



## Governor's Message

*"If not now, if not us..."*

If we do not work in concert and with our policy makers for the good of the general public in addressing much needed healthcare reform during this current administration, then many political experts forecast that nothing will be done. It is a political nightmare in need of direction, resolution and action. We all know the looming crises ahead if no significant change occurs. We all fear the change that has to happen and the painful challenges of progress. I want to assure you that leaders and advocates within your professional organization are working tirelessly to achieve needed change and that the ACP's priorities for achieving health care reform include:

1. Provide all Americans with access to affordable health insurance
2. Create incentives to reverse a growing and catastrophic shortage of general internists and other primary care physicians
3. End the annual cycle of Medicare doctor payment cuts
4. Reform the medical liability system.

What can you do? Talk to your patients, your communities, your legislators. Health reform is good for patients. To get more talking points and details on legislation designed to achieve the ACP goals, contact **David Kinsman** at: 202-261-4554; [dkinsman@acponline.org](mailto:dkinsman@acponline.org)

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## Upcoming Events

**Internal Medicine 2010**  
**Toronto, Canada**  
**Will host the year's premier**  
**Scientific Meeting for**  
**Internal Medicine**  
**April 22-24**

## Leadership Day 2009

Sincere thanks to the eleven members of the Wisconsin ACP Chapter that went to Capitol Hill for Leadership Day in May; our largest representation to date. Getting the message across in person to our legislators regarding current key issues is paramount. Physicians representing Wisconsin included: **Tony Otters** (chair, Milwaukee), **Saleem Aman** (Franklin), **Matt Crowe** (Madison), **Noel Deep** (Antigo), **Terri Hahn** (Stevens Point), **George Lange** (Milwaukee), **Don Lee** (Franklin), **Ann Maguire** (Brookfield), **Vishal Rakalkar** (Brookfield), **Harrison Robinson** (Fitchburg) and **Patricia Sias** (Green Bay).

## New Leadership

My last day as Governor of the Wisconsin ACP Chapter will be April 24, 2010. Your new leader will be **Dr. Steven Pearson**, an academic General Internist from LaCrosse. Dr. Pearson is the Vice-Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Medical Director of the Gunderson Lutheran Internal Medicine Residency Program. He is also an Assistant Clinical Professor of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health with teaching responsibilities of 3rd and 4th Year Medical Students. A member of the ACP since 1989, he has served on the WI State ACP Council since 2000 in key positions, including Co-Chair of the Associates Program at the State ACP meetings, member of the Internal Medicine Program Directors Committee and is currently the State ACP Secretary. Dr. Pearson is a strong advocate for patients, internists, medical education, professionalism and has a pulse on healthcare reform issues and pending legislation. I thank all of you for your support during my tenure at the helm and can assure you that our chapter will be in "good hands" with Dr. Pearson.

## Wisconsin Chapter Meeting, a Rousing Success!

The reviews from the recent State ACP Scientific Session held at the Wisconsin Dells September 11-13th, achieved high marks. The two pre-session courses on Office-Based Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease Update were popular, as were the newly added Hospital Medicine Updates. The ever-growing attendance at the Women's Forum enjoyed a presentation on leadership training. This year, the "social mixer" hosted by the Young Physicians and Hospitalists' groups proved to be an outright contest for the best and bravest karaoke singers! Much fun and comradely occurred there! As always, the best cases in medicine in the form of posters and clinical vignettes were presented in contest form by the Associates. And the audience silently guessed along with the Associates during the popular medical jeopardy bowl and the interactive "Thieves' Market". Excellent scientific updates included hospital medicine topics; updates in adult immunizations, advances in COPD management and tobacco cessation, advances in palliative care, peri-operative venous thromboembolism prevention, transfusion medicine, sepsis management and bringing EBM to the patient encounter. Slide presentations from the meeting are available on our chapter website.

Attendees were thrilled by the special guest presentation, "Medical Mysteries" given by **Dr. Faith Fitzgerald**, an internationally renowned medical educator and ethicist from California. Dr. Fitzgerald is an ACP Regent and also gave a presentation entitled, "*Fostering Excellence in Internal Medicine: 2009*".



## Associates to Represent Wisconsin Chapter at Internal Medicine '10

The Wisconsin Chapter is pleased to send five Associate winners of the State competitions to Internal Medicine 2010 in Toronto in April.



**-Clinical Vignette:** "An Elusive Diagnosis Exposed by Autoimmunity" **Donna Miller, MD;** Medical College of Wisconsin. In this case, an adult male developed Henoch-Schonlein Purpura, an immune complex small-vessel vasculitis, caused by Abiotrophia endocarditis.

