

# ACCP PRN Report

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### President's Column

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### PRNs: Historical Perspectives with Future Consequences



It has been my extreme pleasure to serve this year as the 29th president of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. In anticipation of the College's 30th anniversary in 2009, I asked the leadership of each PRN to chronicle the history of their PRN since its inception. For centuries past, humankind has been admonished to share the stories of the past generations with the current ones so that God's faithfulness and humankind's actions would not be lost. Indeed, the most significant of these historical events were recorded and became the Torah and the Old Testament of the Bible. Although I doubt that the history of ACCP's PRNs will have the impact of these two works, I do believe that it is fundamentally important for us to know where we have been and what we have accomplished, who the leaders of the past were, what the leadership characteristics of these early visionaries were, and why those who preceded us took us down those paths. Hopefully, the documentation and publication of these histories will guide the PRNs as they and the College contemplate their respective roles and interrelationships for the next decade of the College's existence.

Currently, the criteria for the formation of a new PRN are essentially the same as when the first ones were founded almost 20 years ago. In the past two decades, there have been many significant changes in the practice of pharmacy, pharmacy education, the clinical research enterprise, and the scope and impact of the College on each of these. Thus, it may be a reasonable time for all ACCP members to consider what the role of the PRNs should be and how they fit into the College. Several potential questions worthy of consideration immediately come to mind:

- Is the current requirement for 50 founding members adequate to support a viable organizational entity?

- Are the current programming opportunities and expectations of PRNs optimal for everyone, or should larger PRNs have more frequent opportunities than smaller ones?
- Should the College consider a subspecialty PRN structure wherein some PRNs are aligned with key entities such as the ambulatory care or critical care PRN?
- Should a PRN remain a subspecialty entity until it reaches a critical mass of members or demonstrates consistent contributions to the College or profession?
- Should PRNs exist for eternity, or should they be put to rest unless defined benchmarks of member growth or activity/contributions are met?
- Should PRNs be able to collect dues to support their mission beyond the College's minimal administrative needs?

There are no preconceived answers to the questions posed above, and I am certain that they are not the only ones that you and other members of the College have contemplated as you considered your role in the College's PRNs.

Membership in a PRN provides each person an avenue to connect with others of like interest, share his or her patient care experiences, assist one another in the evaluation and management of unusual or rare clinical cases, and stimulate ideas that may form the hypotheses for future research. Our PRNs can only be essential to one's practice and research considerations if we invest our time and energies in them. Some of our PRNs are doing exceptionally well, whereas others are struggling. Thus, this may be just the right time for a "checkup." These and many other questions are among those that the Board of Regents and PRN leadership will need to address in the coming months as they identify what makes a great PRN great and how the structure and function of those that are struggling can be optimized so that the College enters its 30th year with a sound PRN foundation. I encourage each of you to ponder these questions and share your perspectives with me, as well as the leadership of the College and your PRNs. Together, we must build on our past and forge ahead with vigor, enthusiasm, and commitment to transform the practice and research contributions of pharmacy to society.

## PRNs Hold Elections

Last month, members voted to make their choices for the future leaders of their respective practice and research networks (PRNs). Please join us in recognizing both newly elected members and those continuing to serve their respective PRNs the coming year.

### 2008–2009 PRN Officers

*Adult Medicine:* Darcie Keller, Chair; Joel C. Marrs, Chair-Elect; Ann Canales, Secretary/Treasurer

*Ambulatory Care:* Alan Zillich, Chair; Nicole S. Culhane, Chair-Elect; Gloria Grice, Secretary; Edith Nutescu, Treasurer

*Cardiology:* Robert L. Page II, Chair; Barbara S. Wiggins, Chair-Elect; Orly Vardeny, Secretary/Treasurer

*Central Nervous System:* Kimberly B. Tallian, Chair; Kelly C. Lee, Chair-Elect

*Clinical Administration:* Robert Lobo, Chair; Emilie Karpiuk, Chair-Elect; Herbert Mathews, Secretary/Treasurer

*Critical Care:* Lance J. Oyen, Chair; Steve Pass, Chair-Elect; Kamila Dell, Secretary/Treasurer

*Drug Information:* Phillip Gregory, Chair; Kristina E. Ward, Chair-Elect; Andrea L. McKeever, Secretary/Treasurer

*Education and Training:* Anna M. Wodlinger Jackson, Chair; Tina Denetclaw, Chair-Elect; Tyan Frazier, Secretary/Treasurer

*Emergency Medicine:* Michael C. Thomas, Chair

*Endocrine and Metabolism:* Brian Irons, Chair; Krystal Edwards, Chair-Elect; Rosalyn S. Padiyara, Secretary/Treasurer

*Geriatrics:* Heather Bieber, Chair; Mark Ruscin, Chair-Elect; Joe Vande Griend, Secretary/Treasurer

*GI/Liver/Nutrition:* David Foster, Chair; Maria Balloid, Chair-Elect; Michael Kraft, Secretary/Treasurer

*Health Outcomes:* Douglas Steinke, Chair; Brenda Marie Parker, Chair-Elect; Rolin L. Wade, Secretary/Treasurer

*Hematology/Oncology:* Jodi Grabinski, Chair; Stacey S. Shord, Chair-Elect; Karen R. Smethers, Secretary/Treasurer

*Immunology/Transplantation:* Lonnie Smith, Chair; Tiffany E. Kaiser, Chair-Elect; Christin Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer

*Infectious Diseases:* Melinda M. Neuhauser, Chair; Elizabeth S. Dodds Ashley, Chair-Elect; Jason C. Gallagher, Secretary/Treasurer

*Nephrology:* Ruth Ann Subach, Chair; Sarah Tomasello, Chair-Elect

*Pain and Palliative Care:* David Craig, Chair; Paul Hutson, Chair-Elect; Lee Kral, Secretary/Treasurer

*Pediatrics:* Tracy M. Hagemann, Chair; Allison Chung, Chair-Elect; Katherine P. Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

*Pharmaceutical Industry:* Andrea Anderson, Chair; Julie Oki Maurey, Chair-Elect; Clara K. Song, Secretary/Treasurer

*Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics:* Philip Empey, Chair; Daniel Lewis, Chair-Elect; Julie Oestreich, Secretary/Treasurer

*Women's Health:* Shareen El-Ibiary, Chair; Kai I. Cheang, Chair-Elect; Alicia B. Forinash, Secretary/Treasurer; Jennifer McIntosh, Public Policy Liaison

## PRN History Project

At the 2007 Annual Meeting in Denver, ACCP President Matzke issued a call to all PRN chairs to develop a document that characterizes the history of their PRN. This information will highlight the key roles the PRNs have played in the success of the College and the contributions each has made to the clinical pharmacy profession.

Each PRN is developing a five- to seven-page paper and poster presentation highlighting the history, growth, and unique accomplishments of its members. This material will become part of the College's 30th anniversary celebration in 2009.

### Project timeline:

- First draft of paper submitted to the PRN Board Liaison by November 15, 2008
- Comments from the Board Liaison sent to PRN leadership by January 15, 2009
- Poster draft and design discussed among PRN members at the 2009 International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy in April 2009
- Final draft of paper presented to PRN membership for final approval
- Final draft of paper submitted to the Board Liaison by May 15, 2009
- Notify ACCP staff that the PRN will be participating in the 2009 Annual Meeting PRN poster presentation by June 1, 2009
- PRN poster presented at 30th Annual Meeting, October 2009 (Anaheim)
- PRN paper along with elements of the poster may be made available on the College's Web site

For questions regarding the PRN History Project, please contact Kathy Lemons, Administrative Assistant, Professional Development, at [klemons@accp.com](mailto:klemons@accp.com).

