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Third Annual ACP–ASIM International Competition

The Third Annual International Poster Competition was held April 11-12 at Annual Session in Philadelphia, PA. A total of 13 abstracts were selected and a total of 9 posters were displayed and presented by physicians in the competition. Abstracts came from a variety of countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, France, Greece, Japan, Mexico, and Venezuela. The judging was done by Rolf Streuli, MD, FACP, Secretary General, International Society of Internal Medicine (ISIM); Dr. Jaime Merino, MD, FACP (Hon), President of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM); and Mahendr S. Kochar, MD, FACP, member of the ACP–ASIM Board of Regents. The winners were Fernando Guerrero-Romero, MD, FACP, Secretary General, International Society of Internal Medicine (ISIM); Dr. Jaime Merino, MD, FACP (Hon), President of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM); and Mahendr S. Kochar, MD, FACP, member of the ACP–ASIM Board of Regents. The winners were Fernando Guerrero-Romero, MD, and Martha Rodríguez-Morán, MD. The first runner-up was Sigfrido Miracle Lopez, MD, from Mexico.

The competition will be extended for two additional years. Applications for the Fourth Annual ACP–ASIM International Poster Competition are now available at our Web site www.acponline.org/college/international/?idx. For further information, please contact Alex Nalencz at analencz@mail.acponline.org.

International Networking Reception

The International Networking Reception was held on Friday, April 12, 2002 at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The reception was an enjoyable event, with a diverse group of attendees representing many countries from around the world. Joseph E. Johnson III, MD, FACP, Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President; Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, MD, MACP, President Emeritus; and Cecil B. Wilson, MD, FACP, Chair-elect of the Board of Regents, welcomed everyone to the Reception, gave small gifts to the Honorary Fellows and Special Representatives attending the Reception, as well as to new Masters from Latin American Chapters, and recognized the winners of the International Poster Competition.

International Panel Discussion

The International Panel Discussion, “The International Health Impact of Tobacco: Tobacco Usage and Its Effects Worldwide,” was moderated by Kalpalatha K. Guntupalli, MD, FACP, a member of the International Subcommittee, and had two excellent presentations by Diane E. Stover, MD, and Jeffrey Wigand, PhD, the person who “blew the whistle” on the tobacco industry depicted in the film “The Insider.” It was well received by the more than 40 attendees. The panel was presented by the International Subcommittee with support from the CHEST Foundation of the American College of Chest Physicians, who also supplied the International Office with more than 100 free CDs of the Speakers Kit from the Task Force on Women, Girls, Tobacco & Lung Cancer, entitled “Don’t Let the Lives of Women and Girls Go Up in Smoke,” that were distributed at the meeting.

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The ACP–ASIM would like to e-mail important issues, meeting notifications, announcements, and legislative updates to you. We do not have e-mail addresses for a majority of the membership. If you would like to receive these updates, please notify Alex Nalencz, International Administrator, at analencz@mail.acponline.org.

Questions??—Please contact Alex at ACP–ASIM Headquarters, 215-351-2520.
Interview with Joseph E. Johnson III, MD, FACP

Dr. Johnson, please describe briefly your experiences as the President of the International Society of Internal Medicine (ISIM).

As a member of the Executive Committee of ISIM, I attended the Congresses and spoke in Manila in 1996, Lima in 1998, Cancun in 2000, and Kyoto in 2002. My two-year term as President of ISIM culminated in an outstanding International Congress in Kyoto, hosted by the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine and attended by about 4,000 internists from around the world. It was an excellent scientific meeting with strong representation from ACP–ASIM leaders and speakers. In Kyoto, I also presided, along with Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa, the President of the Congress, at the Opening Ceremony and also at the official meetings of ISIM. In addition, I gave several scientific presentations. At the Kyoto Congress, I completed my term as President of ISIM and will continue as a member of the Executive Committee until 2004 as Immediate Past President. That will complete a total term of eight years. During that span, society membership has increased from 45 to 57, and, based on active discussions with other societies, will probably reach 60 members in the next two years.

Could you tell our readers a little more about the ISIM?

The ISIM is a consortium of 57 societies of internal medicine from around the world. It was founded 54 years ago in Switzerland and constitutes a key network of the world’s leading groups of internists. The principal activity of ISIM is the organization of a biennial Congress, which is hosted by a member society. The largest member societies of ISIM include, in addition to ACP–ASIM, the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine, and the Russian Society. The Secretary-General of ISIM, Dr. Rolf Streuli, is based in Switzerland.