**-Poster:** "Hyperbilirubinemia gone Awry" **Adarsh Varma, MD;** University of Wisconsin. In this case, an adult male bodybuilder developed benign recurrent intrahepatic cholestasis responding to serial plasma exchange therapy.

**-Medical Jeopardy Team** from Marshfield: **Drs. Yusuf Kasirye, Papia Kar & Subhashis Mitra.**

## 2009 Chapter Awards

### BENNETT VOGELMAN-LAUREATE



**Dr. Bennett Vogelman** is a Professor Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. He was born and raised in New York, the son of two Holocaust survivors. He graduated with both a Bachelor of Arts (Summa Cum Laude in Biology) and a Medical Degree (Alpha Omega Alpha) from State University of New York, Buffalo. He moved to Madison in 1978; and never left. After completing Internal Medicine Residency, including a year as Chief Resident, he did an Infectious Disease Fellowship. Dr. Vogelman started as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine in 1986. In 1988, he became the Associate Director of the UW Internal Residency Training Program; and since 1990, the Director of the residency program. He also serves as the Senior Associate Chair of Education since 1998, and Co-Director of the Medicine-Dermatology training program since 2003. He is married to **Molly Carnes** and has two children, **Paul** and **Lindsey**.

Dr. Vogelman rose quickly through the ranks to professorship by 1994. His clinical work and teaching has been primarily in Infectious Disease. He was a co-founder of the highly successful UW HIV care Program and a co-author of the Ryan White Part C grant that is the heart of this program; and served as its Co-Director for many years. He actively participates on many UW Hospital and Medicine Department committees, some of which include: GME executive over-

sight, clinical education planning, program directors council, Infectious Disease fellowship, mentor oversight, medicine education and clinical affairs, administrative leadership including chair of the Department of Medicine's resident and fellowship committee. Within the Medical School he serves on important committees dealing with course development, curriculum planning, faculty search and education policies. He has over 80 listings of publications, abstracts, regional, national and international presentations. Earlier basic research examined antimicrobial pharmacokinetics in animal models of infection under the mentorship of **Dr. William Craig**. Later work targeted facets of medical education; with the most current focus on changes in residency education.

Professor Vogelman is heralded by his colleagues, students, residents and fellows as a compassionate, excellent academic internist and faculty leader. He is the recipient of 25 distinguished academic and teaching awards so far in his career. Among which include: New York Regent Scholar, Philip Sang Medical School Award for best overall scholastic and interpersonal skills; numerous UW Housestaff awards for Professionalism and Faculty Teaching Excellence, including the "*Evans-Glassroth DOM Teaching Award*" for excellence in educating residents and fellows in acute care setting. He served as course chairman of the Second-Year Medical School pathophysiology course, "Mechanisms of Infectious Disease", and received multiple Medical Student teaching awards for excellence and commitment to student education including the Dean's Teaching Award and the University of Wisconsin's Campus-wide Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 1994 he was elected to Fellowship in the UW Madison Teaching Academy. Nationally, he received the Parker Palmer "*Courage to Teach*" Award by the ACGME. In 2004, he was nominated by the President of the ACGME and received the "*Gold Humanism*" Award. Dr. Bennett Vogelman's name has appeared in "*Top Doctor and Best Doctor in America*" lists by a national vote of peers every year since 2002. In Madison, he has been listed as a "Top Doc" by peers within Dane County.

His recent work has dealt with re-designing residency training. In 2005, Dr. Vogelman's "Education Innovation Project" was approved by the ACGME Residency Review Committee in Internal Medicine (only one of 21 within the US) and allowed a ten year accreditation of the UW Internal Medicine Residency program. Dr. Vogelman is currently the principal investigator of a funded grant called: "The Outcomes of Patient and Trainees in a Model of Industrial & Systems Engineering" (OPTIMISE Model).

Within the American College of Physicians, Dr. Bennett Vogelman has been a longstanding member and Fellow of the College. Since 1990, he has served on the Wisconsin ACP State Council Medicine & Program Directors Advisory Committee. As the UW Internal Medicine Program Director, he fosters excellence in academic research and supports Associates' presentations at the State Scientific Meetings. He is a common "fixture" and loyal attendee of the state scientific sessions. In 2007, Dr. Vogelman received the Wisconsin ACP "Distinguished Internist of the Year" Award.