## **ACCP Launches Emergency Medicine PRN**

ACCP's Board of Regents has approved the application for an Emergency Medicine PRN. The Board created the new PRN by unanimous vote on August 5, 2008. Emergency Medicine becomes ACCP's 22nd PRN.

The PRN's founding chair is Michael C. Thomas, Pharm.D., BCPS, Clinical Pharmacist, Munson Medical Center, Traverse City, Michigan. In describing the need for a new PRN in the area of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Thomas commented: "There are a growing number of pharmacists who practice primarily in the emergency department (ED). We are faced with diverse issues. Some of these include medication reconciliation, drug/toxicology information, medication safety, prospective/retrospective drug review, medication identification, culture and sensitivity report interpretation with follow-up, assistance with medical and traumatic emergencies, precepting students and residents, and educational efforts with other health care professionals."

The new PRN will conduct its inaugural meeting during ACCP's 2008 Annual Meeting on Monday, October 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Skybox Room of the Louisville Marriott Downtown. During the first meeting, PRN members are expected to discuss plans for the coming year, including educational programming, future business meetings and networking forums, and other PRN initiatives.

### **Join the Emergency Medicine PRN Now**

ACCP members can join the Emergency Medicine PRN online or by mail, telephone, or fax. PRN dues are currently \$15.00 annually. New members will automatically be subscribed to the Emergency Medicine PRN listserve.

## **PRN Annual Meeting Focus Sessions**

ACCP's PRNs consistently develop high-quality educational sessions for each ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum and Annual Meeting. The sessions at the Annual Meeting will continue that tradition of excellence. A complete listing of PRN focus sessions follows.

### **Monday, October 20, 2008**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Adult Medicine PRN – Clinical Topics in Adult Medicine**  
*Convention Center 105*

**Clinical Administration PRN – Justifying and Expanding Clinical Pharmacy Services: Economic Value and Case Studies**  
*Convention Center 108*

**Critical Care PRN – A Case of Critical Care Dilemmas: Surviving Sepsis**  
*Convention Center 109*

**GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN – Current Pharmacotherapy Topics in Gastroenterology**  
*Convention Center 112*

**3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

**Infectious Diseases PRN – Tools Available for Optimizing Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Infectious Diseases**  
*Convention Center 105*

**Endocrinology and Metabolism PRN – Clinical Pearls in Endocrinology and Metabolism**  
*Convention Center 108*

**Geriatrics PRN – The Great Geriatric Debate: To Treat or Not to Treat**  
*Convention Center 109*

**Women's Health PRN – Treatment of Medical Conditions in Pregnancy**  
*Convention Center 112*

**Tuesday, October 21, 2008**

**1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Ambulatory Care PRN and Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics PRN – The Science and Practice of Pharmacogenetic Guided Warfarin Dosing**  
*Convention Center 105*

**Drug Information PRN – Drug Information Residency Training: An Exploratory Discussion**  
*Convention Center 109*

**Immunology/Transplantation PRN – Current Challenges in Organ Transplantation**  
*Convention Center 112*

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Cardiology PRN – Battle of the Sexes: Addressing Gender-Specific Differences in Cardiovascular Disease**  
*Convention Center 105*

**Health Outcomes PRN – Quality and Effectiveness of MTM Programs: What to Measure and How to Do It?**  
*Convention Center 108*

**Education and Training PRN – Developing the APPE Clinical Rotation: ACPE Guidelines and Beyond**  
*Convention Center 109*

**Pharmaceutical Industry PRN – Meeting Unmet Therapeutic Needs: Development of Novel Therapies and Programs by Industry**  
*Convention Center 112*

**Wednesday, October 22, 2008**

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Hematology/Oncology PRN Focus Session – Oral Chemotherapy: Outcomes, Advantages, and Challenges**  
*Convention Center 112*

## **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums at the Annual Meeting in Louisville**

Networking is essential to a successful career, and there are few better ways to network than with ACCP's Practice and Research Networks during their Business Meetings and Networking Forums. All meeting attendees are encouraged to attend these reception-style gatherings. This is a particularly good opportunity for those early in their clinical pharmacy careers. Don't pass up these events!

**Monday, October 20, 2008**  
**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Louisville Marriott Downtown**

### **Adult Medicine – Ballrooms IX and X**

During this Adult Medicine Networking Forum and Business Meeting, current and prospective members will meet and discuss their practice interests. There will be socialization (with a networking activity), followed by the PRN Business Meeting.

### **Cardiology – Ballrooms III and IV**

Join the Cardiology PRN Business Meeting, followed by an informal reception, which will allow networking among new and old members, members collaborating on PRN-related projects, and trainees looking for job opportunities. Paul Nolan will be highlighting his experiences regarding anticoagulation issues and ventricular assist devices, and Mona Fiuzat from ARCA Discovery will be updating the PRN regarding the latest research and development behind bucindolol before the PRN Business Meeting.

### **Clinical Administration – Ballroom VIII**

Anyone interested in issues related to clinical leadership and practice management is cordially invited to join this PRN Business Meeting. There will be ample time to network and discuss issues related to clinical administration. Several PRN members will make brief, informal presentations on relevant topics. There will also be a Clinical Administration Business Meeting to plan future PRN activities, including programming. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Drug Information – Rose**

Join the Business Meeting for the Drug Information PRN with an opportunity to meet the officers and members of the PRN. Current activities of the PRN will be discussed as well as any additional items the members bring to the meeting. A 30- to 45-minute presentation will follow the meeting.

### **Education and Training – Ballrooms I and II**

Clinical faculty from around the country will provide practice interviews for students getting ready to apply for jobs or residencies and for residents and fellows getting ready to apply for their first career positions. Supported by a grant from Walgreens.

### **Emergency Medicine – Skybox**

The Business Meeting will include welcoming statements to current/new/prospective members from the Emergency Medicine Chair. The offices required by the PRN, 2009 Annual Meeting planning, and goals and direction of the PRN will be among the items discussed. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

### **Endocrine and Metabolism – Thoroughbred and Filly**

The Endocrine and Metabolism PRN will be holding a Networking Forum to elicit both membership and scholarship. A presentation as well as a discussion of PRN business will take place.

### **Geriatrics – Ballroom VII**

Join the Geriatrics PRN Business Meeting to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and socialize with colleagues. Current activities within the PRN will be discussed, and an update of the PRN opinion paper on "Appropriate Methods to Dose Medications Based upon Renal Function in the Older Adult" will be presented. All meeting attendees are welcome to join us.

### **Health Outcomes – Kentucky Ballrooms A and B**

Join members of the Health Outcomes PRN for our Business Meeting and Networking Reception. Nonmembers interested in the measurement of Health Outcomes are encouraged to attend. After the Business Meeting, we will discuss upcoming programming and activities including the development of a "Resident and Preceptor Research Resource Module." Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

### **Infectious Diseases – Ballroom VI**

Join members of the Infectious Diseases PRN for an informal networking/socializing event, with welcoming statements to current/new/prospective members from the Infectious Diseases PRN Chair, a brief summary of presentations of Infectious Diseases PRN initiatives, and a formal presentation of mini-sabbaticals. Supported by a grant from Cubist Pharmaceuticals.

