

## February 2012 E-News

Don't miss AGT's  
37th Annual Meeting!

June 7-9, 2012  
Loews Atlanta Hotel  
Atlanta, GA



Registration and hotel  
reservation information  
available in early March.

Hotel reservations are at a  
special room rate of \$129  
plus tax per night!

## AGT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you haven't renewed your AGT membership yet for 2012 please do so by the end of February. Please renew your membership and support YOUR organization! If you haven't received a renewal notice, please contact AGT via email at [agt-info@goamp.com](mailto:agt-info@goamp.com).

## AGT Launches Online Continuing Education!

Members can now earn contact hours ONLINE through AGT! With the generous sponsorship of Applied Spectral Imaging (ASI), AGT has launched the first of three presentations from the 2011 Annual Meeting.

If you didn't have a chance to attend this meeting, or you missed the presentations, you can now view the presentation and hear the audio recording online. In addition, by answering the four post-test questions, you will earn *free* contact hours! Most importantly, you will be able to benefit from this unique and rewarding opportunity to learn from three genetic professionals who have been involved with some of the hottest topics in genetics today.

The first presentation is the AGT annual meeting's keynote address, "My Professional Journey", given by Janet Rowley, MD, FACMG. Dr. Rowley changed the face of cytogenetics in 1972 with her discovery of the t(8;21) rearrangement in acute myelogenous leukemia (AML) patients, followed with the discovery that the Philadelphia chromosome was in fact a t(9;22) rearrangement. Learning about her past and current interests and her suggestions for future research are priceless. Don't miss this webcast!

To access this and future presentations, visit the [AGT website](http://www.agt-info.org) and go to the Members Only section. Once you are logged in, visit the Online Education page.

The two additional presentations to be released in the near future are:

March—**A New FISH Test for Barrett's Esophagus: Can We Start to Predict Progression to Esophageal Cancer?**  
*Robert Gasparini, MS, CG(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, DLM<sup>CM</sup>*

April—**A Focus on Prenatal Testing: From Chromosomes to Arrays & Everything in Between**  
*Lisa G. Shaffer, PhD, FACMG*

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Deadlines are fast approaching for abstracts and the Student Research Award.

**Call for Abstracts** (deadline—Friday, February 10): The 37th Annual Meeting Program Committee invites all interested persons to submit abstracts for the AGT Annual Meeting, June 7-9, 2012, in Atlanta, Georgia. Abstracts will be printed in the Final Program & Abstract Book and in the 2012 Third Quarter issue of the *Journal of the Association of Genetic Technologists* if they are presented at the meeting. More information is provided on [AGT's web site](http://www.agt-info.org). Submit your abstract [online](http://www.agt-info.org).

**Student Research Award** (deadline—Monday, March 5): Student members enrolled in an accredited Cytogenetics or Diagnostic Molecular Science program are invited to submit abstracts for the 2012 Student Research Award. This award will be presented to the recipient at the 2012 Annual Meeting. More information is provided on [AGT's web site](http://www.agt-info.org). Submit your abstract [online](http://www.agt-info.org).

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## What's Happening in Governmental Affairs?

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### **Legislative Symposium March 2012**

Mark your calendar! The 2012 Legislative Symposium sponsored jointly by ASCLS, CLMA, ASCP and AMT will be held on March 19 and 20 at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, Virginia. This is a wonderful opportunity to, not only advocate for your profession, but to also earn continuing education credits. For more information contact [Kathy Sudduth](#) or visit the [ASCLS website](#).

### **GENETICS & GENETIC TESTING IS AN ECONOMIC SUCCESS STORY**

Batelle Memorial Institute just completed a study on the impact of the genetics and genomics testing sector. This report was sponsored by the American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) and its educational arm, Results for Life. [The report](#) describes the economic impact of this sector, which created 116,000 jobs in the U.S. and was responsible for \$16.5 billion in national economic output. The report also provides a comprehensive overview of the many ways that genetic and genomic testing is responsible for a revolutionary transformation of health care.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that AGT can provide continuing education credits for YOUR next educational offering? AGT is an accrediting agency in the states of Florida and California. If you provide continuing education, consider utilizing AGT to provide the credits. If you would like a Program Approval Application, contact AGT at [agt-info@goamp.com](mailto:agt-info@goamp.com).

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