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RESPECTED MOLECULAR PATHOLOGIST APPOINTED NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *THE JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS*

October 23, 2014 – The editorial direction of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics (JMD)* is transferring to the stewardship of respected molecular pathologist Barbara A. Zehnauer, Ph.D., FACMG, FACB, on January 1, 2015.

Dr. Zehnauer serves the public at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA, where she is Chief of the Laboratory Research and Evaluation Branch in the Division of Laboratory Programs, Standards, and Services. She also holds an adjunct faculty appointment in Pathology at Emory University. Dr. Zehnauer's editorial experience derives from volunteering as an Associate Editor for *JMD* since 2006, rising to Senior Associate Editor in 2009.

The *JMD* publishes high quality original papers on scientific advances in the translation and validation of molecular discoveries in medicine into the clinical diagnostic setting. First published in 1999, the *Journal* is read by the global molecular pathology community and reviews submissions from over 35 countries. *JMD* also promotes education and discourse by publishing peer-reviewed guidelines and position statements from the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP), which co-owns *JMD*.

Dr. Zehnauer has been an active member of AMP since 1996, serving in several capacities, including Genetics Subdivision Chair (2001-2002), President (2006), Chair of the Nominating Committee (2005 and 2007), Chair of the Program Committee (2010), and Councilor (2009-2010). Regarding her continued support of AMP through her *JMD* editorial appointment, Dr. Zehnauer stated, "It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to expand *JMD* support of the AMP missions and the accessibility to AMP products through innovative content and communication."

Dr. Zehnauer earned her Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Chicago and completed postdoctoral training at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where she continued as faculty in Oncology and Director of the Recombinant DNA Diagnostic Laboratory. From there she moved to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and was promoted to Professor of Pathology and Immunology, directing both the clinical Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory and the Siteman Cancer Center Molecular Core Laboratory.

Dr. Zehnauer's interests lie in strengthening the laboratory workforce through education of laboratory quality services and policy, defining lab practices for certification compliance, and quality improvement

in clinical molecular pathology and genetics. In 2013 she was recognized by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute for Excellence in Standards Development.

JMD, which is published by Elsevier, Inc., is the official journal of AMP and is co-owned by the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP). Mary Steele Williams, MNA, MT(ASCP)SM, CAE, Executive Director for AMP, said, “We are very excited to have Dr. Zehnbaauer named the next Editor-in-Chief of *JMD*. Her strengths as a scientist and leader in the genetics and pathology communities will serve the *Journal* well.” ASIP’s Executive Officer, Mark E. Sobel, M.D., Ph.D., added that, “Dr. Zehnbaauer brings her particular expertise in inherited diseases and quality control and validation, areas that are of prime importance as we confront the challenges of genomics in the diagnostic arena.”

Timothy J. O’Leary, M.D., Ph.D., Washington, DC, current Editor-in-Chief of *JMD*, applauded the selection saying, “Dr. Zehnbaauer is a careful scientist whose sound judgment will undoubtedly lead *JMD* to new heights.”

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ABOUT THE JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics (<http://jmd.amjpathol.org>), the official publication of the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP), co-owned by the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP), seeks to publish high quality original papers on scientific advances in the translation and validation of molecular discoveries in medicine into the clinical diagnostic setting, and the description and application of technological advances in the field of molecular diagnostic medicine. The editors welcome for review articles that contain: novel discoveries or clinicopathologic correlations including studies in oncology, infectious diseases, inherited diseases, predisposition to disease, or the description or polymorphisms linked to disease states or normal variations; the application of diagnostic methodologies in clinical trials; or the development of new or improved molecular methods for diagnosis or monitoring of disease or disease predisposition.

The leading journal for reporting advances in the field of molecular diagnostic medicine, *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* ranks 13th among 76 journals in Pathology, with an Impact Factor of 3.955, according to 2013 *Journal Citation Reports*® Thomson Reuters, 2014.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION FOR MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) was founded in 1995 to provide structure and leadership to the then-emerging field of molecular diagnostics. Through its Board of Directors and Committees, AMP pursues topics of importance to those at the forefront of their growing discipline. From the beginning, AMP has worked to develop mechanisms for training and certification in diagnostic molecular pathology. AMP has assumed national visibility with its efforts to shape regulations and policy that influence research and the practice of molecular diagnostics. The organization is divided into the scientific subdivisions of genetics, infectious diseases, hematopathology, and solid tumors. Each subdivision addresses issues, identifies goals, shapes policy, and provides member benefits specific to that particular discipline. Members can participate in any or all of these subdivisions. (<http://www.amp.org>)

ABOUT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE PATHOLOGY

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) is a society of biomedical scientists who investigate mechanisms of disease. Investigative pathology is an integrative discipline that links the presentation of disease in the whole organism to its fundamental cellular and molecular mechanisms. It uses a variety of structural, functional, and genetic techniques and ultimately applies research findings to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. ASIP advocates for the practice of investigative pathology and fosters the professional career development and education of its members. (<http://www.asip.org>)