### **Pediatrics – Bluegrass**

During the Networking Forum and Business Meeting, current and prospective members will discuss and share practice experiences. The Business Meeting will include an update on activities and initiatives of the PRN as well as opportunities for involvement with the Pediatrics PRN.

### **Women's Health – Kentucky Ballrooms C and D**

The Women's Health PRN will hold its Networking Forum for both current and prospective members. The Business Meeting will include an update on activities and initiatives of the PRN as well as opportunities to be involved with the PRN. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

**Tuesday, October 21, 2008**  
**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Louisville Marriott Downtown**

### **Ambulatory Care – Kentucky Ballrooms F and G**

A 2-hour meeting composed of a business component and a networking component will be conducted. The purpose of the Business Meeting is to disseminate information regarding the past and future activities of each PRN committee, current activities of ACCP related specifically to the PRN, and potential future activities of the PRN. The business component will also have a presentation to highlight an innovative practice within Ambulatory Care. The networking component will encourage interaction and networking among members through entertaining activities.

## **Central Nervous System – Kentucky Ballroom C**

Interested attendees are invited to join the Business Meeting and Networking Forum. Before the networking session begins, invited speakers will give a brief overview of their recently published or presented research. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

## **Critical Care – Bluegrass**

Join the PRN Networking Forum and liaise with colleagues while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres. Presentations will include a summary of PRN activities, reports from PRN officers, and the Resident/Fellow Research Travel Award.

## **GI/Liver/Nutrition – Skybox**

Interested attendees are invited to join this PRN for its Business Meeting and Networking Forum. Highlights include platform presentations from students, residents, fellows, and faculty actively engaged in research projects focused on the areas of gastroenterology, hepatology, and clinical nutrition. Food and beverages will be provided.

## **Hematology/Oncology – Kentucky**

### **Ballrooms A and B**

A Business Meeting will be conducted covering both old and new PRN business, followed by networking activities.

## **Immunology and Transplantation**

### **– Kentucky Ballroom D**

Current and prospective members are welcome to join our Networking Forum and Business Meeting. The Business Meeting will consist of installing new officers, discussing current and future PRN initiatives, and honoring the recipient of our PRN Resident/Fellow Travel Award. The meeting will conclude with a debate by transplant specialty residents regarding a current issue in transplantation.

## **Nephrology – Rose**

The focus of this meeting will be new biomarkers for bone and mineral metabolism disorders and a focus on fibroblast growth factors.

## **Pain and Palliative Care – Grandstand**

The Pain and Palliative Care PRN will once again meet to network with fellow PRN members and to hear several presentations by current residents in Pain and Palliative Care training programs from across the country. There will be a presentation titled “Practical Considerations of Equianalgesic Opioid Dose Conversions,” which will be worth 1 contact hour of continuing education credit. In addition, there will be time for current and prospective members to meet and greet and to share ideas and practice insights. All meeting attendees including residents and preceptors are welcome.

## **Pharmaceutical Industry – Filly and Thoroughbred**

Members and interested meeting attendees are welcome to attend our Business Meeting and Networking Forum. Past and future PRN activities will be discussed, including 2008–2009 Strategic Planning Working Group updates and focus session highlights. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.

## **Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics – Clubhouse**

This will be a Networking Forum for PRN members and guests to discuss issues in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. The recipient of the M. Kelli Jordan

Travel Award will provide a presentation on his or her research. In addition, time will be allocated for members to discuss potential topics for PRN symposia at upcoming ACCP meetings. The meeting will include presentations by current pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics residents and fellows in addition to a discussion of research posters presented at the meeting.

## **PRN News Briefs**

### **Adult Medicine**

The Adult Medicine PRN has more than 700 members and represents a diverse group of clinical pharmacists dedicated to advancing clinical practice, teaching, and research. Recent accomplishments of the PRN include conducting a budget survey to solicit input from the membership regarding the use of discretionary funds and a diversity survey to assess the demographics (training/education and practice experience) of our membership. The results of both surveys will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Kentucky.

The Adult Medicine PRN, in collaboration with the Ambulatory Care PRN and the Primary Care Special Interest Group of the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy, has been selected to present a “Transitional Care Across Inpatient and Outpatient Settings” symposium at the International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy in 2009. In addition, the PRN has formed a committee that has begun development of a PRN history paper and poster to be presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

The Awards Committee is currently soliciting applicants for the New Investigator Development Award. This \$1000 award will provide an opportunity for a new investigator to present and promote his or her research to the ACCP Adult Medicine PRN.

Some notable member accomplishments:

Beth Resman-Targoff, Pharm.D., FCCP, was elected Rho Chi Honor Society Region VI Councilor, 2008–2010. She also had the following publication: Rowley A, Resman-Targoff BH, Marra CA, Pucino F. The evolution of clinical pharmacy in the practice of rheumatology. Ann Pharmacother 2007;41:1705–7.

Mark Decerbo, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCNSP, was promoted to Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Southern Nevada, College of Pharmacy.

Darcie Keller, Pharm.D., BCPS, had the following publication: Keller DL, Wright J, Pace H. Impact of health literacy in ambulatory care patients: a systematic review. Ann Pharmacother 2008;42:1272–81.

William Dager, Pharm.D., has been selected by ACCP’s Awards Committee to receive the association’s prestigious 2008 Clinical Practice Award. This award is given to a College member who has made substantial and outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacy practice, showing exceptional leadership in the development of innovative clinical pharmacy services and sustained excellence in providing these services.

## **Ambulatory Care**

Ambulatory Care remains one of the largest PRNs, and its members are very involved in the profession, ACCP at large, and various PRN committees.

The Advocacy Committee continues to fulfill its many charges related to the dissemination of information regarding advocacy issues important to ACCP's membership. This committee works with ACCP Government and Professional Affairs staff to update the PRN membership regarding Medicare Part D and MTMS. Using the PRN listserve, newsletter, and business meetings, the committee encourages the PRN members to participate in the ACCP Advocates Program and to take an active role in legislative efforts by providing information and direction on how to engage in these activities.

The Budget and Finance Committee is currently building an incentive program to reach out to current ambulatory care residents to increase PRN membership and share the great things that ACCP and the PRN are doing. The PRN will be donating \$3000 to the Frontiers Fund for 2008 and \$400 to support student travel to the 2008 Annual Meeting. The PRN is also very happy to report that its budget remains in very good fiscal shape.

The Communication Committee is pleased to report that the second edition of the "Ambulatory Care New Practitioner Survival Guide/Resource Guide" is now available on the ACCP Web site. For members of the PRN, access to an electronic version is **FREE** (and available on the ACCP Web site within the PRN documents). The survival guide is available for purchase (\$29.95) through the online ACCP Bookstore for all ACCP members who are not Ambulatory Care PRN members. In addition, the Ambulatory Care PRN will present a PRN poster at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Finally, the fall newsletter, including articles on MTM by LeeAnn Causey and June Johnson's sabbatical, will be available in October.

The Education Committee, along with the Cardiology PRN, has planned a joint premeeting symposium titled "Current Topics in Ambulatory Cardiology" for the fall ACCP Annual Meeting in Louisville. The PRN focus session is a joint program with the Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN titled "The Science and Practice of Pharmacogenetic Guided Warfarin Dosing." Finally, there will be a presentation for a collaborative program (Adult Medicine PRN, Ambulatory Care PRN, and Primary Care SIG) at the ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy meeting next spring in Orlando, titled "Establishing Transitional Processes of Care Across Inpatient and Outpatient Settings."

