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# "The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things." Lewis Carroll, The Adventures of Alice in

Wonderland: Through the Looking-Glass, 1872

### A message from the Chair, Adil Khan PhD



Snowing in Spring
March 2nd 2015—the day the meeting was cancelled.

Before we begin this year's round-up, congratulations to Dr. Robert Middleberg from NMS Laboratories who won the "Name the Newsletter" competition! *The Clinical Chemistry Examiner."* is the official name for the AACC Philadelphia Local Sections' Newsletter.

We had another amazing year with lots of exciting events and membership involvement that made it all worthwhile. The year started with a "first." It was the first time since I joined the Local Section seven years ago that a meeting had to be cancelled. Not only that, but it was cancelled at the eleventh hour—just the day before the actual event. We had scheduled a great talk by Dr. Tom Burgess from Quest Diagnostics in Atlanta, titled "The Correct Specimen," for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The plan was for Dr. Burgess to fly in to Philadelphia Airport on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Unfortunately because of the tremendous onslaught of snow and

freezing ice, hitting Philadelphia and the adjoining states, all flights coming into Philadelphia Airport were cancelled. Unfortunately, we could not reschedule that talk for this year, but we hope to be able to invite him again in the New Year.



Georgia Aquarium - Social Event for the Philadelphia Section AACC

Our second event was held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the AACC 2015 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. A social gathering was organized for the Philadelphia members to attend the Georgia Aquarium. Opened in 2005, it is the largest aquarium in the Western hemisphere. In fact, it was the largest in the world but was surpassed in 2012 by the Marine Life Park in Singapore. This event, together with gift cards for food, was covered by the Philadelphia Local Section.

Here is an excerpt of Dr. Pradip Datta's experience of the event: "We (Philadelphia section) had a very exciting event at this year's AACC Conference. Zhong and Jennifer did a great job in leading this event and ushering us from the Conference Center to Georgia Aquarium. About 25 of us went to the Aquarium – Imagination Nights. We started with



# Georgia Aquarium - Philadelphia Section members' Social event—July28th 2015

the dolphin show ('Dolphin Tales') – the light and sound show accompanied with music and dolphins executing amazing acts made the show very exciting. We saw a 4D movie- with 3D glasses and sprinkled water in auditoriums ('rain') as the 4th dimension. There were 4 sections in the Aquarium – Ocean Voyage, Tropical Diver, River Scout, and Cold water quest. Good company and exciting venue made our local section gathering a memorable evening."



#### Waters Corp., Plymouth Meeting, PA

The final seminar of the year was given by Dr. David Koch on "The value of the laboratory, and the professionals who work there—and how to communicate that value to others."

It was a very well attended seminar that was also broadcasted as a webinar. Waters Corporation in Plymouth Meeting hosted the event . Since 1958, Waters Corporation has been in the business of making innovative analytical instruments that assist scientists in reaching their scientific goals, increase productivity, and earn laboratory-based organizations a higher return on their investments in research, development, and quality control. Whether at work discovering new pharmaceuticals, inventing new and more effective ways to treat diseases, assuring the safety of the world's food and drinking water supplies, monitoring and controlling pollution, or conserving the world's greatest art treas-

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# Well Done to...

**Dr. Pradip Datta**, for his great article on: "How to Detect and Solve Immunoassay Interference." Clinical Laboratory News, October 2015.

**Dr. Barbara Goldsmith**, for successfully recruiting members in the "Strive for 25" Membership Challenge.

# **New Members**

This year we have had 25 new members, listed below - and from all of us WELCOME ABOARD! We hope that you find this membership beneficial and that you can become active participants.

Tim Murray, Exton PA Karen Harrison, Allentown, PA Melissa Hansford, Malvern, PA Viren Patel, Philadelphia, PA Kaitlyn N Bloom, Philadelphia, PA Amy E. Reiprish, Drexel Hill, PA Patrick Erdman, Harrisburg, PA Heather Zebley, Townsend, DE Dongling Ma, Willow Grove, PA Priyanka Padidam, Chalfont, PA Yuxiao Wang, Philadelphia, PA Jeffrey Wisotzkey, Bath PA Kenneth G. Blase, Elkton, PA Miguel L. Rufail, Philadelphia, PA Raj Rolston, Danville, PA Andrei Plagov, Philadelphia, PA Aaron Yefei Lu, Horsham, PA Daniel Owusu-Anim, Blue Bell, PA Dale Onisk, Newark, DE Terrance J. Lynn, Danville, PA Jane Wenrich, Allentown, PA Darleen Musgnung, Allentown, PA Susan Crathem, Hatfield, PA Yinghua Qiu, Danville, PA Benjamin Gerson, Gladwyne, PA

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# Philadelphia Local Section Election Results...

Thank you for voting in the 2016 Philadelphia Local Section Elections—below is the Executive Committee that will see us through 2016...

- Chair: Deb Motika (DrugScan)
- Chair-Elect: Zhong Li (Fujirebio)
- Secretary: Bo Wang (Agilent Technologies)
- Treasurer: Jennifer Snyder (Siemens)
- Delegate: Anthony Costantino (DrugScan)
- Continuing Education Officer: Jennifer Thebo (Central Pennsylvania Alliance Laboratories)
- Internet Coordinator: Adil Khan (Temple University)
- Newsletter Editor: Steven Noel (NMS Labs)

# **Closing Comments...**

Next year the AACC Annual Meeting will be in Philadelphia! Plans are already underway on exploring possibilities and making preparations.

