

AACC Ohio Valley Section Annual Report 2015

Local Section Officers 2015	
Position	Member
Chair	Vincent Ricchiuti Ph.D.
Chair-Elect	Amy Pyle Ph.D.
Past-Chair	Steven Cotten Ph.D.
Treasurer	Amy Pyle Ph.D..
Secretary	Dave Thornton Ph.D.
Delegate	Pamela Steele Ph.D.

Executive Committee Meetings and Activities:

OVS has a very productive year. The OVS local section officers decided in 2014 that OVS should partner with the Ohio Collaborative Laboratory Conference (CLC) held annually in Columbus, OH. Vincent Ricchiuti drove this initiative due to traditionally low attendance at standalone OVS meetings over the last decade. The CLC meeting is a collaboration between several different medical laboratory organizations: ACLS Ohio, AACC Northwest Ohio Section, CLMA: Ohio, Six Rivers and Western Lake Erie. Three local section officers were appointed to various CLC planning committees in 2014 and 2015: Steven Cotten (Promotion and Publicity), Amy Pyle (Registration), Vincent Ricchiuti (Speakers and Program). The CLC 2015 was a great success. Of the 45 speakers who contributed to the success of the conference, 6 speakers were sponsored by the OVS. Dr. Pyle organized an OVS networking and get-together meeting during the CLC 2015 (Wednesday May 6), which was well attended by OVS members. During the meeting, OVS donated a raffle basket and also gave away two AACC memberships to the following: Mamisoa Cole (Cuyahoga Community College), whose team won the academic challenge. We offered membership to all the team members, but only Mamisoa took us up on it Adrienne Davis Zapfe, who won the raffle basket. We included an AACC membership in the basket.

For the CLC 2016, the OVS local section will sponsor 8 potential speakers, including current Grannis Winner Dr. Marzinke, and past awardee Dr. Green.

In the fall 2015, we mourned the loss of one of our active members, Dr. Jim Miller, from the University of Kentucky, Louisville KY. We wrote a tribute to Dr. Miller and posted it on December 15, 2015 in Artery (see **“Tribute to Dr. Jim Miller”** below).

Membership:

The current membership roster is at 206 members as of December 15, 2015. The OVS section had lost members over the year. During the last conference call in December, officers discussed the possibility of organizing a raffle to attract potential members.

Awards:

The OVS was honored again to sponsor the George Grannis Award for Excellence in Research and Scientific Publication in collaboration with the NACB. This year’s recipient was

Dr. Mark Marzinke from John Hopkins University. Dr. Ricchiuti, chair of OVS, introduced Dr. Marzinke during the NACB Annual meeting at the AACC 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. Our local section also supported an International Travel Grant to the 2015 AACC Annual meeting in Atlanta.

Elections:

Solicitations for nominees for local section officers were performed electronically through an email to all OVS members. Elections were conducted using the AACC online election system, and official results were submitted to the AACC. We are pleased to welcome our new chair-elect, Sandy Van Vranken from Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio.

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Tribute to Dr. Jim Miller:

The AACC Ohio Valley Section lost a friend, a colleague, a mentor....



It is with great sadness that I must announce the news of the death of our colleague and friend, James J. Miller. Dr. Miller earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1989, followed by a fellowship in Clinical Chemistry, also at the University of Louisville, Department of Pathology. Jim was a diplomat of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry, a fellow of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry, and was a past President of the Clinical Ligand Assay Society. Jim directed the general clinical chemistry, immunoassay, and electrophoresis sections of the University of Louisville Hospital Laboratory, and was co-director of the Clinical Chemistry and Toxicology Fellowship Program. Jim had interest and expertise in many areas: myocardial markers, quality control, interferences, and laboratory informatics. His most current research interest was in markers of post-traumatic brain disorder, biomarker validation and application, mechanisms of interference, and clinical laboratory informatics. In addition

to his strong publication record, Dr. Miller was an active member of a number of professional societies including the AACC and NACB. In service to the AACC, Jim had been Chair of the Ohio Valley Section, and had served on the editorial review board of AACC's Lab Tests Online. Jim's commitment and service to the field was also demonstrated by his contribution to the development of a number of CLSI documents. Perhaps most importantly, Jim had contributed greatly to the field of clinical chemistry by guiding the training of an impressive 25 past and current post-doctoral clinical chemistry fellows. Jim was recognized by AACC as Mentor of the Month in 2012. Most of us will remember Jim's warm smile and great sense of humor, his kindness, and his great mentorship skills.

Please join me and the AACC Ohio Valley Section members, as we send out our most heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family and many friends of Dr. Miller.

Vincent Ricchiuti, Ph.D.
Chair, AACC Ohio Valley Section

Annual report prepared by Vincent Ricchiuti, Chair OVS 2015 and approved by OVS officers on
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