The Networking Committee is developing opportunities for PRN members to meet and interact at the Annual Meeting and the ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy. The committee has also been directly involved in recruiting speakers for the Networking Forum to highlight innovative practice models, recognize PRN achievements, and update members about ACCP issues that affect the PRN at large. In addition to identifying and nominating five deserving PRN members for ACCP fellowship status (Nicole Culhane, Eric Jackson, Michael Ernst, Karen Gunning,

and Eric MacLaughlin), the 2008 New Clinical Practitioner Award winner (Andrea Wessell, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE: Medical University of South Carolina) and the 2008 New Educator Award winner (Maria Pruchnicki, Pharm.D., BCPS: The Ohio State University) will be recognized.

The Nominations Committee has selected applicants for the PRN officer positions of Chair-Elect (Nicole Culhane) and Treasurer (Edith Nutescu). In addition, they have reviewed applications and selected a recipient for the PRN Achievement Award. This award, consisting of an engraved plaque and complimentary meeting registration, will be presented at the fall business meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Research and Scholarship Committee announced a request for applications for the Ambulatory Care PRN grant, and electronic submissions are due September 30, 2008. The instructions, eligibility criteria, and application form are available on the PRN Web site. The committee is currently working to identify a scholarly endeavor for the PRN to undertake.

## **Cardiology**

The Cardiology PRN would like to congratulate our newly elected PRN officers: Barbara Wiggins (Chair-Elect) and Orly Vardeny (Secretary/Treasurer). Robert Page will now be our Chair, and Toby Trujillo is our past chair. Ann Wittkowsky remains our Board Liaison. We are also proud to state that two of the newly elected fellows are also PRN members: Larisa Cavallari and William Dager. Congratulations to all!

Additional congratulations for notable member achievements include:

- William Dager has been selected to receive the 2008 ACCP Clinical Practice Award.
- Jim Tisdale, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP, FAHA, was chosen ACCP President-Elect in annual elections held this past spring.
- Robert B. Parker, Pharm.D., FCCP, was elected as a Regent on the ACCP Board of Regents in the annual elections held this past spring.
- Robert J. DiDomenico, Pharm.D., was one of the recipients of the 2008 ACCP Research Institute Investigator Development Awards. The title of his proposal is "Use of a Simplified Nomogram and Pharmacogenetics to Individualize Digoxin Dosing in Heart Failure Patients vs. Standard Care."
- Michael A. Crouch, Pharm.D., BCPS (AQ Cardiology), was appointed Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice at South University School of Pharmacy in Savannah, Georgia.
- Jeremy Flynn, Pharm.D., BCPS, is the recipient of the College's 2009 New Clinical Practitioner Award.
- Sarah A. Spinler, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS (AQ Cardiology), has been appointed for a 2-year term to the Steering Committee for American Heart Association Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Interdisciplinary Working Group.

- Ann Wittkowsky, Pharm.D., FCCP, for her hard work and efforts in the development and publication of the recently released 8th edition of the ACCP Guidelines on Antithrombotic and Thrombolytic Therapy.

### **Frontiers Fund and Student Travel Support**

The Cardiology PRN continues to support ACCP through annual giving to the Frontiers Fund (\$2000). In addition, the PRN renewed its commitment to supporting student travel at both the Spring and Fall Meetings in 2008 by donating \$500 to the ACCP Student Travel Fund.

### **Central Nervous System**

The CNS PRN membership would like to acknowledge Jack J. Chen, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, Associate Professor from Loma Linda University – Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, for being named ACCP Fellow 2008. Also, Susan C. Fagan, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP, Professor and Associate Head of the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy at the College of Pharmacy and Assistant Dean of the College's Clinical Pharmacy Program at the Medical College of Georgia, has been appointed the third Albert W. Jowdy Professor of Pharmacy Care. Kelly C. Lee, Pharm.D., BCPP, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, UC San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy, was awarded an Investigator Development Research Award for Genetic Predictors of Valproic Acid Response in Patients with Bipolar Disorder.

The CNS PRN would also like to welcome new members to our PRN, including Jeffrey McCarthy, Pharm.D., BCPP; Raymond Lorenz, Pharm.D.; Anita Ciarleglio, Ph.D., RPh; and Mark Litzinger, BSc, BSPharm, RPh!

Finally, thank you to Tawny L. Bettinger, Pharm.D., BCPP, our PRN Chair, for her tireless efforts! Kimberly Tallian, Pharm.D., BCPP, FASHP, will be our new PRN Chair, and Kelly Lee, Pharm.D., BCPP, will be our new Chair-Elect.

### **Critical Care**

The Critical Care PRN would like to congratulate many notable recent accomplishments of its members including William Dager, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, for winning the 2008 ACCP Clinical Practice Award given to a College member who has made substantial and outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacy practice. We all gain great insight with Bill's many contributions to listserves, publications, and presentations. Another prestigious and highly visible member, Judi Jacobi, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, BCPS, a 2006 winner of the Clinical Practice Award, will move into the President-Elect role of the Society of Critical Care Medicine at the 2009 SCCM Congress in Nashville. Jeremy Flynn, Pharm.D., was recently selected to receive the 2009 New Clinical Practitioner Award at the Spring Meeting in Orlando.

Incoming Critical Care PRN elected officials include Steve Pass, Pharm.D., to Chair-Elect and Kamila Dell, Pharm.D., to Secretary/Treasurer. Special thanks to Chris Wood and Stephanie Mallow-Corbet for their service during the past 2 years for the Chair-Elect/Chair and Secretary/Treasurer roles, respectively.

Other members of the Critical Care PRN awarded a Fellow of College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP) in 2008 include

Bill Dager, Pharm.D.; Krystal Haase, Pharm.D.; Jill Rebuck, Pharm.D., FCCM; and Geoffrey Wall, Pharm.D., BCPS. Nominations for awards can be made via the ACCP Web site under Nominations. The Critical Care PRN Travel Award winner is Erica Horinek from the University of Colorado, who won \$1000 for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Michelle Allen, Pharm.D., was promoted to Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

Of interest, our Critical Care PRN membership comprises many overachievers of many job titles and in many job settings. To highlight, Tate Trujillo, Pharm.D., FCCM, BCPS, and Chris Scott, Pharm.D., BCPS, have been promoted to Directors of Pharmacy in Indianapolis, at Methodist and Wishard Hospitals, respectively. Apparently, they are on the career path of Curt Haas, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, the director at Strong Health, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY. Undoubtedly, there are other executives in the group, but the emphasis on Critical Care in health care leadership is on the move!

### **Education and Training**

The Education and Training PRN is pleased to note the following accomplishments of its members.

**Publications:** Please commend your fellow PRN members on these recent contributions to the medical literature:

Brahm NC, Kissack JC. Psychiatric advance directives and board certified psychiatric pharmacists: an opportunity for patient empowerment. *JCPNP* July 7, 2008:1–16.

Kissack JC, Bishop J, Roper A. Ethylglucuronide (EtG): a review of studies and discussion of its clinical significance. *Pharmacotherapy* 2008;28:769–81.

Fagan AL, Kissack JC, Augustin BG. Adverse events medication treatment costs in a chronically, severely mentally ill forensics population. *Clin Schizophr Relat Psychoses* 2008;2:158–62.

Moeller KE, Lee KC, Kissack JC. Urine drug screens: practical guide for clinicians. *Mayo Clin Proc* 2008;83:66–76.