I want to thank the Philadelphia Section's Executive Team for their help and ideas and for YOUR involvement that have made this year memorable.



Wishing all the members a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

The Elock of Life

From The AACC Philadelphia Section Team

"The Clock of Life is wound but once

And no one has the power to know when the hand will stop;

At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own.

Live, love, and toil with a will;

Place no faith in tomorrow

For the clock may then be still."



~ Anonymous (numerous claimers)



### Archive's Corner....

The following piece of history of the Philadelphia Section was submitted by Dr. Larry Kricka (University of Pennsylvania). It was interesting to learn that the members of the Philadelphia Section were key players in the formation of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry back in the 1940s. It's great to be part of a Local Section that is steeped in so much history...

### History and Comment

The section was convened on October 31, 1949 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, due largely to the efforts of John G. Reinhold. An award is presented periodically by the Philadelphia Section to individuals who have demonstrated conspicuous service in the advancement of clinical chemistry to honor John Reinhold's contribution. In 1993, the 11th J.G. Reinhold award was presented to Donald S. Young, M.D., Ph.D..

The section has maintained an active program throughout the last 45 years involving nearly 300 scientific sessions. The section's members (nearly 400) are notified regularly of scientific sessions and events and approximately eight meetings are held each year.

The section has been, and is, active in national and regional affairs:-

Providing four presidents of the AACC,

John G. Reinhold, David Seligson, Joseph Boutwell and Peter Wilding

Hosting the 19th National Meeting in 1967 in Philadelphia

Hosting the N.E. Alliance CliniChem Meeting in 1991 Being a 'Resource Pool' section for the 45th National Meeting held in New York in 1993.

Meetings of the section are usually held on the THIRD Tuesday of the month at the:

### General Wayne Inn, Merion Station, PA

Any individual in the Philadelphia area, with an interest in Clinical Chemistry is invited to attend



#### CHAIRMEN OF THE PHILADELPHIA SECTION OF AACC

Year	Chairman	AACC Member	Current Res.
1949	John G. Reinhold *		
1950	William R. Brown		
1951	Cecelia Riegel		
1952	Alexander G. Keller		
1953	Ellenmae Viergiver		
1954	Robert H. Hamilton		
1955	Harry B. Lockhead		
1956	David Seligson *	Υ	CT
1957	Margaret Vandereau		
1958	Howard W. Robinson		
1959	Edwin M. Richardson		
1960	Joseph H. Boutwell *	Υ	GA
1961	Peace Paubionsky	Υ	NJ
1962	Carl Alper		
1963	Meyer Samson		
1964	Seymour Winsten	Y	PA
1965	Alan Mather	Ÿ	SC
1966	Jean M. Marino	-	
1967	Howard M. Rawnsley	Υ	NH
1968	Leonard Sideman	•	
1969	J. Henry Wilkinson		
1970	William C. Foster	Υ	PA
1971	Peace Paubionsky	see 196	
1972	Jonathan H. Cilley	Υ Υ	' PA
1973	Margaret A. Warwick	Ý	NJ
1974	Bernard Diamond	'	140
1975	Robert L. Fischer		
1976	Fram R. Dalal	Υ	D.A
1977	Alan Hershman	Ϋ́	PA
1978			PA
	Leslie M. Shaw	Y	PA
1979	Robert F. Foery	Y	TN
1980	E. Phillip Halpern	Y	FL
1981	Suzanne M. Garszczynski	Y	PA
1982	Barry N. Elkins	Y	ΝJ
1983	Thomas E. Burgess	Y	IL
1984	Wendell R. O'Neal	Y	PA
1985	Harish C. Malhotra	Y	IN
1986	Frank M. Stearns	Y	PA
1987	Sidney N. Kahn	Υ	PA
1988	Katherine A. Erickson	Υ	PA
1989	Gayle F.R. Chipman	Υ	PA
1990	Larry J. Kricka	Υ	PA
1991	Peter Wilding *	Υ	PA
1992	Jeanne D. Barger	Y	PA
1993	Dennis P. Collin	Y	PA
1994	Barbara Goldsmith	Y	PA
1995	Norman B. Coffman	Υ	PA
1996	Wendell R. O'Neal	Υ	PA
	T.A.		

### WINNERS OF THE JOHN GUNTHER REINHOLD AWARD

1964	John G. Reinhold
1965	Joseph H. Boutwell
1966	David Seligson
1967	Joseph S. Annino
1968	Seymour Winsten
1972	Henry Schwartz
1980	Harry F. Weisberg
1990	Leonard Sideman
1991	F. William Sunderman, Sr.
1992	Raymond E. Vanderlinde
1993	Donald S. Young



Photos from the seminar, "The value of the laboratory, and the professionals who work there—and how to communicate that value to others." given by Dr. David Koch, from Emory University and 2015 AACC President - Held at Waters Corporation, Plymouth Meeting, PA.