### **JEFFREY GROSSMAN-DISTINGUISHED INTERNIST**

**Dr. Jeffrey Grossman**, Professor of Medicine and Anesthesiology at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs for the School, is also CEO and President of the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation, the faculty's group practice. A practicing Pulmonologist and Critical Care Specialist who has spent his entire career at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Grossman has touched thousands of lives in his roles of physician, teacher, researcher, administrator and community citizen.

By many, Dr. Grossman is described as being a superb teacher, especially at the bedside. His tireless work, compassionate care and attention to high standards of quality care and conduct are evident by example. "He is a leader who has done it all from the ground up." He has a consulting clinic and hospital patient load, attends on the pulmonary and TLC/Critical Care wards and has a long list of accomplishments and commitments. Some of these include: former Medical Director of the Emergency Department at UW, former Medical Director of the Trauma & Life Support Center, former Director of Adult Critical Care Services, Past President of the UW Hospitals and Clinics Medical Staff, former Vice-President for Medical Affairs for UW Hospital, and Interim Chair of the UW Department of Medicine (1993-97).

Dr. Grossman has shared his time and talent by serving strategic roles on over 100 committees for the UW Medical School, Department of Medicine, UW Hospital and Clinics and UW Medical Foundation. He has been an instructor in Clinical Medicine, chaired the Second Year Pulmonary Pathophysiology Course, served as Faculty Mentor to the Medical Students and Director of the Critical Care Fellowship Program. In addition to clinical and administrative work, his scholarship includes authorship of over thirty published articles, several book chapters, twenty five abstracts, many invited lectures, over 100 local and regional talks and about 2.5 million dollars of grant support—including a 1.5 million dollar award to establish a Health Innovation Program at the UW. The wider community has benefited from his work on the Board of Directors of HospiceCare, Inc., the Wisconsin Patient Safety Institute, Inc.; the Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality and the Wisconsin Medical Society.

Professor Grossman has received coveted teaching and leadership awards, among which include: the Alfred Soffer Research Award from the American College of Chest Physicians, the Wisconsin Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Leadership, and, as of 2006—the UW Department of Medicine created the "*Grossman Award*," given annually to a faculty member who displays the highest standards of professionalism, compassion and humility.

Active also in several professional societies, he has served important roles on state and national committees; including Past Governor of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians. An advocate of the American College of Physicians, he served in an advisory role to the Wisconsin ACP State Council while serving as the UW Department Chair of Medicine; and supported the scholarly work and presentations of his Medicine Residents to the State ACP Scientific Sessions.



**ELIZABETH ROGERS JACOBS  
HELEN DICKIE WOMAN PHYSICIAN**

**Dr. Elizabeth Jacobs**, Professor of Medicine and Physiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, is an outstanding woman physician with a distinguished career in patient care, medical education, research and leadership. Dr. Jacobs joined MCW in 1989 as an Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of Research. She served as the Director of the Cardiovascular Research Center from 2005-07 and was the Co-Director of the Translational Research Initiative from 2004-06. She is currently the Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and the Associate Director of the Cardiovascular Center.

She has pursued an active career in research in endogenous arachidonic acid metabolites on pulmonary vascular cell survival and function, in efforts to improve outcomes in patient suffering ARDS, pneumonia and other lung disease. Widely published, the quality of this work has resulted in millions of dollars of NIH grant money over 25 years, seats on NIH review committees and invitations to present her work across the country. In recognition of this facet of her work, Dr. Jacobs was awarded the Women in Science Award at MCW in

2007. The Milwaukee Academy of Medicine also honored her with its Distinguished Achievement Award.

Since becoming Division Chief at the Milwaukee VAMC and its Pulmonary Vascular Modeling lab, Dr. Jacobs has assisted PhD faculty members in obtaining independent funding for their research. The extramural funding of her Division has doubled and she has recruited more physician scientists. She has mentored 23 others in her specialty field, along with teaching countless medical students, residents, and junior faculty. She was instrumental in the Department of Medicine's Faculty Development committee to monitor and respond to problems in the academic progress of junior women faculty. Attending in the ICU and on the Pulmonary consult service 4 months of the year, Dr. Jacobs' division has won the Medicine Housestaff Teaching Award 7 times since 1991.



### **MATTHEW CROWE-YOUNG INTERNIST**

**Dr. Matthew Crowe** graduated as an honor student from Wright State University School of Medicine, Dayton, OH, in 2001. He was awarded the ACP Internal Medicine Award for a fourth year student pursuing a career in Internal Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin. Honored as the recipient of the David Sunde Humanitarian Award, Dr. Crowe was also selected to serve as Chief Resident, after which he completed a fellowship in Rheumatology at UW.

