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# International Liaison's Message

The 2014 Middle East Conference in Abu Dhabi, December 11-12, was an enormous opportunity for reaching out to the UAE and the Middle East. The conference, facilitated by the ASCP BOC UAE Advisory Board, allowed medical laboratory professionals from across the UAE and the Middle East to meet and share their knowledge and experiences. As such, this conference is in line with the BOC's goal of providing credentialing services to the international community. By making access to certification and networking opportunities easier, the BOC hopes to improve laboratory practices and patient care across the globe.

Shortly after the Abu Dhabi Conference, January 26-29, ASCP BOC hosted a booth in the Medlab section of Arab Health. As of 2015, Arab Health is the largest health care exhibition & medical congress in the Middle East and provides ASCP BOC with access to more than 120,000 attendees.

The ASCP BOC also had a number of successful outreach activities outside of the Middle East. The BOC hosted booths at the 61st Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM) National Congress from November 22-25, and at the 50th Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET) Annual Convention from December 1-3.

In addition to all of the great news coming out of the Middle East and Asia regions, I am proud to announce that as of Dec. 31, 2015 we have 6,868 applicants from 83 countries of education!

Clearly, we have made huge progress over the last 9 years in promoting ASCP<sup>i</sup> across the globe. We hope you will enjoy reading about these efforts in this issue of the International Certification Report.



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# Announcements

**Board of Certification Reaches Milestone**—the ASCP BOC reached a major milestone this summer, certifying Simeitsa Stamoulas, MLS (ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, as its 500,000th medical laboratory professional.

**Starting summer of 2015 the International Certification Report will be available in a new electronic format.**

**ASCP BOC congratulates the three UAE laboratories and an educational institution for attaining some of the highest numbers of ASCP<sup>i</sup> certified laboratory professionals in the Middle East**—Sheikh Khalifa Medical Center, Tawam Hospital, Proficiency Healthcare Diagnostics, and the Sharjah College of Health Sciences, Medical Laboratory Science.

**ASCP BOC Executive Director and Vice President, ASCP, Patricia A. Tanabe, MPA, MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> Promotes ASCP BOC international Certification in China**—November 17-21 Ms. Tanabe addressed medical laboratory professionals and students at ASCP<sup>i</sup> workshops at Guangzhou Medical University, KingMed Diagnostics Shanghai, and Tianjin Medical University.

#### International Examinations Available April 2015

- International Histotechnician, HT(ASCP<sup>i</sup>)
- \*International Technologist in Blood Banking, BB(ASCP<sup>i</sup>)
- \*International Specialist in Blood Banking, SBB(ASCP<sup>i</sup>)
- International Cytotechnologist, CT(ASCP<sup>i</sup>)
- International Specialist in Cytotechnology, SCT(ASCP<sup>i</sup>)
- International Technologist in Cytogenetics, CG(ASCP<sup>i</sup>)

*\*Only offered at Pearson Professional Centers (PPCs), not available at Pearson Selects or other authorized test centers.*

#### Revised Publications Now Available Online

- January 2015 International Procedures for Examination and Certification
  - The newest certification categories are included in this revised booklet.
  - For further details go to: [ascp.org/international](http://ascp.org/international).
- International Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) booklet
  - This booklet, revised December 2014, contains updated information on international maintenance of credentials.
  - For further details go to: [ascp.org/international](http://ascp.org/international).

#### Join the ASCP BOC at the Following Upcoming International Events:



##### 64th JAMT Congress

Fukuoka International Congress Center  
Fukuoka, Japan—May 16-17, 2015  
[congre.co.jp/64jamt](http://congre.co.jp/64jamt)



##### ASCP Annual Meeting

Long Beach, CA, USA—Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2015  
[ascp.org](http://ascp.org)



##### KAMT Congress

Kintex Exhibition Center, GoYang City  
Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea—May 29-31, 2015  
[kamt.or.kr](http://kamt.or.kr)





## ASCP Middle East Conference 2014, Abu Dhabi, UAE

For years, the ASCP has strived to build sustainable laboratory infrastructures in countries worldwide, and it was in this spirit that ASCP hosted its first international conference last December in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The ASCP BOC supports this goal through the certification of a competent international workforce. The December 11-12 meeting was facilitated by the UAE Advisory Board, whose volunteer members help promote ASCP BOC's international certification of laboratory professionals throughout the UAE.

