

Upcoming Events

- Internal Medicine 2009
 April 23-25, 2009, Philadelphia, PA
- Kansas Chapter ACP meeting
 September 11-12, 2009
- Leadership Day
 May 19-20 2009, Washington, DC

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Governor's Message

The Governor's newsletter serves as a medium to keep you informed about activities of your Chapter, and important information from our national office. It is my privilege as your Governor to provide this information to you.

The 2008 Chapter meeting was held September 5-6 in Overland Park, Ks. Attendance was quite good with over 120 participants. The Associates' Competition Plenary session started the meeting with ten excellent presentations. **Riad El Fakih's** presentation entitled "*The Electronic Medical Record: Wagging the Dog*" was recognized as the best presentation. He received a \$500 award and will be presenting his paper at ACP Internal Medicine 2009 in Philadelphia. **Bassem Chehab** received the second place award and **Joe McDonald** received the third place award. **Bassem Chehab** also received a \$500 award in recognition for the best presentation concerning infectious diseases from the ID division in Kansas City while **Gillian Schmidt** received the same award in recognition for the best presentation concerning pulmonary diseases from the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division at KU School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas. All of the Associate's papers other than those presented at the plenary session were displayed in two separate one hour poster sessions rather than in concurrent oral presentations as had been the policy in previous meetings. Fifty-two separate posters were displayed and both the Associates and attendees felt the poster format was a more effective way of presenting these topics than the concurrent sessions. Most of these papers have been submitted for consideration for presentation at Internal Medicine 2009.

Our official college representative was the current President of the ACP, **Jeffrey Harris, MD**. He gave an excellent and concise summary of the ACP activities at the national level with special emphasis on ACP's initiatives in promoting the concept of the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) in an effort to improve patient care and reverse the systemic problems in our health care system that are leading to a serious decline in primary care physician numbers. After his presentation, a town hall meeting was held with **Brian Buckley** and **Drs. Jeffrey Harris, Donna Sweet, Donald Hatton, and Eric B. Larson** (this year's Delp Lecturer) fielding questions from the attendees about practice issues, potential changes in federal health care policy, and other ACP initiatives.

At the luncheon, **Dr. Kathleen Sandness** was awarded the Chapter's Laureate award after an introductory review of her achievements by colleague and friend **Dr. Donald Holsinger**. **Dr. Gerald Kirby** was awarded the 2008 Delp Medal by **Dr. Allan Fleming** after which **Dr. Eric Larson** presented an inspiring presentation entitled "*Civic Professionalism or Knowledge Workers: An Urgent Call for Physician Stewardship*".

Brian Buckley, Senior Associate, Governmental Affairs and Public Policy from the national office presented the Washington Update which was a comprehensive update on the national political issues affecting medical care as well as perspectives on potential changes in health care policy depending on which of the two presidential candidates was elected. The meeting also had a number of updates about medical topics useful to practicing physicians and concluded with the usual spirited Medical Jeopardy competition which was won by the team consisting of **Drs. Peter El-Haddad, Martin Griffey, Ky Stotzfus and Kevin Latinis**. The 2009 Chapter meeting will be held September 11-12, 2009 in Wichita, Kansas at the Holiday Inn Select (additional detailed information will be sent out in the spring of 2009). I encourage you all to consider attending and I welcome any suggestions you may have regarding topics of interest that you would like reviewed at this meeting.

The evening prior to the Chapter Scientific meeting, the Chapter Council met to receive committee reports and consider policy issues. The council discussed various alternative models for the chapter meeting including ideas to increase financial support for the chapter meeting. The council will continue to monitor attendee evaluation of our chapter meeting and make changes as necessary to ensure that we are meeting the educational needs of our members. The council also directed **Dr. Stewart Babbott**, treasurer, to review alternative investment options that were relatively secure but might yield better returns on investment. (As a side note, the Chapter's financial status is in good standing and our investments have been very conservative so the recent financial downturn has not adversely affected our financial health.) **Dr. Gardner** encouraged ACP members to become more involved at the local and state level in promoting anti-smoking legislation.

On September 7, 2008, **Dr. Babbott** and I represented the Kansas Chapter of the ACP in a meeting with representatives from the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians, the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine and the Kansas Medical Society in Overland Park, Kansas to discuss ways to enhance progress in development of the PCMH in primary care practices in Kansas. The Kansas Health Policy Authority had asked for suggestions from the agencies representing primary care physicians regarding initiatives that the KHPA is considering. This was a very collaborative and constructive meeting that identified issues that must be overcome to facilitate interest in individual practices' willingness to invest in the infrastructure necessary to achieve formal designation as a PCMH practice. A subsequent meeting was held in Emporia on November 18 to continue the dialogue and planning. We will continue to represent you at this forum and keep you updated on progress at the state level in development of the PCMH. If you would like additional information on the concept of the PCMH, visit the ACP website at www.acponline.org/running_practice/pcmh/ for an excellent review and frequent updates regarding state and national initiatives to develop this model of health care delivery.