As an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, he is a practicing rheumatologist at the UWVC and Middleton VA. He is described as an excellent clinician in his specialty as well as a superb general internist. Dr. Crowe is an exemplary teacher, well known throughout his institution. As chief resident, he ran morning report and other conferences. He has taught medical students regularly in the 1st and 2nd year Patient, Doctor and Society course; as well as a small group facilitator for the "Infection and Immunity" course. He teaches students and residents regularly on the inpatient services at the VA. Dr. Crowe also mentored students while volunteering at the Medic Grace Episcopal Shelter's free medical clinic for homeless men on the capitol square; and is currently working on establishing a multidisciplinary VA clinic for homeless veterans.

Dr. Crowe's work with medical students also includes serving as a role model and encouraging students to pursue careers in Internal Medicine. He is the faculty mentor for the UW Medical School's Internal Medicine Interest Group. This IMIG receives direct support for their student activities from the Wisconsin Chapter of the ACP. Since his chief residency days, he has been a strong promoter of the scholarly presentations of both medical students and residents at the state chapter ACP meetings.

Other significant contributions to the Wisconsin ACP Chapter include his involvement in the State ACP Council. Dr. Crowe has served on the Wisconsin Council of Young Physicians Committee since 2005. In 2007 and 2008, he served as the overall Chair of the State Scientific Sessions. His teaching extended first-hand to the ACP meetings, where he moderated the entertaining and informative "Thieve's Market." For the past three years, Dr. Crowe participated in Leadership Day in Washington DC, as part of the Wisconsin delegation on Health and Public Policy, delivering concerns directly to our national legislators.

With dedication to the practice of medicine; teaching and mentoring of medical students and residents; a strong commitment to his community; and service to the ACP, Dr. Crowe epitomizes what the College values in its young physicians.



## **ANTHONY OTTERS-ADDIS COSTELLO INTERNIST**

**Dr. Anthony "Tony" Otters** is a General Internal Medicine Physician in Milwaukee. He has strong interest and work in areas of medical informatics, computers in medicine, decision analysis and medical education. He has also spent much of his free time working on issues surrounding health care access, policies and reform.

Dr. Otters is a member of the 'Milwaukee Cares' Board of Directors and serves leadership roles in key committees. The program is a voluntary public-private partnership initiative that was established to provide health care to low income, uninsured patients in Milwaukee County who don't qualify for Medicaid or GAMP. The primary goal of Milwaukee Cares is to develop and manage a coordinated system that helps uninsured people access healthcare services. Active within his Milwaukee County Medical Society, Dr. Otters has served on the Board of Directors and serves as a Delegate to the Wisconsin Medical Society. Within the WMS, he currently serves on the Council on Health Care Access.

Since 1997, Dr. Otters has been a Fellow in the ACP. For the past 12 years, he has been a member of the State ACP Council and has served many active roles. Noted for his keen expertise in computers in medicine, he is the Technical Chair for the State Scientific Sessions. The critical role of having seamless computer-based PowerPoint presentations from Associates of the five Internal Medicine Residency Programs, along with the other presenters, is paramount to the success of the meetings. He has also been a long-standing member of the annual meeting's socioeconomic program committee.

In his quest for health care and public policy reform, Dr. Otters is also very involved in the State ACP Health & Public Policy Committee. For the past 4 years, he has personally led the Wisconsin ACP delegation to the White House for Leadership Day. Arranging personal interviews for our physician group, we were able to speak directly to our US Senators and Congressional Representatives about our views and concerns. Dr. Otters is a devoted advocate to improving health care and a true inspiration to those who know him.



## **GREGORY VON ROENN VOLUNTEERISM & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Dr. Von Roenn** has served as an exemplary practicing general internist for over 33 years in the Milwaukee area. His volunteering efforts have been ongoing for over three decades and include serving as an active volunteer attending physician for various Medical College of Wisconsin Internal Medicine hospital ward teams as well as medical students rotating through his outpatient clinic. He has been a volunteer on numerous committees for St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center and continues to be active on the Credentials Committee of the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare System.

Perhaps, his most inspirational volunteer efforts have been those devoted to sharing his medical skills with the underserved and poor within his local community and in poor countries of the Caribbean. Dr. Von Roenn served as a Volunteer Medical Staff member of the Capitol Drive Community Health Center in the mid 1980's, and the Isaac Coggs Community Health Center from 1988 to 1992. He has been President of a charitable organization at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center since 1997, providing funds for medical education and patient care. Since 2005, he has volunteered at the St. Ben's Clinic for the Homeless; providing free clinical services to these underserved populations.

