



CPRC News

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Message from the CPRC Chair

Jennifer A. Brainard, MD

As I look out over the fall colors, I contemplate what I want to say to all of you in my last message as the CPRC Chair. A lot has happened over the past couple of years! The move to the Masters Level has occupied much of our time and has gathered much momentum. We have specifically focused this year on communication and transparency. We've collaborated with the ASC-ASCP workgroup to inform our cytotechnology community of what we have collectively accomplished as well as changes that are ahead. There have been multiple publications in this regard over the past year; I hope you have had the opportunity to read some of them. We have worked closely with the ASC-ASCP workgroup in a synergistic fashion and have gained endorsement and support from the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC). We've taken your thoughts and ideas to heart and used them to direct our journey.



Much of the CPRC work will be presented at the Strategies in Cytotechnology Education session during the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington DC. The plan for this session is nicely outlined by Ms. Karen Atkison later in this newsletter, but I think you will see that we have taken your feedback and used it to plan the sessions. It will be an exciting time and I trust there will be lively and informative discussion on the topics presented! I hope you can attend and add your voice to the discussion.

Behind the scenes, the CPRC has been working on beginning the lengthy process of revising the **Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Cytotechnology**. With this revision comes the formal move to the Master's degree for all Programs and other changes in our **Standards**, to include the **Curriculum in Cytotechnology for Entry-Level Competencies (ELCs)**. This is the beginning of a 3-5 year revision process. It is expected that while the ELCs are under revision, schools will be progressing towards transition to Master's level degree programs, so that ideally both will occur simultaneously. We have indeed come a long way but it is clear that there is much work left to do!

As the profession undergoes its transformation, program needs also change. Mr. Sean McNair, MPH, CT(ASCP) will update us on the future of the CELL and how it is changing to meet our current and future needs.

During this time, the CPRC has continued the work of accreditation including Annual Report reviews, Site Visits and **Standards** reviews. We piloted a partially “virtual” site visit, which was well received by both program leadership and the site visitors. We continue to have robust representation to CAAHEP. CPRC members and staff have participated in Leadership Conferences, the Annual Meeting and the Summer Workshop during the past year. These activities are important venues to engage with other related health professions programs to share best practices, particularly during our time of transition.

Perhaps most importantly, fall is a time for giving thanks. I owe a profound debt of gratitude to my fellow CPRC members, Deborah Sheldon, and all of you for your engagement and commitment to the work of the CPRC. It truly has been a pleasure working with such dedicated individuals. I also want to let you know that the CPRC is in excellent hands going forward. Ms. Karen Atkison, MPA, CT(ASCP)IAC will be taking over as Chair. She is the perfect person for this role at this time, given her commitment to the field and her leadership in developing our plans to make the move to the Master’s degree. I know you will give Karen your full support as you have given me. As we reflect during the fall time of year and Celebrate 100 Years of Color, we see the importance of Cytotechnology and view the future with optimism and enthusiasm!



***American Society of Cytopathology 66th Annual Scientific Meeting
November 10 – 13, 2018 in Washington, DC***

CPRC Strategies in Cytotechnology Education

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

***The Strategies in Cytotechnology Education session is included in
ASC Annual Scientific Meeting Registration.***

CPRC and Cytotechnology Program Updates:	<i>Jennifer Brainard, MD, CPRC Chair</i>
Marketing our Profession and Student Recruitment:	<i>Sean McNair, MPH, CT(ASCP) & Catherine Smith, MEd, CT(ASCP)</i>
Educational Resources, A New Look at C.E.L.L.:	<i>Sean McNair, MPH, CT(ASCP)</i>
Progress towards a Master's Degree Profession:	<i>Karen Atkison, MPA, CT(ASCP) Robert Goulart, MD David Wilbur, MD</i>

In addition to the usual duties of the CPRC, the committee has been actively engaged throughout 2018 in a variety of activities that support the Programs move to a Masters Level profession. So, it should be no surprise that the topic to take center stage this year at the Strategies for Cytotechnology Education Session revolves around the move to a Masters degree. The goal this year is to facilitate direction, solutions and answers on that topic.

The first half of the workshop decidedly focuses on topics that were directly spun off in response to the questions, needs and concerns generated from last year's round-table sessions. Topics include marketing the profession, student recruitment tools, and access to educational resources.

The second half of the session highlights key publications from the CPRC and the ASC-ASCP workgroup, CAAHEP **Standards and Guidelines** revisions (process, timelines), new ELCs (will there be more) and discussions with the ASCP BOC around the impact of a Masters requirement.

Time is allotted for a peer-to-peer experience share session to focus on the real-life experiences of four Cytotechnology Programs. They will illustrate how they addressed the next steps, the conversations and personnel involved in changing to a Masters level requirement.

In addition, another laboratory will share their experience on using basic morphology skills in genetic sequencing providing supportive data for advanced level work opportunities.

An open discussion forum is scheduled, so bring your experiences to the table. Sharing experiences and ideas with peers facilitates a pathway to change.