I had the good fortune to represent the Kansas Chapter at the fall Board of Governor's meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 18-20, 2008. **Dr. Don Hatton**, our previous Governor, is the Chair of the Board of Governor's this year and led a very lively and productive meeting. A number of resolutions were debated and forwarded on to the Board of Regents for consideration. Sessions were held to discuss methods to encourage new members to join the ACP and to enhance local activities at the Chapter level. It is always helpful to hear what other Chapters are doing and what initiatives have been successful.

Dr. Melissa Warner is the Chair of the Scientific Committee for the Chapter meeting in 2009. If you have suggestions for topics for this meeting please contact either her or me at 316-293-2650 or at mwarner@kumc.edu or gminns@kumc.edu.

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LEAD program 2009, April 22, 2009, Philadelphia, PA

Recruitment programs: www.acponline.org/membership/recruit_a_colleague/

See below for a list of benefits that accrue to members.

Membership is a vital part of the Kansas chapter. I would encourage all those who have not paid their dues to do so. Through membership you receive many benefits on the national and local level. Some of the benefits include:

- Free subscriptions to Annals of Internal Medicine, ACP Internist, and ACP Journal Club.
- Local and national advocacy efforts to ensure that health care legislation reflects the needs and interests of internists and our patients.
- Significant discounts on MKSAP, and Internal Medicine 2009.
- A complete array of practice management guidelines and assistance through the College's Center for Practice Improvement and Innovation.

On the local level, your dues support:

- Sending delegates, including medical students and associates to Washington, DC for Leadership Day.
- Associate's poster competition.
- Sending the winner of the associate poster competition to present at the national level.
- Discount to the annual scientific meeting.

Dues announcements have been sent out. If you have not paid dues, please do so now by calling the ACP Customer Service at 800-523-1546 ext. 2600 (M-F, 9 am - 5pm ET) or pay online by visiting www.acponline.org/membership/dues/renew.

We were honored to receive the Chapter Excellence Award for 2008 thanks to the efforts of our previous **Governor, Donald Hatton**.

It is an honor to serve as your Governor. Please contact me with issues you would like addressed by the national office or our local chapter.

Visit the Chapter Website at
www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/ks

Photo Gallery



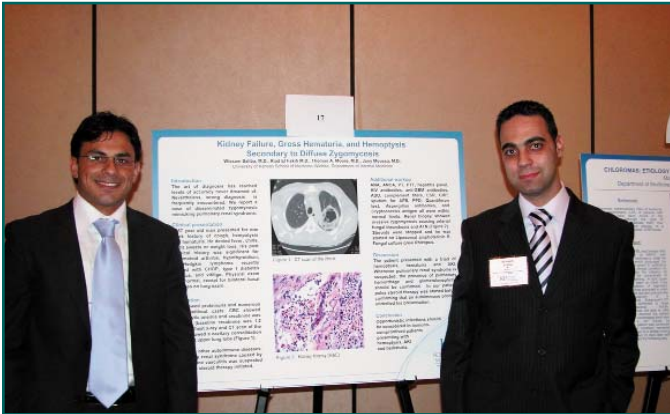
Drs. Eric Larson, Jeffrey Harris and Donna Sweet



Dr. Donald Holsinger with Dr. Kathleen Sandness who was the recipient of the Laureate Award



Dr. Allan Fleming with Dr. Gerald Kirby, the Delp Medal awardee



Drs. Riad El Fakih and Wissam Saliba with their poster at the chapter meeting

College Targets Emerging Leaders at IM 2009

If you are planning to attend IM 2009 in Philadelphia this year, consider going early so you can attend one of the new leadership development pre-courses offered on Wednesday, April 22. "*Essential Competencies for the Emerging Leader*" was offered for the first time last year, and was very successful. It combined plenary presentations with small group discussions to help develop competencies in self-assessment, effective communication, team building, and negotiation. To find out more, or to register, go to https://www.acponline.org/atpro/timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=PRE904.

An advanced course is also available: "*Leadership Competencies: Beyond the Basics*." Again using plenary presentations and small group interaction, the faculty will focus on skills needed to create a shared vision, think strategically, empower others, and manage change. More information and registration are available at https://www.acponline.org/atpro/timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=PRE905.

You can also register by phone at 1 800 523 1546, ext. 2600.
Member cost is \$209 before 2/13/09 and \$289 after that.

Other leadership topics covered during IM Week include:

Leadership and Career Advancement for International Medical Graduates; Teaching Residents and Fellows to Teach; New Ideas for Reforming the US Health Care System; Communicating between Generations; Effective Negotiation Skills; Resolving Competing Imperatives; Presentation Skills for Physicians; Teaching, Learning, and Assessing Medical Professionalism; How to Run a Meeting, Manage Time, and Develop Consensus. All of these courses count towards earning a LEAD (Leadership Enhancement and Development) Certificate. For more information on this award go to:

https://www.acponline.org/education_recertification/resources/leadership_development/certificate/.

To find out how you can get more involved in our own chapter's leadership, go to <http://www.acponline.org/lead>, and click on ACP Chapter Activities or contact me at gminns@kumc.edu.