In 2003, Dr. Von Roenn began volunteer efforts in the Les Cayes Medical Clinic in Les Cayes, Haiti, to expand services to the poor. He is also serving on the Board of Hope for Haiti, a charitable organization with a goal of building a hospital in rural Haiti. And, he takes medical students on trips to Haiti, offering unique teaching opportunities in medical mission work. Dr. Von Roenn has volunteered at the San Isidro Clinic in San Isidro, Honduras; the Northwest Medical Disaster Relief Team in December, 2004, in Gros Marne, Haiti; and has been an Outreach Leader for St. Cecilia Church to Kingston, Jamaica. Needless to say, travel to these locales has not come without personal sacrifice and risks.

For these outstanding examples of Physician Volunteerism and Community Service, we honor Dr. Greg Von Roenn. His selfless dedication to medical care of the poor and underserved, as well as efforts towards teaching volunteerism and professionalism in future generations of physicians, upholds the highest ideals of the American College of Physicians.



### **ELPIDIO TOMAS AYALA COMMUNITY BASED PHYSICIAN & MENTOR**

**Dr. Elpidio Tomas Ayala**, a UW Clinical Assistant Professor, has been practicing General Internal Medicine in Fond du Lac since 1978. He is also an Adjunct Instructor for the School of Nursing at Marian University. He is highly respected by colleagues and students alike for his clinical skills and has been an exceptional role model. He has served as his Clinic's Medical Director and Chairman of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at St. Agnes Hospital. In addition to presentations to community organizations on health topics and lectures to the EMTs, he has served as the Medical Director for College Health at the Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac.

Since 1981, Dr. Ayala has hosted clinical electives to medical students from Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. Since 1997, he has had an ongoing teaching commitment at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. For ten years he participated in the Generalist Partner Program. This program partners medical students with a primary care physician for experiences during their first and second years to enhance exposure to clinical medicine.

Additionally, Dr. Ayala continues to lead weekly sessions in the Patient, Doctor and Society course teaching communication skills and physical diagnosis to first and second year medical students as a 'Master Teacher'. Dr. Ayala's teaching in the small groups has consistently ranked among the best. He has received outstanding evaluations from his students. Quotes include: "perfect example of compassion," "*lives beyond the classroom*," "the BEST small group leader I've ever had," "always goes above and beyond to encourage students to succeed," "he is so enthusiastic about our learning and success in the medical field and uses any and every opportunity to teach," "*he embodies the physician we all want to become*," and "*it is a great privilege to have been taught by him*."

A Fellow of the ACP, Dr. Ayala has demonstrated outstanding professionalism in a career dedicated to patients, community, colleagues and teaching future physicians.

**Visit the Chapter Website at**

**[www.acponline.org/chapters/wi](http://www.acponline.org/chapters/wi)**



## **WISCONSIN SENATOR JON ERPENBACH-LEGISLATOR**

The Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Physicians recognizes the efforts of an individual or group of Wisconsin legislators who have diligently worked to promote the medical health and wellness of the people of the state. **Senator Jon Erpenbach** has been committed to promoting legislation that has had a positive health impact on the citizens of Wisconsin.

A former radio personality and legislative assistant, Senator Erpenbach was elected to represent the 27th Senate District (parts of Green, Rock, Lafayette and Dane counties) in 1998 and re-elected in 2002 and 2006. Jon's Senate colleagues elected him Senate Democratic Leader in December 2002, which he served until December 2004. With his public broadcasting background, Senator Erpenbach worked in both the State Assembly and State Senate in media relations and as communications director. An advocate for citizen involvement, he is involved heavily in a wide variety of community activities. Within the State Senate, he has served on more than twenty committees and task forces. Senator Erpenbach is the current Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and he is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Committee for Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long term Care. He serves on the Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs as well as numerous others devoted to conservation and rural matters in the state.

For advocacy and accomplishments in legislating for Wisconsin citizens, Senator Erpenbach has received many recognitions. Some specific health-related awards include: the Healthcare Leadership Award by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians, the Alzheimer's Association Legislator of the Year Award, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Outstanding Leadership Award, Wisconsin Counties Association Legislator of the Year award; and the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin Rebecca C. Young Leadership Award for work on the Compassionate Care of Rape Victims.