Approximately 300 pathologists and medical laboratory professionals gathered during the conference to meet and share their knowledge and experiences. Jennifer Young, CT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, Director of International Operations, led a session on ASCP<sup>i</sup> International Certification in the UAE and Middle East region.

By making access to certification and networking opportunities easier, BOC hopes to improve laboratory practices and patient care across the globe.

Attendees who filled the conference's sessions on topics such as "Implementing Laboratory Management in International Settings," were able to count the educational credits, approved by the local Health Authority of Abu Dhabi (HAAD), toward fulfillment of CMP requirements.

The meeting also marked the first time the UAE Advisory Board presented ASCP<sup>i</sup> themed awards. Three laboratories and an educational institu-



In December 2014, 300 pathologists and laboratory professionals attended ASCP Middle East 2014.

tion earned awards for having high numbers of ASCP<sup>i</sup> certified laboratory professionals. Awardees include: Sheikh Khalifa Medical Center, Tawam Hospital, Proficiency Healthcare Diagnostics, and the Sharjah College of Health Sciences, Medical Laboratory Science Program.

The next ASCP Middle East Conference is scheduled in Abu Dhabi, UAE, in late 2015.



## Update Seminar at Punjab Institute of Cardiology, Pakistan

The BOC Pakistan Advisory Board organized a seminar on "Future Perspectives for Medical Laboratory Scientists" at the Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC), Lahore on Dec. 6, 2014. More than 300 medical laboratory professionals from across Pakistan attended the seminar. Pakistani speakers delivered presentations on medical laboratory technology. Mr. Usman Waheed, Chair of the Pakistan Advisory Board, then proceeded to highlight the benefits of ASCP BOC international certification for laboratory professionals. Mr. Waheed stated that medical laboratory technology represents an area of healthcare that has undergone a great deal of improvement since its inception over a century ago.

According to Mr. Waheed, laboratory technology has become an engaging profession in Pakistan, and laboratory professionals are striving to excel. "ASCP BOC certification is one important way that these professionals can advance their careers," said Waheed. "They understand that the ASCP<sup>i</sup> credential carries the weight of eighty years of expertise in clinical laboratory professional certification, and they are eager to get certified and help contribute to the highest standards of patient safety."

Mr. Waheed also emphasized that recognition of the medical laboratory profession in Pakistan can only be achieved by setting up spe-

cialized institutions, updating and standardizing the curriculum, and instituting a Pakistan Medical Technology Council (PMTTC). Attaining these objectives will help establish medical laboratory technology as an entity separate from pathology, with its own specialists and career structure.



From left to right: Professor Bilal Zakriyah Khan, Professor Mahfooz-ur-Rahman, and Usman Waheed





## ASCP BOC at the 50th Philippine Association of Medical Technologists Convention



Attendees visiting the ASCP BOC booth at the 50th Philippine Association of Medical Technologists Convention

The 50th Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET) Annual Convention took place Dec. 1-3, 2014, at the Philippine International Convention Center. The ASCP BOC staffed a booth at the event and distributed ASCP<sup>i</sup> promotional materials.

The theme of the event was “A Distinguished Past...the Legacy Continues. Sustaining Excellence in Medical Laboratory Practice.” This year’s meeting featured workshops and scientific sessions on an array of medical laboratory topics and boasted approximately 1,500 registered attendees.

During the Convention ASCP CEO, E. Blair Holladay, PhD, SCT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> and Ms. Young had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Yoshifumi Miyajima, President of Japanese Association of Medical Technologists (JAMT) and Hideo Sakamoto, PhD, Japan Advisory Board Chair.



