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AMP Launches Informatics Subdivision

The groundswell of interest by AMP members clearly identified the need for a subdivision of the Association dedicated to informatics.

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The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP), the premier global, non-profit organization serving molecular testing professionals around the world announced the creation of an Informatics Subdivision to address the important role of this scientific discipline in molecular pathology.

AMP members associate with one or more subdivisions. Informatics joins Infectious Diseases, Hematopathology, Solid Tumors, and Genetics. “By adding an Informatics Subdivision, AMP is creating a professional home for informatics experts who practice within the molecular pathology space,” said AMP President, Elaine Lyon, PhD, “The Informatics Subdivision will represent AMP members who indicate that they have a professional interest in informatics which is inclusive of bioinformatics, clinical informatics and other informatics as it relates to molecular and genomic pathology.”

Alexis Carter, MD has been appointed to Chair the new Informatics Subdivision. She helped form and has been the Chair of AMP’s Informatics Interest Group. When asked how important this new subdivision is to AMP, Dr. Carter replied “the launch of the Informatics Subdivision is a major milestone for AMP. It publicly recognizes the importance of informatics to the practice of molecular and genomic pathology and provides members with a forum to address cross-cutting informatics issues and project which are not limited to a particular area of interest. The Informatics Subdivision will help promote good informatics practices, research and discovery and, through collaboration, bolster the informatics efforts of the other subdivisions.”

During the 2014 AMP Annual Meeting, Informatics experts will be highlighted in a symposia titled “Bridging the Gaps between Clinical Informatics and Bioinformatics” and hold a luncheon meeting with attendees interested in learning more about informatics. “The AMP Informatics Subdivision allows members the increased organizational support to continue serving the clinical laboratory community by ensuring that the big data generated in AMP member labs, particularly in next generation sequencing, is translated into results that enable the delivery of precision medicine to their patients,” said Dr. Lyon, “look for enhanced educational offerings, volunteer opportunities and new projects regarding informatics to come from AMP throughout the year and next year during the Annual Meeting. “

ABOUT AMP:

The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) was founded in 1994 to provide structure and leadership to what was, at the time, the newly-emerging field of molecular diagnostics. Through the efforts of its Board of Directors, Committees, Working Groups, and members, AMP has established itself as the primary resource for expertise, education, and collaboration on what is now one of the fastest growing fields in healthcare. AMP members influence policy and regulation on the national and international levels; ultimately serving to advance innovation in the field and protect patient access to high quality, appropriate testing.

AMP's 2,300+ members include individuals from academic and community medical centers, government, and industry; including, basic and translational scientists, pathologist and doctoral scientist laboratory directors, medical technologists, and trainees. AMP members span the globe with members in more than 45 countries and a growing number of AMP International Affiliate Organizations. The number of AMP members is growing rapidly; they are united by the goal of advancing the science and implementation of molecular and genomic laboratory medicine. For more information, please visit www.amp.org.

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