Expand Your Network at the International Congress in Orlando

Expanding your network of professional colleagues has never been easier. This spring, clinical pharmacists from around the globe will come together for the ACCP/ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy, ACCP’s Update in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course, and PPAG’s International Pediatric Pharmacy and Pharmacology Symposium. Be a part of this special event April 24–28 in sunny Orlando, Florida.

In addition to educational programming, participating in the Congress offers opportunities for casual networking with fellow pharmacists—an opportunity that comes along only once every 5 years! This year’s Congress kicks off with an Opening Reception on Saturday night poolside at the luxurious, resort-style, Rosen Centre Hotel, the headquarter hotel for the meeting. Spend an evening under the stars mingling with old friends and enjoying hors d’oeuvres and refreshments.

Those interested in pediatric pharmacy will want to join PPAG’s networking reception with roundtable discussions on Friday night. Roundtable topics include the following: sedation in critical care, standardized dosing, parenteral nutrition, pediatric dosing for obesity/PKs, pediatric liver disease, palliative care, herals/complementary and alternative medicine, global issues in anticoagulation, adherence/compliance/concordance, and pandemic/emergency planning. Faculty from around the world will lead these roundtable discussions. All meeting registrants are welcome to attend.

ACCP’s PRNs will host business meetings and networking forums beginning Monday evening. You do not have to be a member of a PRN to attend these forums. Many of these reception-style forums offer informal roundtable discussions or poster presentations, in addition to time for socializing. Monday evening’s PRNs include the following: Adult Medicine, Ambulatory Care, Education and Training, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases, Pediatrics, and Pharmaceutical Industry. Tuesday evening, join the following PRNs: Cardiology, Central Nervous System, Clinical Administration, Critical Care, Drug Information, Nephrology, and Women’s Health.

Wrap up your meeting experience with newfound friends at the Closing Reception Monday evening. Enjoy refreshments and converse with colleagues at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Meeting sessions wrap up the next day, on Tuesday afternoon. For more information on the Congress, the Rosen Centre Hotel, and exploring Orlando, visit the Web site at www.accp.com/congress.

Chester Appointed to Pharmacotherapy Specialty Council

Hansen Will Serve as Vice Chair During Second Term

Elizabeth Ann Chester, Pharm.D., MPH, BCPS, has been appointed by ACCP to a 3-year term on the Pharmacotherapy Specialty Council of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS), and Laura B. Hansen, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, has been appointed to a second 3-year term and elected as Vice Chair of the Council.

The nine-member specialty council is responsible for developing and administering the pharmacotherapy certification examination given annually by BPS. Six board-certified specialist members of the council are appointed by ACCP as the recognized sponsor of Pharmacotherapy. Other council members include specialists Julie Wright (Chair), Karen Gunning, Curtis Haas, and Eric MacLaughlin. Nonspecialist members of the council are Mary Burkhardt, Joy Meier, and Scott Stolte.

For information about certification examinations in pharmacotherapy, nutrition support, oncology, psychiatry, and nuclear pharmacy, contact BPS at (202) 429-7591 or access the BPS Web site at www.bpsweb.org.
Launching the ACCP PBRN

By Grace Kuo, Pharm.D., MPH
PBRN Director

We are excited about the official launch of ACCP's Practice-Based Research Network (ACCP PBRN). Interested members are now (or have begun) registering online at www.accpri.org/pbrn.

The ACCP PBRN is a network of clinical pharmacists and their practices working together to improve the health of their patients by addressing questions commonly encountered and translating research findings into practice. Clinical pharmacists play an important role in our health care system today. We help improve medication therapy management and decrease adverse drug reactions for our patients. Yet we have not systematically studied the services we offer on a national scale. Through the ACCP PBRN, pharmacists and their practice sites will have the opportunity to join forces and participate in practice-based studies on a national scale.

Our first network project is a descriptive analysis of the ACCP PBRN registry. The registry will give us information about network members, where we practice, and whom we serve. Furthermore, it will give us a focus for potential research areas of interest.

If you want to learn more about the ACCP PBRN, please visit www.accpri.org/pbrn. We would also like to meet with you at our upcoming ACCP/ESCP International Congress. We welcome your suggestions and comments at pbrn@accp.com.

