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Dear AMLI members,

I hope you have had a great start to 2018!

Please read through the following important information:

Upcoming Meetings:

1. AMLI continues its long-standing collaboration with **The Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS)**. For the last nine years AMLI has partnered with ASHI and participated in the Member Society Symposium. This year they will present another excellent symposium on the first day of the FOCIS annual meeting, *Wed June 20, 2018*. FOCIS has also invited the AMLI to sit on the Steering Committee, which offers AMLI members an opportunity to have a voice at FOCIS and interact with Immunologists from all over the globe. AMLI members are encouraged to share their research interests by submitting an abstract before the Feb 5 deadline. **We invite all AMLI members to join us in San Francisco, CA!** Information regarding abstract submission deadlines and registration is available here: <https://www.eventscribe.com/2018/FOCIS/>
2. AMLI also continues its partnership with the **Clinical Immunology Society (CIS)** and will once again be jointly offering the pre-meeting course "Update on Diagnostic Advances in Primary Immunodeficiencies" on Thursday, April 26, prior to the start of the 2018 CIS Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada. This pre-conference will provide an intellectual forum for attendees to discuss the latest in diagnostic advances in the field of immune regulation and dysregulation. We invite our members to participate in the meeting and share their research. Information regarding the pre-meeting and the annual CIS meeting is available here: <https://clinimmsoc.org/CIS/Meetings/2018-Annual-Meeting.htm>.
3. The Clinical Immunology Society (CIS) and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI) will be holding for the

first time a Diagnostic School for individuals interested in learning about diagnostic techniques and approaches for Primary Immunodeficiencies and Immune Dysregulatory Diseases. For more details on how to apply, please visit:

<https://clinimmsoc.org/CIS/Meetings/2018-Diagnostic-School.htm>

Annual AMLI meeting

1. The Scientific Affairs Committee has been hard at work organizing the 2018 meeting featuring five exciting sessions. The preliminary program is available here: http://amli.org/Annual_Meeting_2018/meetings_2018.php. Please continue to check the website for further updates to the meeting agenda.
2. Neter Award: Neter award nominations are now closed. Thank you to all the members who sent in nominations – we greatly appreciate your input and enthusiasm in nominating individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of medical immunology. The Neter Award committee will be selecting the awardee from the nominations received.
3. Abstract Submissions: We look forward to hearing about your latest research. The deadline for abstracts is June 26, 2018 – there's still plenty of time to get your abstracts in!

ABB and AMLI collaboration

As many of you are aware, ASM no longer offer the ABMLI board certification examination. Several ABMLI diplomates have been actively working on alternatives to the ABMLI. These efforts have included potential partnerships with other organizations that offer board certifications in laboratory medicine. One such effort came to fruition with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the ABB (American Board of Bioanalysis). The MOU includes the following points:

1. The ABB manages and offers examinations toward board certification for individuals wishing to pursue a career in directing high complexity clinical laboratory testing. The AMLI will offer its expertise in medical laboratory immunology and collaborate with the ABB to strengthen the immunology section of the ABB examination for certification of high complexity laboratory directors (HCLD).
2. The ABB currently requires 4 years of relevant clinical laboratory experience in order to qualify as a candidate for the HCLD certification examination. Per discussions with the AMLI, the ABB has agreed to accept two years of CPEP training to count towards

the 4 years' experience required to be eligible for the ABB HCLD certification examination

3. ABB will waive the requirement to take the immunology component of the exam for current ABMLI diplomates that wish to take the ABB certification. However, such individuals will have to take the general knowledge or laboratory management section of the examination.

This collaboration will provide an opportunity in the near term for trainees in medical laboratory immunology to obtain board certification required for oversight of high complexity clinical laboratories (including immunology). Information regarding the upcoming ABB certification examinations may be found here: https://www.aab.org/aab/Upcoming_Examinations.asp

Other avenues and collaborations are continuing to be pursued and we will continue to provide updates.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Knight", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Vijaya Knight
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