



CPRC News

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Chair's Message: Continuing Our Journey.....

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I hope you are all having a nice summer! I know new classes of Cytotechnology students will be starting soon for many of you—so I know better than to wish you rest and relaxation! I do think it is an exciting time to be in the Cytology field for cytotechnologists as well as pathologists. I want to take a moment to update you on the work of the CPRC since our last issue and talk a bit about the future.

The CPRC is working diligently behind the scenes on some major projects. One such project is the revision of the **Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Cytotechnology** and with this, the entry-level competencies (ELCs). The timeline for revision, which will begin in July 2018, is dictated by CAAHEP, but it parallels quite nicely with the move of the CT profession to the Master's level. Our goal is to provide consistency in cytotechnology education across all Programs at a degree level that reflects the effort required to meet the needs of today's communities of interest. Standard revision and writing of new ELC's is a multiyear process allowing time for Programs to prepare for change. It also allows the CPRC and the CELL Resource Committee time to make sure resources for implementation are available to Programs.



The CPRC remains committed to communication with you about this move to the Master's degree. This communication continues in the May 2018 issue of *The ASC Bulletin*. Karen Atkison, MPA, CT(ASCP), Vice Chair of the CPRC, is the lead author of an article entitled "[Forward March: Master's Degree Here We Come.](#)" In this paper, she and her colleagues Drs. Goulart and Wilbur emphasize our pledge of transparency and provide a comprehensive summary of our discussions at the 2017 Strategies in Cytotechnology Education session at the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix. This paper specifically details the topics for discussion by small groups of CT educators at this session lead by facilitators from current Master's level Cytotechnology Programs. These group discussions highlight the positives of a uniform Masters curriculum. Importantly, they also raise important questions that need to be addressed while we move forward. Even if you attended this session, I believe you will find this summary article worthwhile. Review of the various topics may foster additional communication among us, generating new ideas and perhaps helping to overcome some of the challenges raised. The CPRC is using the points made in this session as a framework for where we need to focus going forward. ***The end of this article solicits your opinions and feedback and we sincerely hope you take the opportunity to comment to dmacintyre@cytopathology.org.***

There are some other changes in the works. The CPRC has revised both the Employer and Graduate Surveys. These include some additional questions pertinent to today's practice of cytotechnology. Of equal importance, these forms can be filled out and returned electronically with drop down answer choices. We hope to make these important surveys easier to fill out and return! Special thanks to Michelle Smith, MS, SCT(ASCP) and Larry List, PA, CT(ASCP) for leading this effort. The surveys will be available in the near future.

We also piloted a "partially virtual" Site Visit, which was quite successful. We are looking at ways to review at least a portion of a Program at a distance, which could enhance the efficiency of review without sacrificing quality. We will keep you informed as this evolves. Lastly, we are working on the program for this year's **Strategies in Cytotechnology Education** seminar. Our topics include marketing the profession and recruitment, and updates on the CELL Website. We will devote the majority of the session to further discussion of the Master's degree plan and revision of the **Standards**.

We are grateful for your active and continued discussions with the CPRC. We ask for continued support and engagement. We know that we need to keep you informed and we hope that you are finding our communications helpful. We also were very impressed by the attendance at last year's Strategies session and hope that you will be able to attend and participate in 2018! Additional details are included on page 3 of this issue of the **CPRC News**.

Status of Programs (as of July 1, 2018)

- 23 Accredited Programs
- 22 Active Programs
- 1 Inactive Programs
- 2 Discontinued Programs
- 0 Developing Program

CONGRATULATIONS!

Since May 2017, Cytotechnology Programs at the following institutions were awarded Continuing Accreditation for seven (7) years:

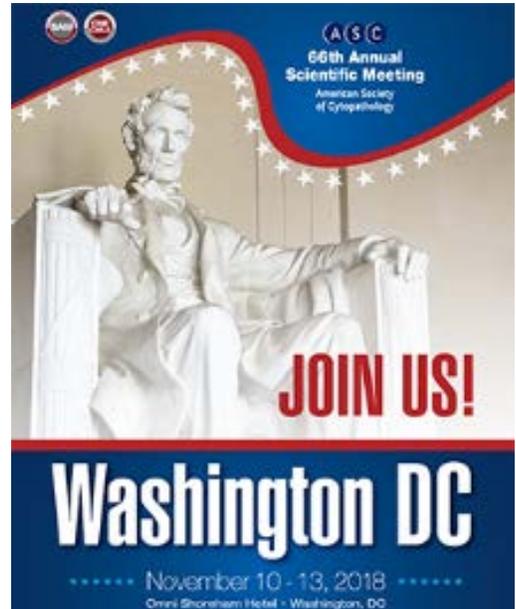
**Thomas Jefferson University
University Health Center of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
Medical Education Training Campus**

Please Join Us!

