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Leadership: AMP's current President is Dr. Mark Lovell and its President-elect is Dr. Barbara Zehnbauer. In 2004, AMP hired Mary Williams as Director of Scientific Programs to help administer the society. AMP is managed by the ASIP.

Membership: AMP's membership exceeded 1,200 in 2004.

Annual Meeting: The 2004 Annual Meeting was held in Los Angeles and had record attendance of 650. In addition, there were over 70 exhibit booths. IN 2005, the meeting will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona from November 10-13.

Awards: The AMP Excellence in Molecular Diagnostics Award was given to Dr. Leroy Hood in 2004. Dr. Mary Clare King will be the recipient in 2005. Previous recipients include Francis Collins, Edwin Southern, Henry Erlich, Bert Vogelstein, Craig Venter, and Sir Alec Jeffreys. AMP also provides Young Investigator Awards and Technologist Awards based on abstract submissions and poster presentations at the annual meeting.

Journals: AMP's official journal is *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*, which is co-published with ASIP. *JMD* increased the number of pages published by 50% in 2004 and will move from quarterly to five issues in 2005.

Professional Relations: AMP's active Professional Relations Committee has been working on reimbursement for molecular tests. AMP has also joined the Genetic Non-discrimination Coalition to support new legislation in Congress.

AMP Test Directory: AMP developed an online searchable directory of molecular tests in 2003 at www.amptestdirectory.org. The Directory is organized into sections for Hematopathology, Solid Tumors, and Infectious Diseases. In 2004, significant enhancements were made to improve the search engine. An online submission system is being programmed in 2005. Only Laboratory Directors who are AMP members can submit tests, however the Directory is available to the public without restriction.

AMP website. In 2004, AMP changed its URL to www.amp.org and the website was significantly re-vamped. Members can access a searchable member directory as well as a Digital Library of presentations and lecture materials.