Message from the CPRC Chair

Stephanie Hamilton, EdD, MB, SCT(ASCP)

As the November ASC 64th Annual Scientific Meeting approaches, I am reflecting on my time as a member and Chair of the CPRC. Soon, I will be stepping aside and passing the torch to Dr. Jennifer Brainard to carry. I never could have served in this capacity, if it were not for all of the knowledge of and assistance from Debby Maclntyre Sheldon. She always reminded me of deadlines and kept me on track. Kalyani Naik, Maria Friedlander and Kerry Weinberg were invaluable providing the strong connection between the CPRC and CAAHEP. I also had the great pleasure of working with some of the greatest leaders in cytology, like Dr. Dave Wilbur, Dr. Marshall Austin, Dr. Bob Goulart, Dr. Amber Donnelly, and Karen Atkison. They are brilliant and eloquent, but more importantly deeply committed to and being an advocate for the cytotechnology profession and its future.

There is no doubt that the future of cytology will continue to change over the next several years, being affected by reimbursement levels and the overall health care industry. There have been a number of cytotechnology programs close, and yet I am encouraged that there is a new program at Daemen College/Roswell Park Cancer Center in New York. There have been a number of program directors retire, and yet I am encouraged to see very talented young people rise to the challenge of assuming these positions. With reduced reimbursements for healthcare and laboratory service forcing cost-containment, I believe our profession will continue to encounter obstacles, but also provide an opportunity to think and do things differently.
The Strategies on Cytotechnology Education session at the upcoming ASC Meeting will be devoted to these topics. Larry List and Jessie Bower will share their perspectives as new program officials, which hopefully will spark discussion with those more seasoned. There will also be an interactive presentation to address questions regarding the proposed Anatomic Pathology Practitioner curriculum. It should be a very interesting and provocative meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the CPRC. It has been a great honor.

American Society of Cytopathology 64th Annual Scientific Meeting
November 4th – 7th in New Orleans, Louisiana

CPRC Strategies in Cytotechnology Education
Friday, November 4, 2016, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Strategies in Cytotechnology Education session at the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting is included in the Meeting Registration Fee this year; however, you must register for the session since seating is limited.

The State of Our Union: The Cytopathology Party Platform kicks off at 8:00 am with Session #1, moderated by CPRC Chair, Stephanie Hamilton, EdD, MB, SCT(ASCP) and Vice Chair, Jennifer Brainard, MD, who will present updates on the current state of Cytotechnology Programs. They will be followed by Jessie Bower, SCT(ASCP), Education Coordinator of the Daemen College/Roswell Park Cancer Center Cytotechnology Program, and Larry List, PA, CT(ASCP), Program Director of the Cytotechnology Program at Saint Louis University, who will share their perspectives and educational experiences of student interactions and program administration. William Crabtree, PhD, SCT(ASCP) will wrap up the first session with updates on a student
workload project conducted this past year, “Determining Entry-level Workload Guidelines for Automated Pap Test Screening Devices for Cytotechnology Program Graduates, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).”

Session #2 will open with a presentation by members of the CPRC Anatomic Pathology Practitioner Subcommittee on “how we got here” – sharing facts and timeline, a summary of the Bulletin article as well as feedback received to date. An open session will follow, to include polling questions. At the end of the session, presenters hope to have provided communication and clarification of the current situation, and obtained grass roots feedback. The goal is to overcome existing obstacles, identify potential new ones, and share the next steps.

- **ASC Foundation Movie Night**  
  **Friday, November 4th**  
  7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
  **Someone You Love:**  
  **The HPV Epidemic**  
  Be sure to attend this in-depth documentary on HPV and the stories of struggle, tragedy and triumph surrounding this complicated and often misunderstood infection. Hear the heartbreaking story told directly from Kirk Forbes, the father of one of the patients.

- **ASC President’s Welcome Reception with Exhibitors**  
  **Saturday, November 4th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
  Wrap up the day by joining your colleagues in the ASC Exhibit Hall to connect with exhibitors and colleagues.

- **ASC Business Meeting and Awards Presentation**  
  **Sunday, November 5th, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
  All Meeting attendees are invited to attend the Business Meeting, which will be followed by presentations of the ASC Achievement Awards.

- **ASC Foundation Masquerade Reception**  
  **Sunday, November 5th, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**  
  Enjoy one last evening with friends, colleagues and speakers, and “add a touch of mystery” by arriving in a mask. Masks will be available for purchase at the SC Foundation booth in the Exhibit Hall.
Congratulations!
2016 Geraldine Colby Zeiler Award

Elisa Levito
Thomas Jefferson University
Jefferson College of Health Professions
Cytotechnology Program
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mari Short
Medical Education and Training Campus (METC)
Cytotechnology Program
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Nicole Minca
Cleveland Clinic
School of Cytotechnology
Cleveland, Ohio

Kelsey Snyder
Daemen College/Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Cytotechnology Program
Buffalo, New York

Daniel Robinson
Medical Education and Training Campus
(METC) Cytotechnology Program
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

2015 ASC Foundation Cytotechnologist Travel Scholarships
Recipients are funded to attend the 65th ASC Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona

- Monica Dorda, CT(ASCP) graduated from the Cytotechnology Program at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, University of Wisconsin-Madison, which is also where she works.