## ASCP BOC at the 61st Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine National Congress

The Japan Advisory Board promoted BOC international certification at the 61st Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM) National Congress Nov. 22-25, 2014, at the Fukuoka Convention Center. Hideo Sakamoto, PhD, Kobe Tokiwa University and Chair of the Japan Advisory Board represented ASCP BOC.

Approximately 2,000 registered laboratory professionals and clinical pathologists attended the congress. The event featured two plenary lectures, four educational lectures, and 20 symposiums. Additionally there were 431 oral presentations, which included personalized medicine, genetics, chemistry, hematology, microbiology, virology, ultrasound, phlebotomy, POCT, educational systems, blood banking, laboratory information, laboratory automation, and public health.

More than 200 people visited the ASCP BOC booth during the meeting, and, according to Dr. Sakamoto, JSLM’s annual congress represents an excellent opportunity for promoting ASCP<sup>i</sup> to Japanese medical technologists and clinical pathologists.



61st Japanese Society of Laboratory Medicine (JSLM) National Congress at the Fukuoka Convention Center.



## ASCP BOC in Istanbul, Turkey



As part of ASCP December travel; Dr. Holladay and Ms. Young coordinated meetings in Istanbul, Turkey to learn more about laboratory medicine in Eastern Europe. Meetings arranged with Dilek Yılmazbayhan, M.D., President of the Turkish Federation of Pathology; Dr. Firat, member of the educational committee of the Turkish Federation of pathology, and Dr. Tuzlali, secretary of the Turkish IAP Division, highlighted challenges facing the region. Turkey is in the process of designing a new accreditation system and currently recognizes approximately 1,500 laboratories under the Ministry of Health. A subsequent meeting convened Yavuz Uyar, M.D., PhD Cerrahpasa Medical Faculty of Istanbul University and Fatih Bakır, MD, S.B. Ankara Numune Research and Training Hospital who discussed the clinical laboratory education infrastructure. ASCP BOC looks forward to continued work with our new colleagues in Turkey.





## International Credentials Maintenance Program (CMP) Frequently Asked Questions

### Q1: Where can I find what I need to recertify?

A: Details and instructions for completing the International Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) can be found at this link: [ascp.org/cmp](http://ascp.org/cmp) Begin by reviewing all tabs provided on this web page: Introduction / International CMP Booklet / Complete Continuing Education (CEs) / Submit Declaration / Deficiency / Audit Process / Recertification Designation

### Q2: When should I submit my declaration form for recertification?

A: It is recommended that you submit your completed declaration form one (1) month prior to your certification expiration date as listed on your wall certificate and in your certification record.

### Q3: Where can I find the online declaration process or paper declaration form on the ASCP website?

A: Online Declaration Process (Pre login):

- Go to [ascp.org/cmp](http://ascp.org/cmp)
- Click on “Submit Declaration” tab
- Click on online declaration process
- You will be required to login to begin

Online Declaration Process (Post login):

- Go to [ascp.org/login](http://ascp.org/login)
- Click on orange “BOC Activities” Icon
- Click on “View or Submit CMP declaration” next to green CMP Icon

Online Declaration Process (ASCP Membership Program):

- Go to [ascp.org/login](http://ascp.org/login)
- Click on green “education” Icon

Paper Declaration:

- Go to [ascp.org/cmp](http://ascp.org/cmp)
- Click on “Submit Declaration” tab
- Click on CMP Declaration Form (PDF)
- Print, complete form and mail to address provided on form

### Q4: How do I record my online CMP Points? How does my ASCP transcript work?

A: Your ASCP transcript is used to enter and record all CEs you have completed. The declaration form is used to allocate/categorize all required CEs you have completed within your three year CMP cycle for submission and renewal of your certification category. ASCP CEs are automatically entered into your ASCP transcript. Non-ASCP CEs can be self-recorded in your ASCP transcript. All CEs completed within your three year cycle are automatically uploaded from your ASCP transcript to your online CMP declaration form for allocation/categorization. Please follow these steps to review and add CEs to your ASCP transcript:

- Go to [ascp.org/login](http://ascp.org/login)
- Scroll down and click on the green “Education” ICON

- Click on “Transcripts” tab located in the upper right side of the screen
- To self-record additional CEs, click on “Add non-ASCP credit” under “Available Options” on the left hand side of screen

### Q5: Do I need to submit supporting documentation of my continuing education when I apply for recertification?

A: No. Please do not email/mail certificates or transcripts of completed CEs unless you have been notified that your declaration form has been selected for audit. You will be provided with contact information for submitting documents.

