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From the Division Chair...

William Clarke, PhD, MBA, DABCC. The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine



Hello, and welcome to a new year of activities for the CPOCT Division. I hope that the New Year finds all of you well. Up front I would like to thank Dr. Frederick Kiechle, our past-chair, as well as Dr. Jeffrey Dubois, chair of the 2012 International CPOCT Symposium, for all their hard work in making the past year a successful and productive one for the division.

Special thanks also go to the members of the organizing committee for the 2012 Symposium, as all their hard work produced an excellent final program in Prague. A summary of the meeting can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Plans are already underway for the 2014 International Symposium, which will be held in San Diego, CA.

Thanks also go to our Nominating Committee for producing an excellent slate of candidates for the coming year. The elections results are complete, and I would like to congratulate the following new officers in the CPOCT Division:

- Chair-Elect: Marcia Zucker, PhD
- Treasurer: Scott Isbell, PhD
- Nominating Committee: Kamisha Johnson-Davis, PhD
Diana Blanco, MT(ASCP)
- Member-at-Large: Nichole Korpi-Steiner, PhD
Sarah Brown, PhD

A complete list of division officers can be found at the AACC CPOCT Division website.

Before we know it, the 2013 AACC Annual Meeting in Houston, TX will be here – this year, the Annual Meeting is scheduled from July 28-August 1. The CPOCT Division has several important events scheduled for this year's meeting:

Sunday, July 28th

CPOCT Executive Committee Meeting

3:30-4:30 PM at the Hilton Americas-Houston, Room 340 A&B

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CPOCT Division Awards

POCC of the Year Award &
Lifetime Achievement
Award for POCT Directors
Nominations due by March 15...
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CPOCT Forum

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Member Housing Open

Book Your Room Today..
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CPOCT Division Awards

Point of Care Coordinator of the Year Award

Nominations due by March 15, 2013

This award recognizes outstanding achievements in the POCT field by a person primarily responsible for an institution's POCT program and consists of a glass trophy, \$500 cash and funding of up to \$1,350 for travel and attendance expenses at the AACC annual meeting.

Criteria for Award:

- The POCT Coordinator Award is given annually to recognize outstanding achievements in the POCT field by persons who are primarily responsible for a given institution's POCT program.
- The award is not limited to persons or programs within the United States.
- Selection is made by the Awards Committee of the AACC Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division and is based on the extent of the nominee's responsibilities and accomplishments, particularly the impact this person has made in improving the quality of the POCT program at their facility.

Visit http://www.aacc.org/members/divisions/cpoc/awards/Pages/poct_coord_app.aspx#



The CPOCT Lifetime Achievement Award for Directors of POCT

Nominations due by March 15, 2013

This newly created award is in honor of Herald Waldon Jr. and unded by Abbott Laboratories. The award includes \$5,000 in cash and will be presented at the CPOCT Meeting and Mixer held at the AACC Annual Conference.



Criteria for Award:

- A minimum of a 10 year record of distinguished service as a Point-of-Care Director (or industry innovator) which includes:
 - the design, evaluation and implementation of POC testing systems,
 - laboratory educational initiatives, and
 - insuring the overall quality of testing at the point-of-care.

This award is intended to recognize scientists and physicians with a clear track record of accomplishment in Point-of-Care testing.

Visit http://www.aacc.org/members/divisions/cpoc/awards/Pages/award_for_directors.aspx#

JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

AACC ANNUAL MEETING
& CLINICAL LAB EXPO 2013

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HOUSTON

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

www.aacc.org/events/annual_meeting/pages/default.aspx#

CPOCT Certificate Programs

Point of Care Specialist Certificate Program

**Program Access Available
January 1, 2013 - July 15, 2014**

The program is composed of the eight courses listed below which can be completed online in 1 - 2 hours each, and a comprehensive multiple-choice exam. Each course contains a lecture, required reading, a quiz and some include case studies, practical exercises, and reference materials. There are opportunities for interaction with faculty and other participants using the program discussion boards.

