Welcome to the Biological Stain Commission

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Harold J Conn, 1886-1975

The Agenda in 1921

Suggested Points which may be discussed at Biological Dye Conference, Chemist Club, November fifth, 1921

1. Educational. To show the public the importance of having an American source of biological stains upon which we can depend in another emergency; and to convince the users of stains that American-made products may be as good or better than the foreign.

2. Securing cooperation among the users of stains in general in carrying on the necessary investigational work.

3. Testing the supplies of stains at present available, both chemically and practically (i.e. by the actual technic in which they are ordinarily used).

4. Stimulating the domestic production of those few stains which are important biologically but are not yet produced in this country.

5. Providing some means to be sure of the uniformity of whatever line of stains we decide to approve.

6. In case we are unable to secure a reliable line of uniform and high quality domestic stains, to take steps looking toward the storing in some central place of a sufficient quantity of the most important stains to supply the needs of biologists during another war.

7. Discussion of means financially and otherwise in carrying out definite program.

BSC Mission, 100 Years Later

a. to ensure the quality of dyes and other biological staining reagents through independent testing according to rigorous chemical and performance criteria.

b . to promote cooperation and dialogue among manufacturers, vendors and users of dyes and other biological staining reagents.

c. to educate users of biological stains about sources of reliable dyes and how they might best be used.

d. to publish information concerning new or improved uses of reagents for staining, visualization or detection in biomedical/biological applications.

Fulfilling the Mission

- *The Assay Lab*
  - *Brian Finkelman, Director*
  - *Chad Fagan, Laboratory Manager*

- *Biotechnic and Histochemistry (Previously Stain Technology)*
  - *Brad Turner, Editor-in-Chief*
  - *Richard Horobin, Associate Editor*

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  - https://biologicalstaincommission.org

Today's Program

- This Morning
  - Chad Fagan – *A Century of Certainty: Navigating the Complexities of BSC Stain Certification for Histology*
  - Carol Bain - *Special Stains for the ASCP Exam: What They Show and Why They Matter*
  - Brian Finkelman and Brad Turner - *A Stain in the Life – Real World Examples*
- This Afternoon
  - Sheila Criswell et al. - *Wet Lab Introduction to Special Stains*