



TIMOTHY O'LEARY NAMED NEXT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF *THE JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS*

Leading molecular diagnostics researcher Timothy J. O'Leary, MD, PhD has been appointed incoming Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics (JMD)*.

Dr. O'Leary currently serves as Acting Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer for the Veterans Health Administration in Washington, DC. He is also the Director of the Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development Service and the Clinical Science Research and Development Service for the Veterans Health Administration. Dr. O'Leary's research interests are on the cutting-edge of molecular diagnostics testing, including mechanisms of formalin fixation, genetic and proteomic analysis of fixed tissues, and ultrasensitive detection of biological toxins. He has published more than 130 scientific papers and numerous book chapters, well-positioning him to lead the *JMD* into the future.

In its eleventh year of publication, the *JMD* is the top-ranked journal in the field of molecular diagnostic pathology. The scope of the *JMD*, encompassing both scientific and technical advances as well as practical topics related to the clinical laboratory, provides an essential resource for molecular diagnosticians. Dr. O'Leary believes the *JMD* is "the preeminent medium for the publication of authoritative papers that enhance the understanding and practice of molecular genetics and molecular genetic pathology." Through his leadership, "the *JMD* will continue to be the medium through which new insights and technologies are presented to the medical community, enhancing both medical care and the lives of our patients."

The *JMD* is published by and is the official journal of the Association for Molecular Pathology, co-published by the American Society for Investigative Pathology. Dr. Stanley Cohen, President of the American Society for Investigative Pathology, notes that "Dr. O'Leary's areas of expertise encompass the full spectrum of clinical, translation, and fundamental research in molecular biology, which ensures that, under his leadership, the *Journal* will continue and expand its coverage of both scientific and technological advances in the service of medicine."

Dr. O'Leary plays an active role in the molecular diagnostics community, including serving the Association for Molecular Pathology as Chair of the Program Committee and as President-Elect. Dr. Jan A. Nowak, current president of the Association for Molecular Pathology, strongly recommends Dr. O'Leary, stating "Tim O'Leary is an excellent choice for Editor-in-Chief of the *JMD*. He brings an unparalleled breadth of experience in medicine and molecular pathology to the position. We look forward to the continued growth of the *Journal* both in circulation and prominence under his leadership."

Dr. O'Leary earned his doctorate in physical chemistry from Stanford University and a medical degree from the University of Michigan. He holds certification in Anatomic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology and in Molecular Genetic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology and the American Board of Medical Genetics. During his 15-year tenure at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, he expanded the use of molecular genetics and tissue magnetic resonance microscopy, providing a strong advocacy for molecular diagnostics.

Dr. O'Leary's official term as Editor-in-Chief of the *JMD* begins January 1, 2010.

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The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics, (<http://jmd.amjpathol.org>) the official publication of the Association for Molecular Pathology, co-published by the American Society for Investigative Pathology, seeks to publish high quality original papers on scientific advances in the translation and validation of molecular discoveries in medicine into the clinical diagnostic setting, and the description and application of technological advances in the field of molecular diagnostic medicine. The editors welcome for review articles that contain: novel discoveries or clinicopathologic correlations including studies in oncology, infectious diseases, inherited diseases, predisposition to disease, or the description or polymorphisms linked to disease states or normal variations; the application of diagnostic methodologies in clinical trials; or the development of new or improved molecular methods for diagnosis or monitoring of disease or disease predisposition.

The Association for Molecular Pathology is a not-for-profit scientific society dedicated to the advancement, practice, and science of clinical molecular laboratory medicine and translational research based on the applications of genomics and proteomics. AMP is committed to the advancement of clinical molecular diagnostic and prognostic medicine through education and training of practitioners, physicians, laboratory and industrial scientists, and health care professionals involved in patient care and management. AMP supports the development of new technologies in molecular biology to be used in laboratory medicine, including diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis of genetic disorders, cancer, infectious diseases, identity and histocompatibility. AMP members and supporters participate in basic and translational research aimed at broadening the understanding of gene/protein structure and function, disease processes, and molecular diagnostics. AMP aims to inform and educate its members of advances in, and applications of, DNA-, RNA-, and protein-based diagnostics through its annual society meetings, publications (*The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* and the AMP newsletter), website (<http://www.amp.org>), listserv (CHAMP), and other venues.

The **American Society for Investigative Pathology** (ASIP) (<http://www.asip.org>) is an educational professional not-for-profit society dedicated to the discovery, advancement, and dissemination of basic and translational knowledge in experimental pathology and related disciplines. This is achieved by fostering investigation into the pathogenesis, classification, diagnosis, and manifestations of disease through meetings, publications, and educational activities. Investigative pathology is an integrative discipline that links the presentation of disease in the whole organism to its fundamental cellular and molecular mechanisms, using a variety of structural, functional, and genetic techniques and ultimately applies research findings to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.