- Kathryn Kiely, BS, CT(ASCP)CM graduated from the Anisa I. Kanbour School of Cytotechnology at Magee Women’s Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and she works at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York.

- Maria Ella Lim, BS, CT(ASCP) graduated from the School of Cytotechnology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and works at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center.

- Emily McMeekin, BS, CT(ASCP)CM graduated from the Cytotechnology Program at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, which is also where she works.

- Kelsey Snyder, MS, CT(ASCP) graduated from the School of Cytotechnology at Daemen College/Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Amherst, New York, and she works at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York.
It has been a productive year for CAAHEP, with a move to new corporate headquarters, new board leadership, a number of initiatives, and multiple well-attended national meetings.

The following is an overview of the highlights of the past year:

I. CAAHEP Corporate Update:
- New headquarters: 25400 U.S. Highway 19 N., Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763 Cytotechnology Programs must include this new address on all Program publications and web sites.
- 23 Committees on Accreditation (CoAs)
- 28 professions
- Accredit educational programs in 24 professions
- Invoices: FY 2016-17 fees to CAAHEP have increased to $550 (for all institutions with one or more CAAHEP accredited programs)

During the CAAHEP Annual Meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee, April 10-11, 2016, CAAHEP’s new Strategic Plan was shared:
- **Purpose** is to assure quality healthcare through excellence in education.
- **Vision** is to be the gold standard for programmatic accreditation of allied health
- **Goals** focus on:
  - Expanding recognition of CAAHEP’s Brand-Marketing plan
  - Delivering unparalleled services to constituents, stakeholders and customers, such as refining CAAHEP’s site visitor training program, improving IT services, and a “complete makeover” of CAAHEP’s Web site to include numerous areas used by the CPRC and Program Directors (Annual Reports, accreditation services hub, and the Cytotechnology web page).
- **Advocacy** to influence public policy regarding programmatic accreditation in allied health.
- **Operational Excellence** by strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of operations through CAAHEP.

During the Annual Meeting of Commissioners, Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPA, SCT(ASCP), the ASCP Commissioner and member of the CPRC, was elected as a Sponsoring member of the CAAHEP Board of Directors (her 3-year term began July 1, 2016). **CONGRATULATIONS Amber!**

**Upcoming Meetings:**
- **CAAHEP Leadership Workshop**, January 20-21, 2017 in Tampa, Florida
- **CAAHEP Annual Meeting**, April 23-24 in Atlanta, Georgia
Coming to a Computer Near You!

Help spread the word that CAAHEP is developing webinars to be presented in the coming months: In the WORKS:

**What to Expect from a Site Visit** and

**The CAAHEP Annual Report System**

**CAAHEP Accreditation - From Beginning to End** is the latest CAAHEP Webinar........

*Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 2:00 pm Eastern time*

This session has been created for Programs beginning the CAAHEP accreditation process, those new to accreditation, and/or those wishing to know more about CAAHEP and how the process works. The hour-long, free of charge webinar is presented by Kathryn Kuntz, a member of the CAAHEP Board, and Kathleen Megivern, CAAHEP’s Executive Director. The session will be recorded and available on the CAAHEP website for those unable to attend. This webinar takes you through the steps of the CAAHEP Accreditation process - from beginning to end. After participating in the session, you should know where to find your profession's Standard and Guidelines and how they are used in the accreditation process, understand how to initiate accreditation services, have a grasp of the intermediate steps of the comprehensive review process, learn the difference between Initial and Continuing Accreditation and what is required once you become accredited by CAAHEP.

Those interested in attending must register by December 2, 2016.
Please visit the CAAHEP Web site for registration information.

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**Status of Programs (since August 2016)**

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**Kinds of Programs** *(as of 10/1/16)*

| 8  | Certificate-only programs (a total of 20 programs offer a Certificate program)       |
| 8  | Degree-only programs (a total of 18 offer a Degree program - 5 offer a Masters level program) |
| 8  | Offer both Certificate program and Degree program                                      |
The following data based on the last graduating class (2015-2016) of 24 programs

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Outcomes Data are based on % for three-year average, 2015-2013

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***Attrition: Of 23 active programs responding, 12 programs had students who withdrew.

Finally, as we near the CPRC Annual Meeting in November, we will bid farewell to two CPRC members:

- Stephanie Hamilton, CPRC Chair rotates off the Committee after completing two, three-year terms; however, we won’t let her get too far since she will continue to serve as the Alternate Commissioner to CAAHEP for the next two years!
- Robert Hutton, MD, who has served for two years, is retiring from the Army and moving on to a new chapter in life, which cannot include the time commitment to being a CPRC member.

We wish both Stephanie and Rob happy and safe new life chapters!

With their departures, we are excited to welcome two new CPRC members, whose terms begin at the conclusion of the CPRC Annual Meeting:

- Gregory Freund, MD, Head of the Department of Pathology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and Medical Director of the Carle Clinic Cytotechnology Program, a satellite site of the Cytotechnology Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Catherine M. Smith, MEd, CT(ASCP), Program Director of the Cytotechnology Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Members of the 2017 Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee

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