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# Message from the Chair

Submitted by Patrick Kyle, Ph.D.

As this year comes to an end I would like to thank each of you for your contributions in making this year a great success! Our **Annual Spring Meeting** was held jointly with the Association of Clinical Scientists on May 31 in sunny Amelia Island Florida. In July, 26 members attended the **Annual Section Breakfast** at the annual AACC meeting in Chicago IL. The year would not have been complete without the free **quarterly continuing educational webinars** coordinated by our Continuing Education Chair, Samir Aleryani. Our next quarterly webinar is scheduled on February 25 with Dr. Paul Jannetto of The Mayo Clinic. Paul will be speaking on current issues in Pain Management Testing.

The **election results are in!** Please congratulate the following members on their election.

**Chair-elect:** Alejandro Molinelli PhD, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis TN

**Delegate:** Alison Woodworth PhD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville TN

**Alternate Delegate:** Robert Hardy PhD, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham AL

**Nominating Committee (2):** James Peele PhD, Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville FL, and Barbara Zehnbaauer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta GA

While 2014 was a packed and fun-filled year, we look forward to 2015 as Chair Dr. Yusheng Zhu takes the helm. Please welcome Yusheng as he embraces his new responsibilities. He will need many of you to serve to ensure that the Section runs smoothly. Be sure to read page 2 for information on the **Annual Spring Meeting** he has planned in sunny Orange Beach Alabama. Also note that the Section is coordinating a **Free Health Fair** in Atlanta GA on the Saturday beginning the 2015 Annual AACC Meeting (Page 2). Finally, I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



Larry Broussard (right) accepts the Meritorious Service Award from Ron Whitley at the 2014 Annual Section Breakfast.

# Message from the Chair-elect

Submitted by Yusheng Zhu, Ph.D.

The **AACC Southeast Section Spring Meeting** will be held in Orange Beach, Alabama on **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**. The program includes an evening dinner meeting with presentations on tumor biomarkers and winners of abstract awards. The conference will be held at the luxurious Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL, where a block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$175/night. Please call toll free (800) 634-8001 and identify yourself with the Southeast AACC (Booking ID 11631) to receive this special group rate. **The deadline to reserve rooms at the discounted rate is April 1.**

Please encourage fellows, residents, postdocs, graduate students, CLS students, and medical technologists to submit abstracts of studies in any areas related to laboratory medicine, such as translational research, case reports, lab investigation, method development, method/instrument validation, performance improvement, and quality management to Dr. Yusheng Zhu at zhuyu@musc.edu. Each abstract (500 word limit) should include objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. The deadline for abstract submission is **March 1, 2015**. Three abstracts will be selected for a 15-minute platform presentation. Awardees will receive a cash award of \$150 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Ocean view at the Perdido Beach Resort.

## Future Events

**Quarterly CE Webinar:** February 25, 2015 - Paul Jannetto will be speaking on current nuances in Pain Management Testing.

**Spring Meeting:** May 1, 2015 focused on Tumor Biomarkers. Location: The Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach AL. Transportation for shopping and golfing excursions is being arranged. Information on deep sea fishing is available.

**Free Health Fair:** July 25, 2015 at the Annual AACC Meeting in Atlanta GA. We are coordinating with members of Emory Healthcare, Grady Memorial Hospital, the CDC, and local organizations to offer free health screenings and POC testing on the Saturday before the annual meeting. You are needed to make this event a success, so please plan to participate!