*Some other notable sessions and event to attend,
All part of General Registration:*

Sunday, November 11th:

- **Leopold Koss Lecture, Neural Substrates of Musical Creativity**
Charles J. Limb, MD
9:00 am-10:00 am
- **State of the Art Symposium, Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Pancreatic Disease**
Moderated by Martha Pitman, MD
2:00 pm-3:30 pm
- **ASC President's Reception with Exhibitors**
6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Monday, November 12th

- **Papanicolaou Address**
Ritu Nayar, MD
2:00 pm-2:30 pm
 - **100 Years of Color Lectureship**
Nikolaos Chantziantoniou, BS, ART(CSMLS)CFIAC
2:30 pm-3:00 pm
 - **Cytology Shark Tank**
Moderator: Liron Pantanowitz, MD
Sharks: William C. Faquin, MD, PhD, Dina R. Mody, MD, Vivian L. Weiss, MD, PhD, and David C. Wilbur, MD
4:30 pm-5:30 pm
 - **ASC Business Meeting & Awards Presentation**
5:30 pm-6:30 pm
 - **ASC Foundation 100 Years of Color Reception**
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
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Congratulations!

2018 Geraldine Colby Zeiler Award

Elizabeth Fisher

Indiana University School of Medicine
Cytotechnology Program
Indianapolis, Indiana

Amanda McBroom

Indiana University School of Medicine
Cytotechnology Program
Indianapolis, Indiana

Briana Rebmann

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

Marissa Lee

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Masters Cytotechnology & Molecular Cytology
Program
Albany, New York

Rebecca Wise

Daemen College/Roswell Park Cancer
Center
Masters Cytotechnology Program
Buffalo, New York

2018 ASC Foundation Cytotechnologist Travel Scholarships

Recipients are funded to attend the 66th ASC Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC

- **Emily Almeter, MS, CT(ASCP)** graduated from Roswell Park Cancer Center/Daemen College School of Cytotechnology, and she works for the University of Rochester Medical Center.
- **Lynsey Behning, BS, CT(ASCP)** graduated from the Cytotechnology Program at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and she works at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.
- **María D. Cintrón Lugo** graduated from the University of Puerto Rico Medical Science Campus Cytotechnology Program in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- **Karen Cormier, BSc, CT(ASCP)^{CM}** graduated from the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and she works at Diagnostic Services Manitoba in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- **Erika Patricia Escalante Pompilla, BS**, graduated from the Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad del Cusco and she works for the CerviCusco Clinic in Peru.
- **Iris Juan, BSc, CT(ASCP)** graduated from the British Columbia Cancer Agency in Vancouver, British Columbia, and she works at UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco, California.

- **Jillian M. Schook, MS, CT(ASCP)** graduated from the Cytotechnology and Molecular Cytology Masters Program at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and she works at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.
- **Erin C. Smith, MB, CT(ASCP)^{CM}** graduated from the Cytotechnology Program at UCLA in Los Angeles, California, and she works at UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco, California.

CAAHEP News

Robert A. Goulart, MD, ASC Commissioner

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

CAAHEP Corporate Update:

- 25 Committees on Accreditation (CoAs)
- 32 health science professions
- Accredited educational programs in 32 professions



A Consideration of Program Director Leadership in

Nationally Accredited Programs was presented as a live webinar on May 10th by Gordon Kokx, PhD, NRT, Assistant Director of Accreditation Services for the Committee on Accreditation of Education Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). This webinar has been archived and is available for viewing. All Program Directors are encouraged to watch this excellent presentation on varying aspects of leadership for Program Directors.

[Click here to access the archived webinar.](#)

The **CAAHEP Annual Meeting** was held in Louisville, Kentucky, April 15-16, 2018, and the **Summer Workshop** was held July 20-21, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio

Upcoming Meetings:

CAAHEP Leadership Workshop, January 11-12, 2019 in Tampa, Florida

CAAHEP Annual Meeting, April 14-15, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas, celebrating.....

“CAAHEP’s Silver Anniversary: 25 Years of Doing What Matters”

Status of Cytotechnology Programs (since September 2018)

Accredited Cytotechnology Programs: 22

Active Programs: 21

Inactive Programs: 1 (University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center)

Requests for Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation: 2

- Saint Louis University, May 2018
- University of Utah, June 2018

Kinds of Programs (as of 10/1/18)

- 8 Certificate-only programs (a total of 14 programs offer a Certificate program)
 - 8 Degree-only programs (a total of 14 offer a Degree program - 6 offer a Masters level program)
 - 6 Offer both Certificate program and Degree program
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The following data based on the last graduating class (2017-2018) of 24 programs

177	Total # student places available in accredited programs	
116	Total # student places filled	(65.50%)
61	Total # student places not filled	(34.50%)

Outcomes Data are based on % for three-year average, 2017-2015

	Average	# of Programs
• Attrition ***	6.80%	23
• Student Retention (80% threshold)	93.20%	23
• Positive Placement (75% threshold)	95.63%	23
• ASCP-BOC-% Graduates Attempting (80% threshold)	96.50%	23
• ASCP-BOC Pass Rate/Success (80% threshold)	95.51%	23
• Employer Survey Return Rate (50% threshold)	75.60%	23
• Graduate Survey Return Rate (50% threshold)	81.97%	23

*****Attrition:** Of 24 active programs responding, 6 programs had students who withdrew.

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