- Administration
- Communication
- Connectivity and Information Technology
- Education and Training
- Instrument Selection and Validation
- Policies and Procedures
- Quality Management
- Regulation

You can earn 13 ACCENT® continuing education credits for completing the entire program. To receive the POC Specialist certificate, you must successfully complete all eight courses and pass a comprehensive multiple-choice examination by the program end date.

Certificates are awarded online upon successful completion of the program. Graduates are recognized at the AACC Annual Meeting and are listed on a register located on the certificate program web page and the AACC Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division web site.

Visit http://www.aacc.org/development/certificates/poc_cert/pages/default.aspx#

Improving Outcomes through POCT Certificate Program

**Program Access Available
January 1, 2013 - July 15, 2014**

Do you know the benefits and challenges associated with POCT? The courses in this certificate program introduce some of the areas where POCT is making an impact and improving patient, safety, health, financial, and process outcomes.

The program is composed of eight courses, which can be completed online in 1 to 2 hours each. Each course contains a lecture, required reading, and a quiz. There are opportunities for interaction with faculty and other participants using the certificate program's discussion boards.

You can earn 12 ACCENT® continuing education credits for completing the entire program. To receive the certificate, you must successfully complete all eight courses by the program end date.

Certificates are awarded online upon successful completion of the program. Graduates are recognized at the AACC Annual Meeting and are listed on a register located on the certificate program web page and the AACC Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Division web site.

Visit <http://www.aacc.org/development/certificates/improvingoutcomesthroughpoc/pages/default.aspx#>



A promotional banner for the AACC Annual Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo 2013. The banner features a blue and green color scheme. At the top, it says 'JULY 28 - AUGUST 1'. Below that, the text reads 'AACC ANNUAL MEETING & CLINICAL LAB EXPO 2013'. On the right side, there is a green square with a white 'H' and the text '2013 HOUSTON'. At the bottom, it says 'MARK YOUR CALENDARS!' and provides the URL 'www.aacc.org/events/annual_meeting/pages/default.aspx#'.



This highly attended educational event is held the last day of the AACC national annual meeting and supported by CPOCT Division through generous industry sponsorship which allows for nominal cost to participants. A fantastic team has been very busy organizing the event for this year, which will focus on The Role of Point-of-Care Testing in a Disaster (Plan). The session features a Medical Technologist Health Services Officer who is involved in an array of missions related to disaster and emergency response, including:

- An example of a Community based cooperative plan
- A hospital based plan
- A discussion of a guidance document under development

More details and registration information will be coming soon. Be sure to visit the CPOCT Division and Annual Meeting web pages for more.

Miss Last Year's Forum?

If you were not able to attend last years Coagulation II at the Point-of-Care Forum, held July 19, 2012 in Los Angeles, CA presentations on...

- **Assessment of Hemostasis by Viscoelastic Coagulation**
Ann Tobin, PhD, Pathology Consultants of
South Broward Memorial Healthcare System, Hollywood, FL
- **POC Coagulation in Transfusion Medicine**
Ellen Klapper, MD, Cedars-Sinai, Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

...are available online. Visit http://www.aacc.org/members/divisions/cpoc/poc_forum/pages/default.aspx#

About the POC Forum

The POC Forum is an educational event of nominal cost to participants as it is generously funded by sponsors. The event usually occurs the last day of the AACC meeting.

Planning committees find planning for the Forum fun, satisfying and educational and are looking ahead to 2013. They are hoping that a representative from the Houston area will step up to join them.

Please offer your time, any suggested topics, and any suggested speakers to one of the members:

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AACC and the AACC CPOCT Review of:

The 24th International Symposium

Promoting a Culture of Quality and Consistency in Critical and Point-of-Care Testing

OCTOBER 3-6, 2012 • HILTON PRAGUE HOTEL • PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Submitted by Jeff Dubois, Conference Chair

The 24th International Symposium welcomed 253 attendees to Prague, making it the 3rd highest attended symposium ever behind the 350 Boston (2010) and the 308 in Barcelona (2008).

33 Countries were represented and those traveling the farthest distance came from New Zealand, Australia, and Japan.

The country with the highest representation was the US with 67 attendees followed by the Netherlands with 39 attendees.