If you would like to know about national PBRN initiatives and examples of projects conducted by other PBRNs, we encourage you to attend the 5th Annual PBRN Research Conference sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). It will be held June 24–26, 2009, in Bethesda, Maryland. More information can be accessed at http://pbrn.ahrq.gov.

ACCP’s Practice-Based Research Network

Registration Now Open

If you are an ACCP member involved in direct patient care or have access to patients for research purposes, we welcome you to join the online Registry and enter your practice information today. The Registry is free to all ACCP members. You can also register as an existing PBRN, if applicable.

Ultimately, those who comprise the Registry will determine which research questions the ACCP PBRN will address; consequently, registration is vital to all interested ACCP members. The ACCP PBRN projects will vary from practice surveys and quasi-experimental designs to randomized, controlled interventional trials that will facilitate collaborative research promoting the safe, efficacious, and cost-effective use and delivery of medications and clinical pharmacy services.

To learn more about the ACCP PBRN, go to www.accpri.org/pbrn. Take advantage of this new opportunity to join your colleagues as we shape the future of clinical pharmacy research and practice. Begin your registration today.

President’s Column

John E. Murphy, Pharm.D., FCCP

Thirty Years of Policies and Positions Designed to Enhance Patient Care and Research

ACCP turned 30 years old this year and, in what would be the beginnings of middle age for us humans, ACCP continues to push the pharmacy envelope with insightful, thought-provoking, and occasionally contentious policies and positions. It is my belief that we members of ACCP have generally been comfortable in stretching the limits of practice to better establish the value of clinical pharmacy, the ultimate purpose of which is to demonstrate the ability of clinical pharmacists to optimize patient care through practice and research. Many of our activities are conducted as a single organization, whereas other activities have been best accomplished in partnership with other pharmacy organizations. Over the years, we have increased our stature with the other organizations through our effective participation in a variety of partnerships such as the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP), the Leadership for Medication Management (LMM) coalition, and the Commission for Credentialing in Pharmacy (CCP). Members will have seen reports about our activities in these organizations in various newsletters and other communications from ACCP. I would like everyone to know that these partnerships, as well as our individual efforts, are changing pharmacy for the better, even if the progress is not as fast as we might like. We have an amazing group of senior staff at ACCP who participate in these partnerships together with your elected leaders. This leadership team does an excellent job of promoting our policies and positions while working with others to create change.
The policies and positions of ACCP emanate from a variety of sources, the most important of which is our strategic plan. The strategic planning process involves hundreds of members in developing the future directions of the College. The strategic plan is then acted on by the Board of Regents, the staff, and the many committees and task forces of members who provide input into policies and positions. Because ACCP has been comfortable breaking down boundaries, some of our actions have been controversial. To illustrate this point, I will use three recent examples. First, our position on the need for residency training for pharmacy graduates has been debated in the houses of delegates or boards of at least four major pharmacy organizations. Some have agreed with us, whereas others have either deferred or opposed this recommendation. Regardless of the outcome, the issue of residency training is now higher on the agenda of all these organizations, based on the debates. We started the snowball rolling down the hill with this challenge, so now it is up to us to help make it an avalanche. My second example involves the recommended education for pharmacists as competitive clinical scientists. Although this is a recently released paper, there have already been editorials and considerable discussion about it among members, many of whom oppose the paper’s recommendations. My third example is the white paper establishing ACCP’s vision that future clinical pharmacists should be board-certified specialists. This document underpins many of our activities related to creating new structures for certification and for our support of the Ambulatory Care specialty petition to the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties.

It was my good fortune to have been a member of the committees that worked on each of these positions, all of which grew out of ACCP’s strategic plan. Because of that intimacy, I probably paid more attention to the acceptance and controversy caused by them. I am pleased with the progress that has occurred regarding residencies, but I do recall that one member of our committee resigned early on because he did not agree with the premise. Discussion will likely continue regarding the optimum pathways for developing competitive clinical scientists, and a great deal of work remains for enhancing the specialization processes to make specialty certification possible for most clinical pharmacy practitioners. However, lofty goals require bold statements and are often met with controversy. I hope ACCP will continue to use this approach to help break down boundaries in the profession.