Senator Erpenbach helped author and promote Healthy Wisconsin, a universal coverage system designed to lower healthcare costs, increase access to insurance for everyone in Wisconsin, improve the quality of care through coverage of preventive medicine and aggressive treatment of chronic diseases. In May of 2009, he was instrumental in finally negotiating a compromise on the statewide smoking ban signed into Wisconsin law.

## **New for ACP Hospitalists**

This year our chapter has formed a dedicated Hospitalist Committee that was active in bringing new hospitalists to our State Meeting with the development of a new network within the organization. There was a special section of the state meeting designed with Hospitalist Updates along with a social mixer and SEP module. ACP welcomes all its chapter hospitalists to participate on the new email blog: [www.wiacphospitalmedicine.ning.com](http://www.wiacphospitalmedicine.ning.com)

Let us know how we can better address your professional needs and become part of unique network. For more information, or for assistance getting on to the new blog, contact **Dr. John David**, Chair, at: [jedtjd@hotmail.com](mailto:jedtjd@hotmail.com)

## **New ACP Fellows—Congratulations!!!!**

**Pablo H. Abrego, MD FACP**, Wausau  
**Amit Biswas, MD FACP**, Wausau  
**William K. Clanfield, MD FACP**, Janesville  
**Mary E. Cronin, MD FACP**, Fox Point  
**Aaron Thomas Dall, MD FACP**, Milwaukee  
**Edmund H Duthie, Jr., MD FACP**, Elm Grove  
**David A. Edmondson, DO FACP**, Wausau  
**Jonathon A. Forncrook, DO FACP**, Marshfield  
**Elizabeth Rogers Jacobs, MD FACP**, Milwaukee  
**Imran Sajjad, MBBS FACP**, Portage  
**Daniel K Short, MD PhD FACP**, La Crosse  
**Natasha Travis, MD FACP**, Milwaukee  
**Hemender Singh Vats, MBBS FACP**, Marshfield  
**Linda J Werner, MD FACP**, Marinette

## **Fellowship, are you eligible?**

Contact **Mariana Hotea**: [mhotea@acponline.org](mailto:mhotea@acponline.org)

Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. It may be achieved by either advancement from ACP Membership or, in exceptional cases, by direct election. Honorary Fellowships are granted to presidents or their equivalents of medical societies abroad who attend ACP's annual Internal Medicine meeting.

Fellows are authorized to use the letters FACP (Fellow of the American College of Physicians) in connection with their professional activities for as long as their membership remains current. They have the right to vote, hold office, and sponsor applicants for Membership and Fellowship. Fellows are inducted at a Convocation ceremony held during ACP's annual Internal Medicine meeting.



Help strengthen the voice of internal medicine - recommend ACP Membership to your colleagues!

The need for a strong voice to speak on behalf of medicine and, in particular, internal medicine has never been greater than it is today. It is critically important that we unify to address the specific needs of our medical specialty. There are advocacy efforts to champion, practice management issues to simplify, and a time-honored profession to foster. There is strength in numbers. Together, we can change the direction of internal medicine.

Ask your colleagues to join ACP today. To thank you for your time and effort, we offer the following recruitment program. Between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010:

- Recruit one colleague and receive a \$100 credit toward your 2010-11 annual dues.
- Recruit two colleagues and receive an additional \$100 credit toward your 2010-11 annual dues.
- Recruit three colleagues and enjoy free annual dues in 2010-11.

Plus, for every Member recruited within the promotional period, you will receive an entry into a grand-prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2011 in San Diego, California that includes registration, airfare (up to \$500), and four days of hotel accommodations.

To be considered a "recruited" Member, your colleague must:

- Be a nonmember who is eligible for the "full" ACP Member category and pay \$100 or more in dues.
- Submit a Membership application, along with his or her dues payment, between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010.
- Write your name in the recruiter box on the top of the Membership application\*\*.

Send a recruitment e-mail to a colleague today, or download and print a Membership application to personally deliver. You may also request a Membership Inquiry Kit from Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, (M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET).

It is the collective effort that makes a difference. Call on the support of your colleagues today.

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This program is only valid for ACP members whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year.

\*Please note that total dues credits earned in one yearly period cannot be greater than the amount of any recruiter's annual dues.

\*\* You can also receive credit for recruiting former Members and Fellows. If a former Member or Fellow calls Customer Service for reinstatement, be sure to ask that you are mentioned as a recruiter.

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## Photo Gallery



*Awards Group*



*Awards Ceremony*



*Dr. George Magnin*



*Drs. McCarty, Mazza, and Schilling*