Strategies in Cytotechnology Education Session

Saturday, November 10, 2018, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

This year's **Strategies in Cytotechnology Education** session will focus on four important areas. The first is student recruitment including marketing our profession to potential students. This has been a problematic issue for many Cytotechnology Programs, and we would like to share innovative ways to attract students to our profession. Session 2 will provide our annual updates for Cytotechnology Programs to include the potential for virtual site visits. In Session 3, we will share the new and improved CELL Website using a live demonstration. The fourth session will further our discussion of moving to a Master's level education including developing a strategy for implementation and proposing a timeline.



After completion of the Strategies Session in Cytotechnology Education, participants will be able to:

- Apply effective and innovative student recruitment techniques to enhance student interest in their Programs.
- Discuss and assess the impact of the CPRC report on their Programs and profession.
- Access and use the CELL Website, to reference educational resources available to the Programs.
- Review the challenges and select the appropriate steps in moving to a Master's Level degree.

Session 1: Marketing our Profession and Student Recruitment

Sean McNair, MPH, CT(ASCP) and Catherine M. Smith, MEd, CT(ASCP)

Session 2: CPRC and Cytotechnology Program Updates

Jennifer Brainard, MD

Session 3: Educational Resources, A New Look at CELL

Sean McNair, MPH, CT(ASCP)

Session 4: Progress Towards a Master's Degree Profession

Karen M. Atkison, MPA, CT(ASCP), Robert A. Goulart, MD and David C. Wilbur, MD

Let's continue with more [ASC 66th Annual Scientific Meeting News.....](#)

[Registration is NOW OPEN!](#)

[Schedule at a Glance, Meeting Highlights, Travel and Hotel Information, and more..](#)

[Please visit the Meeting Site to REGISTER!](#)

Travel Scholarship to the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting

As many of you know, the ASC Foundation supports travel scholarships to the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting. This year, scholarships will be awarded to five cytotechnologist members and five fellow/resident members to attend the 66th Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC.

Please share this information with you recent graduates as soon as possible.

Submission deadline is July 15, 2018

Learn More

CAAHEP Updates

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CAAHEP Annual Meeting, April 15-16, 2018

CAAHEP's 24th Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky focused on "CAAHEP Accreditation: The Gateway to the Future." Currently, there are 32 professions under the CAAHEP umbrella, which is the largest accredited body of allied health education programs.



During the CAAHEP Annual Meeting, the 2018 William Goding Award for Exceptional Service was awarded to Hugh Bonner, PhD, who has a long-standing history with CAAHEP, serving as a Commissioner, Board member and President and a member of numerous committees through the years.

New CAAHEP Board of Directors and Officers

During the April business meeting, new Board of Directors officers and members were elected, to begin their terms July 1, 2018.

Officers:

- President: Gregory Ferenchak, EdD, RT(R), (QM)
- Vice President: Kathryn Kuntz, MEd, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS
- Treasurer: Barry S. Eckert, PhD, FASAHP
- Secretary: Glen Mayhew, DHSc, NRP

New Board of Directors members: Donald Balasa, JD, MA, Glenda Carter, PhD, Barry Eckert, PhD, Stacy Ocander, EdD, Catherine Rienzo, MS, RT(R)(ARRT), RDMS, FSDMS and Jennifer Spegal, MEd, CMA(AAMA), MT.

Policy Change on Confidentiality

In order to address the **Council for Higher Education Accreditation's** concerns outlined in the most recent submission of CAAHEP's mid-term report, CAAHEP's Board of Directors approved the following changes to Policy 106 D. Confidentiality:

- CAAHEP will publish the citations of unmet **Standards** that appear in accreditation award letters.
- The following information will continue to be confidential documents:
 - Self-Study Reports
 - Site Visit Report
 - Progress Reports
 - All correspondence between CAAHEP, the CoAs, and the programs, which relates to the accreditation process (including the appeals process, as applicable).
- In the case of Probationary Accreditation, CAAHEP will release the full award letter upon request.

If you have any questions about this policy change, please contact [Kathy Megivern](#). An updated version of the CAAHEP Policy Manual is posted to the CAAHEP Website. All Committees on Accreditation (CoAs) have been notified of this change in the CoA Notes, as well as all programs in the *Communique*.

CAAHEP Webinar for Program Directors Now Available Online!

In early May, CAAHEP presented an excellent webinar:

[A Consideration of Program Director Leadership in Nationally Accredited Programs, by Gordon Kokx, PhD, MRT](#)

If you were unable to participate in the live webinar, it is now available on the CAAHEP Website for viewing at your convenience. Please click on the title above to access the webinar, or visit the [WEBINAR](#) page on the CAAHEP Website for more information.

REMINDER.....Publishing Outcomes:

Cytotechnology Programs made the transition to publishing outcomes very smoothly a couple years ago; however, regular updates are required. As all Program Directors know, confirming or updating the required published outcome (3-year, first time pass rate for the Board of Certification exam) must be included in the Annual Reports under the Comments section.

