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ABB and AMLI Collaborate to Further Advance the Practice of Medical Laboratory Immunology

St. Louis, MO – The American Board of Bioanalysis (ABB) and the Association of Medical Laboratory Immunologists (AMLI) are announcing a collaboration to further advance the practice of medical laboratory immunology.

ABB offers board certification examinations for individuals wishing to pursue a career directing high complexity clinical laboratory testing. As part of the collaboration, AMLI will offer its expertise in medical laboratory immunology and work jointly with ABB to update and revise ABB's immunology examination for certification of high complexity clinical laboratory directors (HCLDs).

ABB will accept two years of the American Society for Microbiology's (ASM's) Committee on Postgraduate Educational Programs (CPEP) training to count toward ABB's four-year experience requirement for eligibility to sit for the HCLD certification examination. ABB will also waive the requirement to sit for the immunology component of the HCLD certification examination for current diplomates of the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology (ABMLI).

"We are very pleased to be able to work with the Association of Medical Laboratory Immunologists. The expertise and knowledge of their members will be invaluable to ABB and its immunology certification and examination program," says ABB Chairman Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., HCLD(ABB).

"The AMLI is excited to partner with ABB and support trainees in medical laboratory immunology who are interested in pursuing a career in laboratory medicine. We greatly appreciate the ABB's expertise and experience in the certification process of clinical laboratory directors and will look forward to a fruitful partnership," says AMLI President Vijaya Knight, MD, Ph.D., (D)ABMLI.

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The American Board of Bioanalysis (ABB) evaluates, through the certification process, individuals who wish to enter, continue or advance in the clinical laboratory profession. Since 1968, ABB has been recognized as a certifying board for clinical laboratory directors and clinical consultants under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA). ABB's certification is also recognized by most regulatory programs. ABB identifies, on a non-discriminatory basis, individuals who meet ABB's requirements for clinical laboratory directors, consultants and supervisors. ABB certification is based on an individual's education, experience and knowledge of the laboratory field in which certification is granted.

The Association of Medical Laboratory Immunologists (AMLI) was organized in 1987 to unite professionals engaged in the practice and study of medical laboratory immunology. The organization's mission is to improve the practice of clinical immunology laboratory testing by encouraging education and training of all individuals in the organization, maximizing the quality of test procedures, promoting the exchange of information, supporting clinical research efforts, and improving patient care. The AMLI continues to exercise its pivotal role in education, exchange of scientific knowledge and participation in quality control for laboratory testing. It achieves these objectives through its annual meeting, website, journal and evaluation of current and emerging methodologies.