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From the Board of Directors

The AABRM Board of Directors has recently added several new members who bring an extraordinary level of knowledge and experience to the Board:

***Carlos Cordon-Cardo, M.D., Ph.D., DABRM, FAARM** is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology at Mt. Sinai Health System. He is an internationally acclaimed expert in Cell and Molecular pathology with a subspecialty interest in Cancer Stem Cells.*

***Adolfo Firpo-Betancourt, M.D., MPA, DABRM, FAARM** is Professor of Pathology at Mt. Sinai Health Systems with a subspecialty interest in Anatomic Pathology.*

***Diego Correa, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D., DABRM, FAARM** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Miami and Adjunct Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University. His specialty interest is in Musculoskeletal Regenerative Medicine.*

***Vasilis Paspaliaris, M.D., Ph.D., DABRM, FAARM** from Melbourne Australia has been added as the President of the AABRM Asean Chapter.*

AABRM Courses

*The next **North American Board Certification Review Course and Written Examination** is in the planning stages for fall, 2017.*

*The **AABRM South America Chapter** will hold its second annual Board Certification course in Campinas, Brazil on May 3-5, 2017. The course is organized in conjunction with the ORTHOREGEN course series by the Instituto de Osso Cartilagem (IOC).*

*The **AABRM Europe Chapter** will hold its first annual Regenerative Medicine Review Course in Alexandroupolis, Greece in September, 2017.*

***The AABRM Asia Chapter** had its first annual Regenerative Medicine Review Course and Symposium on December 17-18, 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*

Regulatory Update

Several new bills were recently introduced to congress, which could have a significant impact on the industry and practice of Regenerative Medicine:

*On December 13, 2017, then President Obama signed the **21st Century Cures Act** into law. While this Act has far reaching general healthcare implications and provides for significant NIH funding to drive broad health care initiatives, there are several provisions which apply to Regenerative Medicine:*

***Section 3033** allows FDA to grant accelerated approval for Regenerative Medicine products*
***Section 3034** establishes that devices used with Regenerative Medicine products will be considered moderate risk devices unless other classification is required.*
***Section 3035** requires FDA to update guidance and regulations on Regenerative Medicine therapeutic products and hold public meeting to encourage innovation.*
Section 3036 requires FDA do establish standards to support the development, evaluation and review of Regenerative Medicine and advanced therapies products.

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The JAARM Journal

*The inaugural issue of **the Journal of the American Academy of Regenerative Medicine** will be launched in April, 2017. The initial editorial board has been formed under the guidance of Dr. David Harrell. Additional editorial board members are being sought.*

AABRM Science Committees

*AABRM has established the following **Science Committees**:*

Cardiothoracic RM
Musculoskeletal RM
Cosmetic/Plastic RM
Tissue Engineering RM
Immunology RM
Anti-Aging RM

Each committee is represented by experts in the field serving multiple missions: establishing of science platform for each specialty; evaluation of research proposals; formation of educational materials.

AABRM MSK Mini-Fellowship

*AABRM has implemented a 2-week **Regenerative Medicine Musculoskeletal Mini-Fellowship program** designed for practicing physicians with a strong musculoskeletal background. The fellowship is focused on cell based therapy for common orthopedic pathologies. A separate oral and written examination is mandated for successful graduation.*

Academic Education

*One of AABRM core missions is the formation of **formal academic training programs** in Regenerative Medicine. The AABRM Education Committee will be tasked to work with academic programs to implement an initial curriculum in Regenerative Medicine at select institutions. AABRM is currently conducting a Regenerative Medicine course series at Cleveland Clinic.*

AABRM International

*AABRM has established formal chapters in **South America**, **Europe** and **Asia.** Each chapter is tasked with the development of local standards in Regenerative Medicine, training and certification.*

The AABRM South America Chapter is conducting its second annual Board Certification course in Campinas, Brazil May 4-6, 2017 as part of the Orthoregen *academic lecture series.*

Upcoming Events

May 4-6, 2017**: AABRM – South America: Regenerative Medicine Review Course and Written Examination, **Campinas Brazil.

September, 2017**: AABRM – Europe: Regenerative Medicine Review Course and Written Examination, **Alexandropoulis, Greece.