**Promotions:** Incoming Chair, Anna Wodlinger Jackson, Pharm.D., BCPS, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor at Temple University School of Pharmacy.

### **Endocrine and Metabolism**

Congratulations to our new PRN officers: President, Brian Irons, Pharm.D., BCPS; President-Elect, Krystal Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS; and Secretary/Treasurer, Rosalyn S. Padiyara, Pharm.D.

All PRN committees have been busy delivering results for the PRN:

- Communications Committee developed a new listserve policy and procedures.
- Communications Committee developed and administered a PRN survey.
- Education Committee developed top-notch programming for the 2008 Annual Meeting.
- Networking Committee is developing an exciting and educational networking session for our Annual Meeting Networking Session.

Please congratulate your fellow PRN members on their recent achievements:

- Founding Endocrine and Metabolism PRN member, Shane Greene, was promoted to Associate Professor at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy.
- Thomas Painter received his CDE in October 2007. He was part of the writing team for the AADE Position Statement: Management of Children with Diabetes in the School Setting. In: The Diabetes Educator May/June 2008;34:439–43.
- Daniel Riche published a letter in the September 4, 2008, edition of JAMA titled “Lipodystrophy: A Disease of Disease (?)”

## **Geriatrics**

### **Judith Beizer Is New ASCP President**

The ACCP Geriatric PRN is proud to recognize Judy Beizer, Pharm.D., CGP, FASCP, who will be installed as President of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists at the ASCP Annual Meeting in New Orleans in November. Dr. Beizer is a Clinical Professor at St. John’s University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. Our sincere congratulations to Dr. Beizer!

### **Delafuente Appointed to Council on Aging**

The Virginia House of Delegates has appointed Jeffrey C. Delafuente to a 4-year term on the Commonwealth Council on Aging. The Council serves in an advisory capacity to Virginia's governor, cabinet, and legislature to promote an efficient, coordinated approach to meet the needs of older Virginians. Dr. Delafuente is Professor and Associate Dean for Professional Education at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy.

## **Immunology/Transplantation**

In 2007, the federal government declared that solid organ transplantation centers participating in the Medicare program must have a multidisciplinary care team. Nevertheless, the agency refused to require the inclusion of specific professionals, including pharmacists. Instead, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) named six areas of expertise that the team must encompass: pharmacology, medicine, nursing, nutrition, social services, and transplant coordination. Thus, the transplant center was left to identify the key members of the team responsible for each specified area of expertise. CMS further explained that it had based its decision on the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network's (OPTN) already described personnel requirements. However, OPTN policy regarding pharmacists is vague at best. It states that transplant programs *should* identify one or more pharmacists who will be responsible for providing pharmaceutical care to solid organ transplant recipients. Currently, not every transplant program has a policy describing the clinical transplant pharmacist's role or even that of a transplant pharmacist.

This is the first year that CMS has surveyed transplant centers across the country. CMS has stated that noncompliance with Medicare conditions of participation can lead to termination of the Medicare agreement with a transplant center. During the surveys, CMS met/observed transplant pharmacists at each site and asked about their level of participation on the multidisciplinary organ team(s).

However, the transplant community is still waiting for CMS to make further recommendations on the role of the transplant pharmacist on the multidisciplinary team.

## **Pharmaceutical Industry**

The Pharmaceutical Industry PRN will be presenting a focus session titled “Meeting Unmet Therapeutic Needs: Development of Novel Therapies and Programs by Industry” at the upcoming ACCP Annual Meeting in Louisville.

*Date:* Tuesday, October 21, 2008

*Time:* 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Location:* Convention Center, Room 112

Topics to be covered include:

3:30 p.m. *Novel Approaches to Gaps in Care*  
Wayne Anderson, Ph.D.  
GlaxoSmithKline

4:05 p.m. *Importance of Medication Adherence in Improving Patient Outcomes*  
Dorothy Smith, Pharm.D., President and CEO  
Consumer Health Information Corporation

4:40 p.m. *Myths or Realities of Biotechnology and Pharma – Update and Forecast*  
George Fulop, M.D., M.S., Managing Director  
Capital Management

We also invite you to join our Pharmaceutical Industry PRN Business Meeting. This will be a networking event, followed by a discussion of 2009–2010 strategic planning and updates. Beverages and appetizers will be served.

*Date:* Tuesday, October 21, 2008

*Time:* 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Social Networking)

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Pharmaceutical Industry PRN updates and 2009–2010 strategic planning)

*Location:* Louisville Marriott Downtown Hotel

*Rooms:* Thoroughbred and Filly

Please use this opportunity to meet the speakers from the symposium and network with other clinical pharmacists in various roles within industry.

Pharmacy professionals within industry who will attend:

- Medical Science Liaisons
- Medical Communications/Drug Information
- Regulatory Affairs
- Clinical Research
- Marketing
- Business Development

Congratulations to Julie Oki Maurey, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP, Director, CV Regional Medical, and Research Specialist from Pfizer, our new Chair-Elect!

Other current projects of our Pharmaceutical Industry PRN:

- Plan the StuNet/ACCP premeeting symposium for students
- Conduct a survey of pharmacy schools regarding inclusion of industry discussion in their curricula
- Develop “Primer to Industry” slide deck

## **Women's Health**

The Women's Health PRN congratulates Mary H. Ensom, who was one of only five campus-wide faculty members to receive the University of British Columbia Killam Research Prize in Science. She was also elected to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS), which is "considered one of the highest honours for members of the Canadian health sciences community" (<http://www.cahs-acss.ca/>). Please also note the four new articles published by member Julie Kissack, Pharm.D., BCPP. Article details are provided in the Education and Training PRN brief above.

## **PRNs Partner to Provide Unique Pre-Symposium Offerings in Louisville**

### **Controversies in Critical Nephrology**

**Saturday, October 18, 2008  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Louisville Marriott Downtown, Ballroom VI**

The Critical Care and Nephrology PRNs have teamed up to present this full-day program. Faculty will examine the evidence for assessing renal function, methods for preventing renal dysfunction, renal support, and hepatorenal syndrome. Participants will understand the complex interactions between the renal system and other organ systems and the ways in which renal support affects these interactions. Discussions will also include evidence-based approaches for preventing and managing acute renal failure in critically ill patients.

This program, which provides 7.5 hours of ACPE-approved continuing education, requires separate registration. The on-site registration fee is \$250 for ACCP members, and lunch will be provided during the session.

To view the detailed program agenda, visit <http://www.accp.com/meetings/am08/calendar.aspx?mode=detail&i=40>

### **Current Topics in Ambulatory Cardiology**

**Saturday, October 18, 2008**

**12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Louisville Marriott Downtown, Ballrooms I–IV**

This half-day symposium presented by members of the Cardiology and Ambulatory Care PRNs will address a wide range of outpatient cardiology issues. Faculty will identify methods that result in greater reductions in blood pressure and discuss current recommendations for anticoagulation based on the 2008 Chest Guidelines. PRN members and faculty will also discuss current controversies and advances in therapeutic plans for heart failure, LDL and HDL cholesterol, diabetes mellitus, and coronary artery disease. Attendees may complete a Sanofi-Aventis request form to obtain a printed copy of the 2008 Chest Guidelines (distribution may be limited and based on availability).

This program, which provides 5.0 hours of ACPE-approved continuing education, requires separate registration. The on-site registration fee for ACCP members is \$120.