Having said this, I believe it is time to test the waters regarding the governance of ACCP. We are now 10,000 members strong, and the last time we polled members about representation and governance was around 10 years ago when there were about 5000 members. Next month, we will send out a brief questionnaire about ACCP governance and the ability of members to participate in determining the College’s direction. If you are like me, you will dread yet another survey, but I would appreciate your taking a small amount of time out of your day to provide feedback. It is important to hear from everyone, whether you feel positive, negative, or indifferent about our current structure. Please make suggestions for improvement when necessary and provide kudos when appropriate. Like the Constitution, ACCP’s structure has worked well for a long time, but there may be room for enhancements.

Although I first became a pharmacist in 1976, my true introduction to clinical practice began 30 years ago in 1979 when I graduated with my Pharm.D. degree and began developing clinical services and teaching. Much has changed in these 30 years, and I continue to be excited by the many advances made by clinical pharmacists in this country and around the world. Speaking of the latter, we have a great international conference coming up (the International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy, http://www.accp.com/congress) where the opportunity to learn from international colleagues will present itself in educational sessions, platform and poster presentations, and hallway conversation. I urge you to take advantage of this occasion.

As I approach the time when medications will likely become a part of my own daily existence, I am comforted in knowing there are exceptional clinical pharmacists ready to care for me. ACCP has done much in the past 30 years to help make this a possibility, and I am proud to be part of this dynamic organization. I hope you feel the same way.

References:

Apply for Membership on FDA Advisory Committees

Numerous Vacancies Exist

As part of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) ongoing efforts to recruit qualified experts with minimal conflicts of interest who are interested in serving on FDA advisory committees, the FDA is requesting nominations for members to serve on its advisory committees.

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons for one or more of the advisory committees or advisory panels. Self-nominations are also accepted. The FDA has a special interest in ensuring the adequate representation of women, minority groups, and individuals with disabilities on its advisory committees and therefore encourages nominations of qualified candidates from these groups.
Potential candidates will be required to provide detailed information on matters such as financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Individuals nominated as scientific members must be technically qualified experts in their field (e.g., clinical medicine, engineering, biological and physical sciences, biostatistics, food sciences) and have experience interpreting complex data. Candidates must be able to analyze detailed scientific data and understand its public health significance.

To investigate whether serving on an FDA Advisory Panel is right for you, call (301) 827-1220 or visit the FDA Web site at www.fda.gov/oc/advisory/.

The FIT Program is an annual, intensive, 1-week, hands-on program for up to 25 experienced pharmacist investigators who have not yet been awarded significant peer-reviewed extramural funding as a principal investigator. The 2009 FIT Program will be held July 11–16, 2009, at the University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. Through this mentored program, you will take necessary steps toward preparing a K, R01, or similar investigator-initiated application for submission to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other major funding source. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2009. Applications may be downloaded at http://www.accpri.org/fit/2009brochure.aspx

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy is always seeking to develop new publications and products in conjunction with ACCP members. If you have an idea for a book, teaching aid, monograph, or other informational product that you believe should reach a market that includes clinical pharmacists, faculty, students, and/or allied health care practitioners, we would like to talk with you about working with ACCP to publish and market your ideas.

Here is your opportunity to develop a resource to advance knowledge and, at the same time, enhance your professional development. Publishing with ACCP can help establish your professional reputation while giving you the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the clinical pharmacy field.

To discuss your publication/product ideas and explore opportunities with ACCP, please contact Janel Mosley, Publications Project Manager, at jmosley@accp.com, or visit http://www.accp.com/docs/bookstore/proposal.pdf to complete an ACCP Publishing Proposal.
Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. ...Elizabeth Michaels, Pharm.D., CPP, BCPS (University of North Carolina Mission Health Hospitals), Frank Pucino, Pharm.D., BCPS (University of Maryland Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health), Charles Sands, Pharm.D. (Samford University Perry County Health Department and Health Care System), and Angela Treadway, Pharm.D., BCPS (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Veterans Administration) have been awarded 2008 AACP Crystal APPLE Awards for achieving excellence in providing exemplary experiential education for students. ...P. David Rogers, Pharm.D., Ph.D., FCCP, has been named Associate Dean for Translational Research at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. ...Gordon Sacks, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCNSP, was recently appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. ...Robert E. Smith, Pharm.D., has been appointed Assistant to the Dean for Professional Affairs at Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. ...Paula Thompson, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS, was recently named Interim Chair at Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy. ...Christy Weiland, Pharm.D., was recently appointed as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy. ...Gary Yee, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCOP, has been named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy.

