

# TUMOR MARKERS AND CANCER DIAGNOSTICS DIVISION



## Newsletter Mission |

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Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for TMCD (Tumor Markers Cancer Diagnostics Division). We have summarized a calendar of exciting events taking place at the AACC annual meeting in San Diego

We are delighted that you have joined our division and do hope that you will participate in the division activities and contribute with your ideas and suggestions. We will be seeking contribution from AACC members for interesting subjects that we can cover in the newsletter. This can be technical briefs, short cases, interesting observations and original opinions.

**Message from the Chair** | Lakshmi V. Ramanathan PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to support from AACC membership, the division of tumor markers and cancer diagnostics has been granted provisional status. This year we have close to 130 members who have joined our division. My sincere thanks to AACC and my colleagues on the Executive Committee, Qing Meng from MD Anderson Cancer Center, Zhen Zhou from NIH, Josh Hayden from Weill-Cornell Medicine, Sarah Hackenmueller from the University of Wisconsin and Tina Lockwood from the University of Washington for the time and effort they have devoted to division activities.

Here are the Division Activities to look out for at the 2017 annual meeting:

- **Division Breakfast Meeting** on Monday, July 31 between 7-9 am at the Santa Rosa meeting Room at the Marriott Marquis, San Diego. Meet and Greet.
- **Inaugural Lecture** by Dr. Martin Fleisher, PhD on **“The search for a cancer specific tumor marker; reality or pipe dream?”** Dr. Fleisher will review our progress over the past 40 years in discovering a highly specific test for cancer and according to him, we probably would get a C- and that may be a generous grade. However, on the bright side he feels that we are entering a golden age of early cancer detection. You do not want to miss this fascinating lecture.
- **Best Abstract Awards** to
  - Dr. Lusia Sepiashvili for “Breaking Free from the Ratio: Analytical Performance of an Immuno enrichment-Coupled MALDI-TOF MS Detection Method for Monoclonal Immunoglobulin Free Light Chain.”
  - Dr. Chunni Zhang for “Clinical implications and multiple antitumor effects of miR-651 and miR-708 in renal cell carcinoma.”
- **Poster Walk** on Tuesday, Aug 1 between 12:30-1:30 pm. Join colleagues presenting exciting work in more than 60 abstracts.