



Governor's Message

I hope that all of you are doing well after the summer. Again I want to thank you all for your support and cooperation in the past months. The experience has been one of intense learning and sharing in the responsibilities of a new Governor. **Dr. William Rodriguez** has been a great teacher and mentor and we

would like to wish him well in his new role of past Governor and after a short vacation we will be recruiting his services again in the chapter as chair-person of the Awards and Master Nominations Committee.

Chapter Council

The new Chapter Council had its first meeting on October 4, 2008. The new members are:

- Dr. Carmen Cortés
- Dr. Héctor Córdova
- Dr. Walter Feliciano
- Dr. Edwin Alicea- Treasurer
- Dr. Elsie Cruz-Secretary
- Dr. Jorge Bertrán- President of the Scientific Committee
- Mrs. Lisa González- Chapter Administrator

We thank them for their disposition and will give them all our help and support.

Internal Medicine 2008, Washington DC, May 15-17, 2008

The National ACP meeting was held at Washington DC on the above dates. This year, **Doris Perez, MD** represented our Chapter in the national research competition. Her work, entitled Factors and outcomes in "BK Virus Nephropathy in the PR Kidney Transplant Population", done under the mentorship of **Jorge Bertran, MD, FACP** from the University District Hospital received an award at the competition.

In addition, our Chapter participated at the Doctors' Dilemma competition for the first time in the Chapter's history. The team from the University District Hospital, spearheaded by **Tania C. Gonzalez, Alberto Zamot, William Borges, Onyx Cantres** and **Enrique O. Ortiz** represented our chapter.

For the third time in the last two years, our Chapter was bestowed the honor of an Evergreen award. The Evergreen Program provides visibility and recognition to those chapters that have been successful in implementing programs that increase membership, improve communication, increase member involvement, enhance diversity, foster careers in internal medicine, and improve management of the Chapter. Each fall chapters are invited to nominate their own programs, providing details of why the program was initiated, how it was implemented, and what the results were. The PR Chapter received an award this time for its initiative of fostering an essay competition in which Associates wrote a 500 word minimum essay stating why attending the national ACP meeting will advance their career in Internal Medicine. The Medical Students who attended the San Diego meeting as a result of this initiative were **Peter Mennie MS 4, Miguel Malespin MS**

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4, and the Associates were **Yussef Galip, MD, Esteban Ramos, MD, Asdrúbal Sepúlveda, MD** and **Hector Guerra, MD**.

Our reception was held on May 16, 2008 at the Washington Grand Hyatt hotel, with a large number of attendees, among which were Governors from other ACP Chapters, aside from our Associates, Fellows and Masters.

Clinical Vignettes Competition

On Saturday, October 18, 2008 we celebrated our traditional Clinical Vignettes Competition at Los Chavales Restaurant. We had over 70 abstracts submitted and of those, 27 presentations were selected, 15 Oral presentations and 12 Posters. Each year the quality of presentations is great and the selection of the winners is extremely difficult. Congratulations to the winners and to all of the participants:

Poster Competition winners:

Dr. Omayra Reyes Santiago- VA Health Care System-*Effective use of Rituximab with Autoimmune hemolytic Anemia and Evans Syndrome*

Dr. Michelle Rivera- University of Puerto Rico SOM, University Hospital-*Azathioprine-induced Eosinophilic Lung Nodules in a Patient with Crohn's Disease*

María Uzcategui,MS III-*Hyperthyroidism, Hyperfunctioning Thyroid Nodule and Thyroid Cancer in a Young Female: A rare and Unusual Coexistence*

Oral Presentations winners:

Dr. Cristina Martínez- VA Health Care System- *The Ominous Nonspecific T- Wave: The Significance of Wellens Syndrome*

Dr. Zhamarie Ortiz- University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine- University Hospital- *Paraurethral Mass as an Unusual Presentation of Metastatic Crohn's Disease*

Dr. Arnaldo Pérez- Universidad Central del Caribe- Dr. Ruiz Arnau Hospital *The Great Imitator Meets Its Match: Diagnosing Systemic Lupus Erythematosus in the Context of Cytomegalovirus Infection*

Dr. Luis Rey Mejías- VA Health Care System- *An Atypical Case of Pulmonary Infarction*

Again our thanks to the Judges, **Dr. Luis Vilá, Dr. Angel Laureano, Dr. José Ramírez Rivera, Dr. Gloria Rodríguez, Dr. Héctor Gorbea** and of course our Committee President, **Dr. Jorge Bertrán**.

Puerto Rico Chapter Scientific Meeting, February 12-14, 2009 Hotel La Concha, San Juan

Please save the date. This year we have prepared a very interesting and varied program. This year topics will be Hospital Medicine, Genetics, Infectious Disease/ Tropical Medicine and End of Life Care. We will also have our associate's research competition and our now famous Medical Jeopardy/ Doctors' Dilemma Competition with the participation of all of our Internal Medicine Training Programs. The deadline for submitting the abstracts for the Associates Research Presentations is December 15, 2008. For reservations and information you can contact **Lisa González** at lisagonzalez1@gmail.com or La Concha Hotel, 787-721-8500 or www.marriot.com/hotels/sjubr-laconcha-areinainaisance-resort.

ACP National Meeting, April 23, 2009, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

I hope to see you all in Philadelphia. Our Chapter Reception will be on Friday April 24, 2009 at 7PM at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel.

Dr. Garcia Palmieri's Book

On October 8, 2008, the ACP Puerto Rico Chapter was co-sponsor with the UPR School of Medicine of the presentation of the book, *La Vida Ilustre de un Cardiólogo Fuera de Serie*, the life of **Dr. Mario R. García Palmieri, MACP, MACC**. The presentation was made by **Dr. Carlos Girod, MACP** and **Dr. Luis Izquierdo Mora**, the author. This was a great activity with the participation of many ACP and faculty members of the University of Puerto Rico.

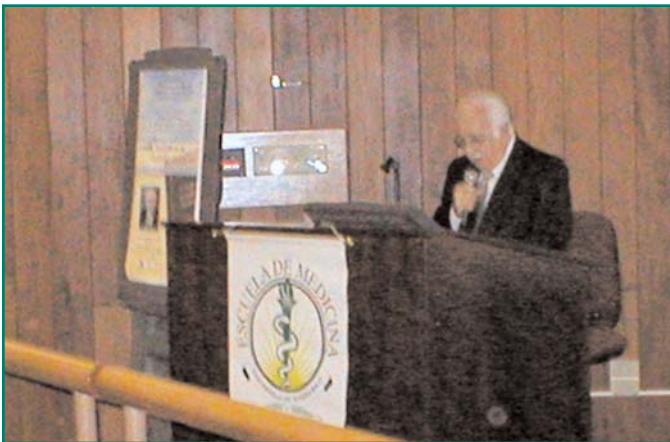
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Clinical Vignettes preparation



Clinical Vignette Winners



Dr. Mario Garcia Palmieri addressing the audience.



Dr. William Rodriguez with the 2008 Evergreen Winners.

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