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<http://www.amli.org>

Dear AMLI members,

Spring still seems to be elusive, despite Punxsutawney Phil not seeing his shadow this February! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying winter as we wait for warmer weather.

### **A few updates:**

#### **Annual Meeting:**

Please do check in on the progress of the 2019 meeting. The AMLI scientific committee has put together an exciting program; regular updates to the sessions will be posted on the AMLI website <https://www.amli.org/2019-annual-meeting/>.

#### **Abstract Submission:**

Do you have new research findings, an interesting case study or quality improvements that you would like to share? Please consider submitting an abstract for the AMLI poster session. AMLI offers awards for abstracts in multiple categories including (a) The Young Investigator Award, (b) Clinical Laboratory Scientist Award, (c) Doctorate Award and (d) Travel Award. Details for abstract submissions and award applications can be found on the AMLI website: [https://www.amli.org/meetings\\_2019\\_papers/](https://www.amli.org/meetings_2019_papers/)

#### **Survey on ANA Testing Practices:**

The AMLI 2019 session titled **Antinuclear Antibodies: A Workshop on Current Practices and Future Directions**, chaired by Drs. Anne Tebo and Lisa Peterson will include a discussion of the results of a survey that you will see this week in your email. We request that you take the survey and provide your feedback. The goal of this survey is to understand current ANA testing practices, identify gaps in ANA interpretation and assessment as well as gaps in training and education. The overall goal for this survey and the plenary session is for an interactive discussion with the audience regarding ANA interpretation with the intent of offering a hands-on educational workshop at future AMLI meetings.

**Your participation is very important as it will help set the stage for future training and educational opportunities based on this data.** We request that clinical laboratory scientists actively engaged in ANA testing participate in the survey, in addition to laboratory directors, managers and IVD manufacturers.

#### **New Education Committee:**

##### **Chair**

Sara Nandiwada, Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital,  
Houston, TX



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**Members:**

Trivikram Dasu, City of Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory, Madison, WI

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**Vision and Mission**

The vision of the AMLI Education Committee is to improve the practice of clinical immunology laboratory testing in medical care by providing educational materials for all individuals in the clinical immunology and relevant fields through the AMLI website.

The Education Committee extends AMLI's mission by making AMLI meeting presentations available and accessible to all professionals in the clinical immunology field via AMLI's official website. In addition to presentations from AMLI meetings, the education committee's mission is to provide additional education materials encompassing basic/advanced immunology, clinical immunology/immunological disorders (allergy, autoimmune diseases, immunodeficiencies, hematopathology, infectious disease immunology, transplant immunology), pertinent microbiology/infections and pertinent clinical chemistry.

Target audience will be clinical immunologists with MD or PhD, clinical/medical laboratory scientists and medical technologists with expertise in allergy, autoimmune diseases, immunodeficiencies, hematopathology, infectious disease immunology and transplant immunology. Clinical microbiologists and infectious diseases specialists may also find this content useful.

Readers can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs or Non-supervised CE) by completing various educational activities or self-instruction materials,

**Upcoming meetings of interest:**

**Clinical Immunology Society Meeting:** <https://clinimmsoc.org/CIS/Meetings/2019-Annual-Meeting.htm>

**Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies:** <http://www.focisnet.org/meetings/focis-2019/about/>

We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland, OH!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Knight". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Vijaya Knight  
AMLI President