



**Dear AMLI members,**

**I'm honored** to have served as the AMLI president for the past two years. We've had a couple of exciting years thanks to the efforts of so many of our members. The 2018 and 2019 meetings were very well attended and sparked lively discussions at the plenary sessions. We've worked hard to make improvements to our annual meeting with the implementation of SurveyMonkey for our annual meeting evaluations and implementation of an audience response system that we hope will be used more widely in the coming years. The ANA workshop that was held this year included data and feedback from many of our members who took the survey on ANA practices well ahead of the meeting, enabling a robust and meaningful discussion at the annual meeting. We look forward to continuing to enhance our annual meeting with input from our members and continue to explore ideas for more interactive sessions at the annual meeting.

**AMLI continues** to collaborate with a number of organizations; our members contribute their time and expertise to a variety of committees within these organizations including (but not limited to) CLSI - development of flow cytometry assay development and validation guidelines; the CAP's diagnostic immunology and flow cytometry committee - review and continued improvement of proficiency testing; FOCIS – AMLI and ASHI co-organized a scientific session at the 2019 FOCIS annual meeting; CIS – several AMLI members serve on the diagnostic laboratory immunology committee; ICCS – several AMLI members are active participants in ICCS' educational and quality improvement efforts; AACC – active participation and organization of scientific sessions at the annual meeting and the FDA – AMLI is within the FDA's network of experts and may be contacted to assist with questions relating to our members' field of expertise.

**Among the on-going discussions** regarding an alternate to the ABMLI are the following:

- Our members continue to work with the ABB (American Board of Bioanalysis) and contribute towards the immunology section of the board certification exam for High-complexity Clinical Laboratory Directors.
- Encouraging discussions have been ongoing with ASCP regarding a certification exam for individuals wishing to pursue a laboratory director career in medical laboratory immunology.

I would like to thank all of the individuals who have put a great deal of time into these efforts.

**The education committee** has an exciting agenda that we will hear more about in the coming year. We would like our members to engage actively with this committee and contribute to their efforts to share and expand our knowledge within our areas of expertise.

**Mentorship** and the development of mentee-mentor relationships is a new initiative for AMLI, proposed by Dr. Barbara Detrick. We look forward to the development of this initiative and hope to engage many of you as this program develops.

**The 2020 annual meeting** will be here before we know it! Based on the results of the survey that was sent out to all of you last week, we will be trying out a 3-day meeting format in 2020. The change from a 4-day to a 3-day meeting will not impact the number of plenary sessions, luncheon and breakfast seminar, awards or poster and networking sessions.

**Thank you** to Maggie for her support over the past two years! I could not have kept up with all of these efforts without her tireless dedication to AMLI! Thank you also to Jeff Rossio for the updates to our website (very easy to navigate!) and for his continued support with the audio-visual equipment at our annual meeting; and to Tony Bakke, AMLI CME chair, for ensuring AMLI maintains accreditation. And thank you to all of you for continuing to support and grow AMLI – I count myself fortunate to have worked with such an enthusiastic and collaborative group of people!

**My warm welcome** to Dr. Qasim Ansari, our incoming AMLI President and Dr. Eric Weimer, incoming AMLI Vice President. I look forward to many more exciting years with the AMLI family!

Sincerely,  
Vijaya Knight