Regarding Abstracts/Posters, 90 were submitted, 82 accepted, and 74 displayed.

Awards/Best Abstracts

1. Glucose meter performance criteria for moderate levels of glycemic control estimated by error simulation of modeling. Brad Karon, MD, PhD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
2. Rapid test quantum Blue® faecal calprotectin as predictor of relapse in patients under maintenance treatment with Infliximab®. Manuel Otero Santiago, University of Santiago Hospital, Spain.

Conference Proceedings

There were 14 invited speakers plus 3 abstracts were selected for both oral and poster presentation. Continuing Medical Education and Accent Credits were provided. Conference Proceedings was organized into the 5 sessions shown in the table below.

Session	Title	Moderator
Session 1	Why are there differences in reported benefits and outcomes with tight glycemic protocols in critical care patients - A debate?	Martha Lyon, PhD, Alberta Children's Hospital, CN
Session 2	Sources and Prevention of Errors in Point of Care Testing	Robbert Slingerland, Isala Klinieken, The Netherlands
Session 3	Point-of-Care Testing Beyond the Hospital	Ian Watson, PhD, Univ Hospital Aintree, Liverpool, UK
Session 4	Developing Effective Strategies to Achieve Quality POCT Results	Linda Sandhaus, MD, University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH
Session 5	New Technologies in Point-of-Care Testing	Larry Crolla, PhD, Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village, IL

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Tuesday, July 30th

CPOCT Membership Meeting & Mixer

5:30-8:00 PM at the Hilton Americas-Houston, Reception

Thursday, August 1st

CPOCT 11th Annual POCCs Forum:

The Role of Point-of-Care Testing in a Disaster (Plan)

7:30-10:00 AM at the convention center

Please mark your calendars for these important events, and we hope to see all of you in Houston later this summer.

The POCC Forum at this year's Annual Meeting will be focused on the role of POCT in disaster response. The forum will consist of primary speaker, followed by a panel discussion led by 3 point-of-care coordinators. Those that attend will hear about using POCT in preparedness for, or response to, an emergency or disaster event, and what medically urgent testing can be provided by current lab caches. In addition, there will be a focused discussion on the efforts to create guidelines to help prepare for the use of POCT during disasters and emergencies. The panel discussion will center around real-life experiences of the POCCs on the panel, as they share examples of what they encountered in developing plans for their institutions.

To close, I would like to thank many others whose support and hard work have contributed to the success of our division activities. This includes all of the corporate and individual sponsors of our many division activities and all of the folks at AACC that work so hard to keep us organized.

Special thanks go to Penny Jones, who after many years as our contact person within the AACC offices as moved on to new responsibilities within the organization – she has kept us running smoothly, and for that we are grateful.

In addition, I would like to thank Steve Valorz for his hard work and dedication in producing this newsletter. Editing can be a thankless job, and we are fortunate that Steve is willing to do it and does such a great job. Best Wishes to you all in 2013.

Sincerely,



William Clarke, PhD, MBA, DABCC
Chair, POCT Division



Housing Open for Members Only

AACC/CSCC Members can now make your hotel reservations for the 2013 AACC/CSCC Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo. If you're attending the meeting and need housing, please visit the web site of our official housing bureau at http://www.aacc.org/events/annual_meeting/hotel_travel/pages/default.aspx#.

Book Your Room Now Before Hotels Sell Out

We want to give CPOCT members the best choice of hotels so take advantage of this opportunity to book your hotel before housing opens to everyone.

AACC has a large selection of hotels to pick from in all price ranges, most with shuttle bus service to the convention center.

This exclusive access for members ends Feb 28.

AACC provides shuttle service to and from most hotels and the George R. Brown Convention Center when you book your rooms through the housing center. AACC also protects your reservations from hotel overbookings.

Exhibitor housing is now open.

Exhibitors who have sent in their contracts and deposits may now make their hotel reservations for the 2013 AACC Annual Meeting. Visit our web site of our official housing bureau and make your reservations today http://www.aacc.org/events/annual_meeting/hotel_travel/pages/default.aspx#.