Speaking of Annual Reports.....

By now, perhaps Program Directors have set aside time to complete their Annual Reports. Remember, enrollment and outcomes data are for the class that graduated in 2017. The submission deadline is July 9th, to be followed by CPRC reviews and feedback by September 2018. There are no new updates from CAAHEP regarding a more flexible Annual Reporting management system, but we can be hopeful that subsequent Reports will be on the new site. If you have questions regarding your Annual Report, please contact Deb Sheldon, dmacintyre@cytopathology.rog.

Geraldine Colby Zeiler Award

The Awards for cytotechnology students were established in memory of the late Geraldine Colby Zeiler who trained as a cytotechnologist at the Mayo Clinic. The Awards, made possible through the generosity of Dr. William B. Zeiler, family and friends of Mrs. Zeiler, are funded through the College of American Pathologists Foundation and administered by the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC).

The purpose of the Awards, up to five each year, is to stimulate and reward high achievement by cytotechnology students during their training. Awards are based on academic performance and microscopic diagnostic skills, leadership ability, initiative, acceptance of responsibility, dedication and collegiality.

***2018 Applications are under review now, and an
Announcement of the five recipients will be in early/mid-July.
Good luck to your students and recent graduates!***

******News from the other CPRC Sponsoring Organizations******

American Society for Clinical Pathology



Attend the ASCP 2018 Annual Meeting

Gain valuable skills and knowledge you can apply in your lab today while also fulfilling your MOC and CMP requirements. Hear from knowledgeable, world-class faculty and respected, premier leaders. Gather with and learn from the foremost experts in the field, while also forming valuable relationships that will last throughout your career and lifetime.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

American Society for Cytotechnology



The ASCT had another successful meeting in Salt Lake City. This year we joined forces with the ASC to present Advanced Cytopathology Education. Attendees enjoyed educational lectures and workshops given by highly talented faculty. As in previous years, the student case presentations were a meeting highlight! The ASCT Warren R. Lang Student Awards were presented to the winners: \$150 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, \$50 for 3rd place, and \$50 in ASCT bucks for the computer loop winner. The winners are as follows:

Warren R. Lang Student Awards/Winners

1st Place: *Brianna Rebmann, METC Cytotechnology Program, Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

2nd Place: *Loan Tudor Vladisav, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

3rd Place: *Elizabeth Fisher, Indiana University*

Computer Loop Winner: *Avrina Ririe, University of California*

Bob Gay Student Scholarship

The scholarship is through ASCT Services and was established by Kim Kowalczyk in memory of her father, Bob Gay, who made significant contributions to the education of cytotechnology students and was a founding member of the ASCT. The scholarship awards \$1,000.00 and sponsorship (travel and accommodations) to two outstanding students for the upcoming ASCT Annual Conference.

Winners of the 2018 Bob Gay Student Scholarships:

Shanario Whitfield, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

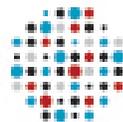
Hannah Hemming, University of North Carolina

SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Annual Conference will be held in

San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 3-5, 2019!

The College of American Pathologists



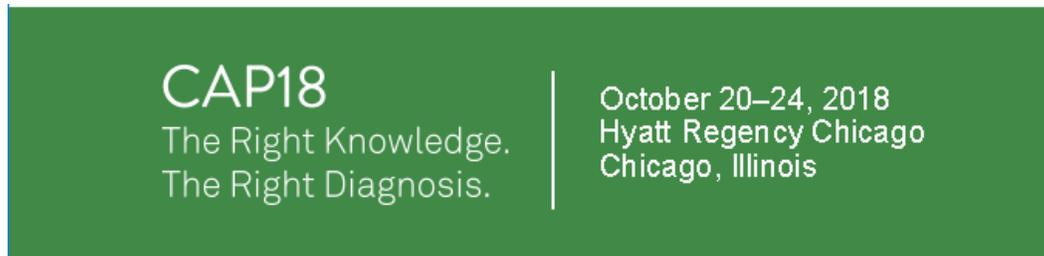
COLLEGE of AMERICAN
PATHOLOGISTS

The College of American Pathologists is an organization of physician pathologists, but its broader interests also include the health and well-being of the allied health professions particularly as they relate to the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine.

The CAP would like to invite all allied health professionals to attend the CAP Annual Meeting, CAP18 The Right Knowledge. The Right Diagnosis.™, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, October 20-24, 2018.

Start the CAP18 experience with many CME/SAM opportunities over five days, and access the knowledge, tools and support needed to advance your practice and improve patient care.

The CAP hopes to see many of its allied health colleagues at the Meeting. For further information, please review materials on the [CAP18 Website and REGISTER TODAY!](#)



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