To view the detailed program agenda, visit <http://www.accp.com/meetings/am08/calendar.aspx?mode=detail&i=57>



## **Frontiers Fund 2008–2009 Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Frontiers Fund?**

The Frontiers Fund is the name of the ACCP Research Institute's development campaign. Created in 2003, the fund has successfully raised and awarded more than \$1 million in grants and program funding. The Frontiers Fund is the mechanism by which the Research Institute, a section 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, is able to meet its strategic goals. A gift to the Frontiers Fund is the mechanism by which donors show support of the research agenda of ACCP.

### **What are the Research Institute's overall goals?**

- To conceive and drive the research agenda of ACCP.
- To help develop the next generation of clinical pharmacy researchers. The *New Focused Investigator Training Program* for experienced researchers and the *New Research and Scholarship Academy Programs*, which will roll out at the 2008 Annual Meeting, are directed at these goals.
- To help position clinical pharmacist principal investigators so they can generate a substantial portion of the research that guides drug therapy in this country and so they can compete successfully with other health care professionals for research funding.
- To create a sustainable national clinical pharmacy practice-based research network (PBRN).

### **What is new about the Research Institute?**

The 2008–2009 *Frontiers Fund Campaign* launches a new beginning for the Research Institute. Whether you are a new graduate, clinical practitioner, pharmacy educator, or researcher, the ACCP Research Institute can help you realize your professional development goals.

*Frontiers Fund donations in 2008–2009 will support new programs for clinical pharmacists to enhance their scholarship and professional growth.*

### **What will the Frontiers Fund monies support in 2009?**

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- Focused Investigator Training (FIT) Program
- National Clinical Pharmacy Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Start-up

## **Will the Frontiers Fund continue to support investigator development grants, fellowships, traineeships, and mini-sabbaticals in 2009?**

The ACCP Research Institute is continuing our commitment to excellence and rigor in education and research while expanding the impact of clinical pharmacy professionals across the entire health care spectrum. We are expanding our mission from a grant funder to a research agenda facilitator. Because of the educational and research participation opportunities available from ACCP, there is an expansion in the number of members who will directly benefit on an annual basis from the Frontiers Fund. Benefits of this transition are as follows:

- Through a commitment to clinical excellence and a dedication to scientific rigor, we are maintaining our promise to the profession.
- Through our FIT Program and other initiatives, we are training the preeminent clinical pharmacy researchers of today and tomorrow to help them secure leadership-level funding for their work.
- Through the PBRN, we are creating opportunities for more qualified clinical pharmacy professionals to have a greater impact on the research discovery process.

## **What is the impact of the Frontiers Fund to date?**

The Frontiers Fund has allowed ACCP to significantly expand the scope of support it provides to clinical, translational, and health services (practice) research. It has allowed ACCP to significantly enhance its emphasis on investigator development. Through its Frontiers Fund Career Development Research Awards, the ACCP Research Institute is especially interested in supporting the career development of clinical pharmacy researchers and the creation of a national PBRN.

## **Did the Frontiers Fund recently pass the \$1 million mark in donations received?**

Yes! Everyone involved with the ACCP Research Institute and the Frontiers Fund is extremely appreciative of the generous contributions already made by many ACCP members and the PRNs. The ACCP Research Institute would like to thank those who donated to the Frontiers Fund in 2007 to reach this important milestone.

## **What has the Frontiers Fund accomplished to date?**

We rely heavily on donations to continue our mission of providing funding for basic science and clinical pharmacy services research projects and professional development programs. The Frontiers Fund was launched in 2003 with the theme *Invest Today to Expand Pharmacy's Frontiers*. In just 5 years, gifts to the Frontiers Fund by ACCP members, the PRNs, and others have allowed the Research Institute to support new clinical, translational, and health services research studies with total budgets of more than \$1 million. Research has been completed that would not otherwise have been possible.

## **Why is research important to clinical pharmacy and ACCP members?**

*These are direct quotes from ACCP members participating in a recent survey:*

- “The money goes back to ACCP members; if we want to

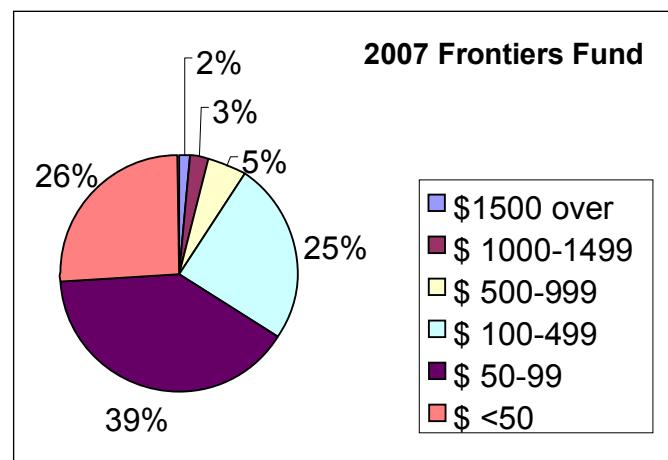
truly promote a research agenda, these contributions are a great way to do so.”

- “To help further the research base of clinical pharmacy, especially documenting the value of our clinical pharmacy services.”
- “Support of scholarship among College members, both new and senior investigators. Also, advancement of clinical pharmacy as an evidence-based discipline.”
- “We are members of a personally and financially rewarding health care profession. It should be part of one’s professional commitment to support scholarly and research activities that not only benefit our professional interests, but also improve the life and health of our patients.”

## **What are Frontiers Fund goals for 2008–2009?**

Our first goal is to raise at least \$260,000 in 2008–2009. Help is needed now, as the gifts received in 2008 will support the new research programs to be funded in 2008–2009. Our second goal is to increase the percentage of members who donate from 5.8% to 10%.

In 2006, 618 contributors donated a total of \$91,101. The average individual donation was \$174. In 2007, 513 contributors donated a total of \$104,118. The average individual donation was \$196. As the pie chart below indicates, the majority of contributors 65%, contributed less than \$100 to the Frontiers Fund. Approximately 5.8% of ACCP members contributed to the Frontiers Fund in 2007.



Every gift is important every year! ACCP currently has almost 10,000 members. Last year, the average gift to the Frontiers Fund by individual ACCP members was \$196. If each of our 10,000 members donated even \$50, it would total \$500,000! Just imagine what could be accomplished if each gave \$100 or \$200? This is a perfect example of how much we can accomplish if we pool our resources and work together.

## **How much of my donation goes to administrative overhead costs?**

Only 15% of the monies raised are allocated to administrative support. This is consistent with, or less than, the costs of similar national fundraising efforts, and it means that 85% of all donations are used to support new clinical pharmacy research.

## I gave last year. Why is annual support critical for success?

Even though you may have invested in the Frontiers Fund last year, it is critically important that we all do so again this year, that we make this an annual occurrence, and that we increase the size of our gift, if possible.

- Contributions made to the Frontiers Fund of ACCP, which is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, are deductible for computing income and estate taxes.
- Show your support of education and research by making an annual gift to the Frontiers Fund, donating in memory of a loved one, giving in honor of a survivor, or commemorating your own award.

