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Dear AMLI members,

It was a pleasure catching up with so many of you at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual AMLI meeting in Denver, Colorado! It is indeed an honor to serve as the AMLI President for the next two years. I look forward to working with the AMLI Council as well as with all of you. The AMLI has played a key role in advancing medical laboratory immunology over the past three decades and I look forward to continuing to grow our organization and our mission with your assistance.

Over the next two years we expect to advance several initiatives:

### Collaborations:

1. Partnership with the International Clinical Cytometry Society and the Clinical Immunology Society: The AMLI, CIS and ICCS have formally agreed to collaborate on developing guidelines for laboratory-developed flow cytometry-based immunological tests that are increasingly being used to diagnose immune deficiency and immune dysregulation. The three organizations bring to the collaboration their expertise in clinical diagnosis of these conditions, expertise in laboratory methodology and validation, and technical know-how. We expect this collaboration to yield published guidelines for a variety of assays that are currently developed and used in multiple laboratories around the country with the intent to offer standardized methods and validation guidelines.
2. Collaboration with the Diagnostic Immunology Resource Committee: The AMLI continues to work with the DIRC on exploring material for proficiency testing for assays used in the evaluation of immune deficiency. Results from a survey sent out by the DIRC indicated interest from several laboratories around the country in the potential for a PT program for these laboratory developed assays. The AMLI is actively engaged in working with DIRC to evaluate the potential for a PT program.
3. Continued collaboration with the Clinical Immunology Society: The AMLI continues to work with the CIS on a biennial pre-conference course on Diagnostic Updates in Primary Immunodeficiencies. The next pre-conference course will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Toronto, prior to the annual CIS meeting. This one-day course offers an excellent overview of the current state of diagnostic testing for immune deficiencies – I hope you will attend!

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of the AMLI members who have participated in these collaborative efforts. It certainly emphasizes AMLI's role in the advancement of diagnostic immunology and the partnerships allow us to draw on the expertise of our colleagues in clinical immunology.

#### **ABMLI examination:**

Following ASM's decision to discontinue the ABMLI examination, AMLI is continuing to explore other avenues to offer certification in medical laboratory immunology. We will continue to update our membership with progress in these areas.

#### **AMLI Annual Meeting:**

Our Scientific Affairs committee is currently very busy putting together an exciting agenda for the 2018 meeting which will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. We will have details up on the website very soon and I hope to see you all there. It is an excellent forum not only for scientific discussions, but also to meet old friends and make new ones! Please do check the website periodically for updates.

#### **Committees:**

As many of you are aware, the AMLI has a number of active committees (education, membership, finance, website) without whose contributions AMLI would not be where it is today. We will be providing regular updates from these committees. I encourage all of you to engage with these committees and send us your ideas and suggestions.

#### **Changes to Neter Award nominations:**

Following suggestions from a number of our members, beginning this year nominations for the Neter Award will be solicited from the AMLI general membership. Nominations will be open until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Neter Award committee will then choose the awardee from these nominations. Please do submit your nominations; we look forward to your suggestions.

#### **AMLI elections:**

I would like to extend my warm congratulations to our recently elected Vice President, Dr. Qasim Ansari, our Treasurer-Elect, Dr. Melissa Snyder and AMLI Councilor, Dr. Wayne Hogrefe. Thank you all for volunteering your time and service to the AMLI. I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Finally, I would like to thank Evan Ntrivalas, past AMLI President for his commitment and service to the AMLI! And thank you to all of the AMLI members for your continued commitment and support. I greatly value your contributions to AMLI's mission and am honored to work with all of you over the coming years.



Vijaya Knight  
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