New Members

Sara Al-Dahir  Michael Dotter
Randa AlMahdi  Julie Eckert
Jina Almond  Christopher Edwards
Joseph Aloi  Larry Ellis
Eve Anderson  Erin Fabian
Neli Attas  Kennedy Fan
Shannon Bagnet-Finley  Randi Fischer
Alisia Baker  Jennifer Flesner
Alissa Beal  Emily Fletcher
Christina Bennett  Sarah Fogg
Megan Bergstrom  Adam Furr
Golden Berrett  Rebecca Garton
Allison Billock  Brody Gillean
Lauren Bodhaine  Emilie Goldsberry
Scott Bottolfsen  Kelly Grober
Robert Boyle  Jennifer Guzman
Michael Brady  Hien Ha
Jennifer Burney  Stephen Hall
Troy Butler  Mark Hamm
Laura Cain  Cheryl Hanslovan
Adrienne Carey  Myra Hawkins
April Casselman  Rick Hess
Crystal Cha  Nan Hong
Diane Cheoun  Diana Hubulashvili
Kathy Choi  David Huynh
Jonah Christian  Candance Jefferson
Amy Clark  Matthew Kalisieski
Marcia Coker  Meghan Kamrada
Mike Coker  Ilsim Kim
David Crosby  Wha Kimball
Jim Cunningham  Holly Knight
Colleen Czerniak  Nichole Kulinski
Janjri Desai  Kirsten La

Nicole Ladd  Chris Lai Hipp
Jessica Li  Stacy Livingston
Karlene Ma  Hani Makar
Heather Mandeville  Julia Marie
Ryan Mayoralgo  Lindsey Marshall
David McAnally  Lakeyra McCoy
Charles Medico  Edma Medina
John Millard  Jeffrey Moghina
Maricelle Monteagudo-Chu  Elizabeth Montfort
Shaun Moore  Yeruk Mulugeta
Melissa Neighbors  Nolan Ngo
Nhung Nguyen  Sung Hyun Oh
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Michael Pondrom  Ann Ruffel
Danielle Reinke  Gaya Salyer
Megan Resch  Jennifer Sample
Cathi Rhynard  Shawn Scarlett
Karienne Seng Yue  Bebbyn Schafer
Sarah Rodriguez  Jennifer Slade
Andrew Rudd  Vanessa Smith
Angela Rudd  Leslie Stach
Ann Ruffel  Anthony Steeno
Gay Salyer  Michael Steinberg
Jennifer Sample  Christy Steiner
Shawn Scarlett  Joshua Sullivan
Bebbyn Schafer  Burgunda Sweet
Corinne Seng Yue  Stephanie Sweetana
Jennifer Slade  Natalie Tate
Amy Smith  Bethany Tellor
Christy Slade  Aleisha Thornhill
Stephen Steeno  Tran Tran
Anthony Steeno  Phuong Trieu
Melanie Steen  Robert Turner
Karen Steeno  Allison Uyeno

New Member Recruiters

Many thanks to the following individuals for recruiting colleagues to join them as ACCP members:

Seth Bauer
Todd Canada

The following individuals recently advanced from Associate to Full Member:

Randa Al Mahdi
Neli Attas
Robert Boyle
Julia Chiappe
Donn Davis
Beth DeSanzo
Laura Frantz
Rebecca Garton
Jennifer Guzman
Stephen Hall
Ilsim Kim
James LaValle
Aimee LeClaire
Jessica Li
Hani Makar
Lakeyra McCoy
Yeruk Mulugeta
Melinda Ortmann
Neelu Patil
Stewart Peterson
Jennifer Sample
Shawn Scarlett
Beby Schafer
Candice Seng Yue
Jennifer Slade
Leslie Stach
Anthony Steeno
Karen Wall
Terri Warholak
Amy Wilson

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The University of Hawaii at Hilo invites applicants for faculty positions in its new College of Pharmacy. This is a unique opportunity for faculty to be instrumental in supporting the development of a new college on the scenic Big Island of Hawaii. Each of the positions listed below is immediately available for full-time (11 month) appointments. The university reserves the right to hire at any rank depending on the qualifications of the selected applicants. All faculty are expected to develop an extramurally funded research program, contribute to the Pharm.D. curriculum, serve as a faculty advisor for Pharm.D. students, and provide service to the college and university by serving on appropriate committees. Excellent communication skills and the ability to function in a team environment are essential qualifications for these positions.