## My PRN gave to the Frontiers Fund last year.

### How much is donated by the PRNs?

During the past 5 years, the PRNs have been a major source of revenue for the Frontiers Fund. The following gifts and pledges have been made by the various PRNs:

• PRN combined contributions 2007	\$26,333
• PRN combined contributions 2006	\$41,541
• PRN combined contributions 2005	\$27,570
• PRN combined contributions 2004	\$33,339
• PRN combined contributions 2003	\$31,550

Without your generous support, the ACCP Research Institute would not be able to provide grants and professional development to our members. These gifts are much appreciated, and they have been an important part of the Frontiers Fund's success. In fact, it would be wonderful if the PRN as a whole could consider a gift for 2008!

Nevertheless, it is critical that individual members provide their personal support as well. Without it, we cannot be successful in achieving our goal of supporting and expanding ACCP member-driven clinical and health services research.

## Who makes the decision about the use of Frontiers Fund monies?

The Research Institute Board of Trustees (BOT) sets the overall funding priorities. The Trustees, elected by ACCP members, serve a 3-year term. In addition, appointed BOT members serve on the Board for terms of 2 years.

## How can I contribute to the Frontiers Fund?

Donations can be accepted in many ways. Click on the link to take you to the donor page, [www.accpri.org/frontiers](http://www.accpri.org/frontiers).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Research Institute

### Investigator and Scholarship Development

#### Focused Investigator Training (FIT) Program

The annual FIT Program is an 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 is slated for July 11–July 16, 2009, at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy.

#### Research and Scholarship Development Certificate Program

The ACCP Academy Research and Scholarship Development Certificate Program is an educational program aimed at developing basic clinical research and scholarly abilities. This program is an extension of the previous "Research Training Curriculum" developed by ACCP in the late 1990s. The primary target audience for this program is residency-trained clinical pharmacists who practice in a setting where research and scholarly activity are expectations of their position.

#### PPD Bioanalytical Fluid and Tissue Sample Grant

The Research Institute is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity coming in winter 2008 for full and associate ACCP members. The PPD Bioanalytical Fluid and Tissue Sample Grant Award supports the bioanalytical research efforts of ACCP member researchers. PPD is a leading global contract research organization (CRO) providing discovery, development, and post-approval services as well as compound collaborating programs. The primary purpose of the in-kind support grant is to allow ACCP members the use of state-of-the-art PPD laboratory facilities for conducting their sample analyses. This grant is for in-kind support at either the Richmond, Virginia, or Madison, Wisconsin, site of PPD using their advanced state-of-the-art facilities. For more information, go to <http://www.accpri.org/investigator/index.aspx>.

#### Research Institute Introduces ACCP's Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN)

ACCP and the Research Institute are committed to the creation of a national clinical pharmacy practice-based research network (PBRN) by 2009. As more information regarding the creation of ACCP's PBRN becomes available, we will share that via the Web site and a listserve. If you are new to PBRNs, we encourage you to visit our new Web site, <http://www.accpri.org/pbrn/faqs.aspx>.

Our 2008 goals are to hire a part-time network director, create a listserve, and begin registering individuals and PBRNs with us. Recruiting for the network director will be announced in September 2008.

As an ACCP member involved in providing clinical pharmacy services, you are invited to join the ACCP PBRN listserve. You will receive updates from the ACCP Research Institute as we prepare to launch our PBRN. The listserve is open to all ACCP members. ACCP members are also invited to fill out the online registry tool. Although registration is not a guarantee your site will be selected as a research site, we are looking to build the pool of candidates and sites interested in working on PBRN issues. The registry and listserve are expected to launch in October 2008.

#### Review Criteria for Initial types of ACCP PBRN Research Questions

1. Address a major issue with an impact on public health that is relevant to key policy-makers on a national level.

2. Make it doable within 1 year, yet simple and elegant in design.
3. Make it testable using scientifically rigorous, measurable, hard-objective outcomes (not surrogate measures) that have internal validity.
4. Do not allow it to be addressed by any other research methods outside a clinical pharmacy-based PBRN framework.
5. Make it relevant to clinical pharmacy and in alignment with the ACCP research agenda.
6. Make it align across clinical practice venues and capable of implementation in various practice sites/reproducible in various practice sites.
7. Make it interventional rather than observational.

For more information, go to <http://www.acppri.org/pbrn/index.aspx>.

## **Placing Patients First: A Global Perspective on How Clinical Pharmacy Makes Drugs Safer**

Next April 24–28, join your colleagues in sunny Orlando, Florida, for the **International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy**, cosponsored by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the European Society for Clinical Pharmacy (ESCP). Held every 5 years, the Congress brings together clinical pharmacists from around the world to exchange new knowledge and best practices and to discuss global health care issues.

The 2009 Congress agenda includes programming codeveloped by ACCP's PRNs and ESCP's special interest groups (SIGs). Experts from the United States to Scotland will present the latest information on managing a wide range of therapeutic/practice areas, including:

- Establishing Transitional Processes of Care Across Inpatient and Outpatient Settings (Ambulatory Care PRN, Adult Medicine PRN, Primary Care SIG)
- Senior Moments for Pharmacists: Appropriate Medication Prescribing in the Elderly (Geriatrics PRN, Cardiology PRN)
- Evolving Systems and New Developments in Stroke Management (Central Nervous System PRN)
- Infections and Critical Care: Debates on Daily Dilemmas and Decisions (Critical Care PRN, Infectious Diseases PRN)
- International Point-of-Care Drug Information Resources (Drug Information PRN, Medicine Information SIG)
- Improving Medication Safety Through Inter-Professional Education (Education and Training PRN)
- Therapeutic Controversies in Critical Care and Nutrition Support (GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN, Nutrition Support SIG)
- Geriatric Oncology: An Emerging Population, an Emerging Specialty (Hematology/Oncology PRN, Cancer Care SIG)
- International Pharmacovigilance and the Role of Pharmacists (Pharmaceutical Industry PRN)

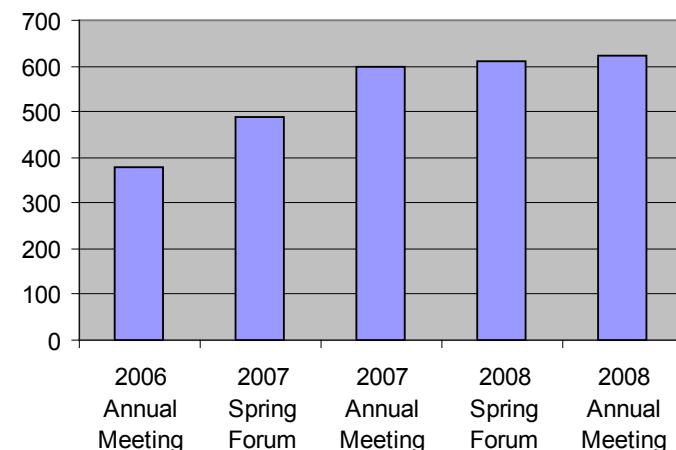
In addition to these and other Congress programs, meeting registrants may attend the ACCP Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course, as well as the International Pediatric Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacology Symposium, presented by the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group (PPAG). With one registration, you gain access to all three meetings!

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to network with clinical pharmacists from around the globe. Visit the ACCP Web site [www.accp.com/ic09](http://www.accp.com/ic09) to access the complete meeting schedule and to register online. See you in Orlando!

## **ACCP Student Initiatives Update**

### **Student Member Demographics**

We thank the many PRN members who have encouraged students to consider professional membership in ACCP. During the past 18 months, the number of ACCP student members has nearly doubled, in large part because of your efforts at your local campuses.



