Artery 2.0 in February 2017. Some of the new features include mobile access, responding to threads via email, and automated daily digests with the posts.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2018 MEETING

It is that time of the year again when your expertise is most sought after. We would love to hear your ideas for proposals to the AACC Annual Meeting in Chicago in 2018. If you have a proposal in mind, aligned speakers, and it's a topic related to Clinical Diagnostic Immunology, send your proposal ideas for review and endorsement to the CDID. In San Diego we had 4 approved sessions with CDID endorsement, a record for our division.

The deadline for online submission is October 31. If you'd like to receive endorsement by CDID with your submission, please send us a draft of your proposal by October 20 for review and feedback. If the proposal is approved, we will help advertise the session amongst our members.

We welcome any type of submission and are looking forward to hearing from you.

Questions? Need an idea or would like some assistance drafting your proposal? Reach out to us, we are here to help.

Maria Willrich, PhD. | Willrich.mariaalice@mayo.edu | Education Officer, CDID

Note: Please see tips by Steve Binder below (page 7) for successful submission.

REPORT ON SCIENCE AND PRACTICE CORE COMMITTEE (SPCC) ACTIVITIES

1. Major Scientific Gap Survey

AACC would like to address scientific gaps in the field of laboratory medicine that AACC can focus on. This survey participation is important for our Division members to share your thoughts on which gaps you feel are important to fill in. This survey is designed to be more comprehensive to help AACC select potential topics for execution. **The deadline for submission is October 27th.**

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2. Division Achievement Award

The AACC Division Achievement Award is presented to Divisions that have demonstrated a strong commitment to AACC's Mission and the Division's goals to advance the field of laboratory medicine and the area of the Division's specialty. The Award is established to recognize the outstanding work of the

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Division leadership, engage members in Divisions' initiated activities, and increase awareness of Divisions' benefits and programs.

Eligibility and Criteria

There are two award categories in which a Division can be recognized for their achievement(s). A Division may be nominated for one or both categories. However, if selected, the Division may only receive one (1) award in the area that the review committee thinks best represents the Division's achievement.

1st Category: Scientific Innovation

An initiative or initiative(s) that a Division undertakes over the course of a calendar year that falls in one of these areas:

- Strengthen the knowledge of laboratory science and technology
- Raise awareness of laboratory medicine values
- Develop resources to advance laboratory medicine
- Promote better laboratory practice in a specific area of specialty
- Collaborate with other organizations to promote the role of the lab and lab professionals in the broader healthcare system

2nd Category: Operational Excellence

A Division took steps to improve their operation and processes to achieve significant improvements by December 31st when compared with Jan 1st in the following areas:

- Membership
- Artery Activity
- Program attendance
- Number of programs

3. Integrating Divisions into Opening Mixer

There will be a Division Networking event that will take place in the opening mixer of 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago. The event will provide an opportunity for AACC members and meeting participants to learn about the various Divisions, and will help Divisions recruit new members.

CDID Division would like your feedback regarding the Networking event idea.

How would you like to promote your division in this event? Please submit your ideas on CDID Artery.

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TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION TO THE AACC ANNUAL MEETING



Steven Binder

Senior Director, Technology Development

Bio-Rad Laboratories

Many AACC members look forward to the rich menu of educational sessions at the Annual Meeting. But given the breadth of AACC members' interests, there is not always a large selection of offerings on the program that cater to the tastes of CDID members. As a result, our division works hard every year to develop proposals for sessions that will highlight clinical and diagnostic immunology. The comments below may help division members develop programs sessions that will gain the support of the organizing committee and find a place in the program.

At the highest level, I would comment that proposers often focus their efforts on the quality of the content, whereas the organizing committee gives a lot of consideration to the quality of the audience experience. Above all, who is likely to attend? A session that addresses latest technical advances but covers a very specialized topic may interest a very thin slice of the membership. There are many submitted proposals every year, and topics with broader appeal are more likely to be considered than topics with a very limited audience. If a proposed session is listed as "advanced", this also might suggest that the audience will be limited. Second, who are the speakers? No one likes to spend 2-3 hours listening to speakers that are dull, unprepared, bring poor visuals etc. So evidence of speaker quality is very important. A prior successful speaking engagement at the AACC offers the most convincing evidence of quality. Other evidence of quality might include presentations at other major meetings and YouTube talks.

Of course the topic of the proposal is extremely important. Above all, the title and the objectives of the session should be readily understandable to any potential attendee. Since many clinical chemists have limited daily experience with immunology, topics that cover more common testing areas are more widely understood—but we can't talk about hypothyroidism every year. A topic that brings new information to the attendees, especially if not addressed at meetings in the past 1-2 years, is a good starting point. Also, there is a stated focus for each AACC meeting, and it is worth paying attention to these focus areas and identifying topics that connect with these focus areas.

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Starting planning efforts well in advance of the submission deadline helps in many ways. First, the proposer is expected to have a firm commitment from the speakers. This is usually not an overnight process. Second, endorsements from other divisions or organizations can improve the likelihood of acceptance (also not an overnight process).

Finally, a review of the sessions from the previous years may offer useful information about educational objectives and topic descriptions that will help the proposer communicate the value of the session. Every word in the submission will be carefully reviewed by the reviewing group, so it is important to follow the instructions, and it is worth the extra effort to polish the text using advice from colleagues and the CDID leadership.

Hopefully these comments will help bring more clinical and diagnostic immunology content to future meetings.