**Faculty Positions**: Tenure-track faculty positions are being offered in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor rank. Requirements for the positions include a Pharm.D. degree, Ph.D. degree or other professional doctorate from an accredited college in a pharmacy-related discipline, completion of a PGY1 or PGY2 residency program or equivalent clinical experience, and eligibility for licensure in the state of Hawaii. Preference will be given to candidates with fellowship or other research training and to those with previous experience in pharmacy education. The College is seeking qualified individuals with training in general internal medicine; consideration will also be given to other specialties. Faculty are expected to establish a practice site in a pharmacy-related setting.

The College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo attained Candidate Status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education in 2008. The inaugural Pharm.D. class was enrolled in August 2007. The review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Rank and a highly competitive salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of intent and provide their philosophy of teaching and research, curriculum vitae, transcript, and contact information of three professional references to the chair of the appropriate search committee. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

For full details of the positions and application requirements, visit [http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/hr/jobs.php](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/hr/jobs.php).

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Tenured/Tenure-Track and Nontenure-Track Faculty Positions Available

The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy is seeking applications for multiple faculty positions in the Divisions of Pharmaceutics, Pharmacotherapy and Pharmacy Practice.

Tenured/Tenure Track
Pharmaceutics – Assistant or Associate Professor
Drug Design and Delivery

Pharmacotherapy – Assistant or Associate Professor
Pharmacogenomics
Oncology

Pharmacy Practice – Assistant or Associate Professor
Psychiatric Pharmacy Research

Nontenure Track
Pharmacotherapy – Clinical Assistant Professor
Ambulatory Care
Geriatrics

Pharmacy Practice – Clinical Assistant Professor
Community Pharmacy
Pediatrics
Ambulatory Care
Psychiatry

The University of Texas at Austin is a leading tier one, research-focused, state university. The UT College of Pharmacy has 44 tenured/tenure-track faculty, 45 nontenure-track faculty, 514 Pharm.D. students, 45 residents, and more than 130 graduate students. The college operates regional education programs throughout Texas, including the Pharmacotherapy Division at UTHSC San Antonio, cooperative pharmacy program campuses with the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Texas Pan American, and regional internship campuses in Houston-Galveston and Dallas-Ft. Worth. Additional information regarding the UT College of Pharmacy can be found at: http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/. All paid positions offer a competitive salary and benefits package.

Applicants should visit the University of Texas Faculty Recruitment Web site at http://facultyjobs.utexas.edu/potential/jobResults.cfm to view specific information and requirements for each position offered.

Qualified women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
The University of Texas at Austin is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Experiential Training  
MUSC Campus, Charleston  
South Carolina College of Pharmacy

The South Carolina College of Pharmacy (SCCP) is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Experiential Training on the MUSC Campus at Charleston, SC. The primary focus of this position will be to optimize the MUSC campus students’ overall experience. The Assistant Dean will be responsible for managing student programs and student life on the MUSC campus as well as experiential programs on the MUSC campus and in the Charleston area. The Assistant Dean will assist the SCCP Director of Experiential Education in implementing and coordinating the practice experiential portion of the SCCP curriculum including introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experiences (IPPE and APPE).

Qualifications include a degree from an ACPE-accredited college or school of pharmacy (doctoral degree in pharmacy preferred), current license or eligibility for licensure as a pharmacist in South Carolina, and eligibility for appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor. Residency training or equivalent experience is preferred. Experience in precepting students and coordinating practice experiences is also preferred. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Please note that applications received will be reviewed immediately for consideration; however, the position will remain open until filled.

For questions, please contact:

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