### **Student Travel Awards Program**

The Student Travel Awards Program was initiated in 2006 to support and encourage student attendance at ACCP national meetings and expand opportunities for students throughout the organization. ACCP offers travel stipends and/or complimentary meeting registrations to help defray the costs students incur when traveling to attend an ACCP national meeting. Student Travel Awards are administered through the ACCP Research Institute and are funded by the Student Travel Awards Fund. Since the award program was instituted, ACCP has awarded 37 travel stipends and more than 100 complimentary meeting registrations to its student members.

ACCP extends a special thank you to the PRNs that have donated funds in support of ACCP Student Travel Awards:

Adult Medicine  
Cardiology  
Critical Care  
Geriatrics  
Pharmacokinetics/  
Pharmacodynamics

Ambulatory Care  
Clinical Administration  
Education and Training  
Infectious Diseases

## **2008–2009 ACCP National StuNet Advisory Committee Members Appointed**

Earlier this year, ACCP issued a call for applications to student members interested in serving on the National StuNet Advisory Committee. The College received applications from students at 22 different institutions. After a review of their applications, student members were selected for appointment by ACCP President-Elect, John Murphy, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP.

ACCP is pleased to announce the appointment of the 2008–2009 ACCP National StuNet Advisory Committee Members:

Chair:	Michelle Lau	Western University of Health Sciences
Vice-Chair:	Alexandra Barnette	University of Tennessee
Secretary:	Megan Kavanaugh	Creighton University
Members-at-Large:	Jennifer Baggs Aida Bickley  Ann Howell Elim Ijo Seferina Kim-Walsh  Brittany Makos Kelly Martin Lina Meng  Jennifer Neal  Matt Sapko Stephanie Seaton  Seema Shah	University of Arizona University of South Carolina University of Oklahoma Wingate University University of Maryland  University of Texas University of Maryland University of California-San Diego  Virginia Commonwealth University  University of Pittsburgh St. Louis College of Pharmacy  Midwestern University-Chicago

The 2008–2009 ACCP National StuNet Advisory Committee will meet at the upcoming Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as at the 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress held in conjunction with the Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course in Orlando, Florida. The newly impaneled committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Regents and the College's membership staff to develop and update student programs and initiatives consistent with ACCP's vision for the future of clinical pharmacy practice. Please join us in congratulating these ACCP student members on receiving this appointment.

## **Clinical Career Profiles**

ACCP is pleased to announce a new online initiative highlighting the many unique and varied career opportunities that exist within clinical pharmacy. ACCP Clinical Career Profiles is a new Web-based program designed to provide our student members an opportunity to discover the many career paths that await them as future practitioners.

As students begin to explore the world of clinical pharmacy, they can access individual member profiles. Each Clinical Career Profile provides an overview of the member's education and training, a description of his/her career path, and a summary of current roles and responsibilities. Students

can search the profile database by specialty and/or interest area at <http://www.accp.com/stunet/profiles.aspx>.

For more information on the Clinical Career Profiles program, please contact Jon Poynter, Pharm.D., at [jpoynter@accp.com](mailto:jpoynter@accp.com).

## **ACCP Announces the Return of the College's Popular Online Curriculum Vitae Program**

Last fall marked the debut of ACCP's innovative Online Curriculum Vitae Review Program. The program is an exclusive service offered to student members as a means to facilitate their curriculum vitae (CV) preparation. ACCP is pleased to offer once again this important benefit to its student members.

As the clinical pharmacy profession continues to see increases in demand for residency positions and in competition for first-rate jobs, it is vital that each student have an effective CV. A well-written CV creates a positive image for future selection committees or employers and distinguishes an individual from the rest of the crowd. As questions have arisen in preparing a CV, our student members have found a review by a seasoned professional extremely valuable.

Beginning September 29, ACCP student members may submit their CV online as a Microsoft Word document and have it randomly assigned to a volunteer ACCP member reviewer. The ACCP reviewer will provide his/her comments and/or edits using the track changes feature in Microsoft Word. Students will receive an e-mail containing feedback from a reviewer within 14 business days.

Student members are also encouraged to take advantage of ACCP's other Web-based resources. Students can learn the basics of CV formatting, view example student CVs, and access valuable "curriculum vitae pearls," which provide practical insights in developing a CV. These services and other resources are accessible from the student section of the ACCP Web site. For questions about the ACCP CV Review Service, please contact Jon Poynter at [jpoynter@accp.com](mailto:jpoynter@accp.com).

## **PRN Membership Totals as of September 2008**

<b>Practice and Research Network</b>	<b>Member Count</b>
Adult Medicine	704
Ambulatory Care	1050
Clinical Administration	222
Cardiology	776
Central Nervous System	158
Critical Care	1117
Drug Information	193
Education and Training	267
Emergency Medicine	26
Endocrine and Metabolism	172
Geriatrics	210
GI/Liver/Nutrition	145

Hematology/Oncology	508	December 12, 2008 Student abstract submission deadline for 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy
Immunology/Transplantation	206	
Infectious Diseases	1046	
Nephrology	169	December 15, 2008 Preliminary programs due from all PRNs planning a focus session at the 2009 ACCP Annual Meeting
Outcomes and Economics	147	
Pain and Palliative Care	209	
Pediatrics	388	December 15, 2008 PRN Interim Reports due (minutes from PRN Business Meetings, items for action by the Board of Regents)
Pharmaceutical Industry	246	
Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics	125	
Women's Health	128	
<b>Total PRN Membership</b>	<b>8212</b>	January 23, 2009 Deadline for submission of Satellite Symposia proposals for the 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy

## PRN Calendar 2008–2009

October 10, 2008

Monthly statement of PRN finances and PRN member roster to PRN officers

October 17–18, 2008

Board of Regents Meeting; Louisville, KY

October 18, 2008 PRN

Officers Meeting and New Officer Orientation; 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Louisville, KY

October 19–22, 2008

ACCP Annual Meeting; Louisville, KY

October 20–21, 2008

PRN focus sessions at 2008 Annual Meeting; all who submit proposals

October 20–21, 2008

PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums

November 10, 2008

Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers

November 14, 2008

Abstract submission deadline for 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy

November 20, 2008

Deadline for submission of program topic and paragraph synopsis from all PRNs planning a focus session at the 2009 Annual Meeting

November 28, 2008

Deadline for submissions of completed applications for ACCP PRN, ESCP SIG, and ACCP Chapter Business Meetings and Networking Forums at the 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy

November 30, 2008

Deadline for nominations for ACCP elected office or for an ACCP award

December 10, 2008

Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers

December 12, 2008

Student abstract submission deadline for 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy

December 15, 2008

Preliminary programs due from all PRNs planning a focus session at the 2009 ACCP Annual Meeting

December 15, 2008

PRN Interim Reports due (minutes from PRN Business Meetings, items for action by the Board of Regents)

January 23, 2009

Deadline for submission of Satellite Symposia proposals for the 2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy

January 12, 2009

Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers

January 15, 2009

Deadline for submission of complete proposals for PRN-initiated premeeting symposia for 2009 Annual Meeting

February 7–8, 2009

Board of Regents Meeting; location to be determined

February 13, 2009

Feedback on 2009 Annual Meeting focus session proposals to PRN planner

February 27, 2009

Final programs and speaker confirmation letters due from all PRNs planning focus sessions for the 2009 Annual Meeting

February 10, 2009

Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers

February 15, 2009

Deadline for nominations for ACCP Fellows and for Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy

March 10, 2009

Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers

April 24–28, 2009

2009 ACCP-ESCP International Congress and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course, Orlando, FL

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