### Q6: Do you have a list of acceptable providers for continuing education credits?

A: No. The BOC does not pre-approve CE providers. If your continuing education credits meet the recertification requirements for your category (see pages 3-4 of the CMP International Booklet at this link: [ascp.org/cmp](http://ascp.org/cmp)) and you can provide documentation if audited, they are acceptable.

### Q7: How long will it take before my certification is updated?

A: Estimated processing time for all declaration submissions whether online or paper is 30 business days.

### Q8: Can the processing of my recertification application be rushed?

A: No. The processing and evaluation of a CMP declaration cannot be expedited. Please submit your requirements at least one (1) month prior to your certification expiration date to allow sufficient time for processing.

### Q9: Where can my employer get proof that I'm recertified?

A: Your employer may request a verification of your certification online at this link: [ascp.org/verification](http://ascp.org/verification)

### Q10: How can I view my certification information online?

A: You can view your certification online post login by following these steps:

- Go to [ascp.org/login](http://ascp.org/login)
- Scroll down and click on: “BOC Activities” ICON
- Click on “View Certifications” link

### Q11: I submitted my declaration form two (or more) months prior to my certification expiration date and my certification hasn't been updated, why?

A: Certification records are updated beginning on the first day of the month in which they expire, regardless of when you submitted your completed declaration form.

### Q12: My ASCP<sup>®</sup> certification has lapsed; do I need to sit for the exam again?

A: If your (ASCP)<sup>®</sup> certification has lapsed for less than ten (10) years, you will be required to complete the CMP and pay a reinstatement fee along with the CMP application fee. If your certification has lapsed ten (10) or more years, you will be required to retake and pass the certification examination for reinstatement of your certification.

## ASCP BOC MT(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) Credential Change

Effective January 1, 2015 the International Medical Technologist, MT(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) credential officially transitioned into the International Medical Laboratory Scientist, MLS(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) credential. The ASCP BOC is transitioning the MT(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) credential to MLS(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) in order to more closely align it with its U.S. counterpart. The MLS(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) credential indicates participation in the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP).

Individuals certified in this category before January 1, 2012 are not required to participate in the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP). Their credential will remain MT(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) unless they choose to participate in the CMP on a voluntary basis.

Individuals certified in this category after January 1, 2012 are required to participate in the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) to maintain their MLS(ASCP<sup>®</sup>) certification.



**Examinations Available Now:**

International Medical Laboratory Scientist, MLS(ASCP)  
 International Medical Laboratory Technician, MLT(ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Molecular Biology, MB(ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Gynecologic Cytology, CTgyn(ASCP)  
 International Phlebotomy Technician, PBT (ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Chemistry, C(ASCP)  
 International Specialist in Chemistry, SC(ASCP)  
 International Histotechnologist, HTL(ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Microbiology, M(ASCP)  
 International Specialist in Microbiology, SM(ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Hematology, H(ASCP)  
 International Specialist in Hematology, SH(ASCP)

**Qualifications Available Now:**

International Qualification in Laboratory Operations, QLO  
 Qualification in Cytometry, QCYM

**Coming Soon:**

International Histotechnician, HT(ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Blood Banking, BB(ASCP)  
 International Specialist in Blood Banking, SBB(ASCP)  
 International Cytotechnologist, CT(ASCP)  
 International Specialist in Cytotechnology, SCT(ASCP)  
 International Technologist in Cytogenetics, CG(ASCP)

**Congratulations to our newest ASCP<sup>i</sup> International Certificants!**

Certified November 8, 2014, through March 17, 2015

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