What is the role of the ACP–ASIM in ISIM?

ACP became a member of ISIM in 1973, and over the years has been actively represented by former College Executive Vice Presidents Ed Rosenow and John Ball. As Interim Executive Vice President in 1994, I attended the International Congress in Budapest, and subsequently in 1996 was elected to the ISIM Executive Committee. As the largest society of internal medicine in the world, ACP–ASIM is clearly an important member of ISIM and has given key support along with the other large societies (the Royal College of London and the Japanese Society.)

Why is it important for the ACP–ASIM to participate in ISIM?

As the professional society representing U.S. internal medicine, ACP–ASIM clearly bears an important responsibility for leadership in the world medical arena. Not only is the ACP–ASIM the world’s largest medical professional society, physicians around the world look to the United States for the most recent advances in medical science and practice and to the College especially for its educational programs, products, and practice guidelines. I believe this responsibility also extends to the development and support of global ethical and professional standards such as the Charter on Professionalism developed collaboratively by ACP–ASIM, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the EFIM. The ISIM is a key framework, through which the College can work with the component national societies in meeting these responsibilities.

What are some of the ACP–ASIM’s international activities?

The College currently has close to 5,000 international members outside the United States, of whom 3,327 are in College chapters in North, Central, and South America.

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Future Worldwide Meetings

Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine
Lima, Peru
October 31-November 3, 2002
Program Director: Oscar G. Pamo, MD, FACP
Speaker: Mary T. Herald, MD, FACP

15th Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine
Taipei, Taiwan
November 9-12, 2002
Program Director: Teh-Hong Wang, MD

Atlantic Provinces Chapter and Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (CSIM) Meeting
November 15-18, 2002
Program Director: Harry W. Edstrom, MD, FACP, S. Paul Handa, MD, FACP
Speaker: Harold C. Sox, MD, MACP

Italian Society of Internal Medicine
November 18-22, 2002
Milan, Italy
Program Director: Alberto Malliani

Mexico Chapter Meeting
(XXV Congreso Nacional de Medicina Interna)
Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico
November 18-22, 2002
Program Director: Jorge Castañón, MD, FACP
Speaker: Richard W. Carlson, MD, PhD, FACP
College Representative: Stephen C. Beutell, MD, FACP

3rd Annual Convention & Scientific Session of Bangladesh Society of Internal Medicine
Dhaka, Bangladesh
December 22, 2002
Program Director: F.M. Siddiqui, MD
Speaker: Faroque A. Khan, MD, MACP

Central America Chapter Meeting
Panama City, Panama
January 31-February 2, 2003
Program Director: Marco A. López, MD, FACP
Speaker: Jeffrey P. Harris, MD, FACP
College Representative: Mary T. Herald, MD, FACP

German Society of Internal Medicine Annual Congress
Wiesbaden, Germany
April 26-30, 2003
Program Director: Prof. Dr. K.H. Usadel
Speaker: Mary T. Herald, MD, FACP

For further information on any of the above meetings, please contact Eve Swiacki at eswiacki@mail.acponline.org.

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ACP–ASIM Chile Chapter Meeting, Santiago, Chile

The ACP–ASIM Chapter Meeting in Chile was held on May 6-8, 2002 in Santiago with William J. Hall, MD, MACP, as College Representative to the Congress and Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, as the Speaker funded by the International Office. Dr. Walker delivered two excellent lectures on New Treatments for Rheumatoid Arthritis and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. There was an ACP–ASIM exhibit booth at the meeting from which materials were distributed. The meeting was well attended and organized by Dr. Guillermo Acuno. Of special importance was the participation of Hector Gatica, MD, FACP, President of the Chilean Society of Internal Medicine, who had recently attended the ACP–ASIM Annual Session in Philadelphia. Dr. Gatica spoke of his support for the ACP–ASIM.

Bolivia Meeting, La Paz, Bolivia

The Bolivian Society of Internal Medicine Meeting was held on May 9-10, 2002 in La Paz and was attended by approximately 300 physicians. The Bolivian meeting was a success, with its theme being, “Actualización en Medicina Interna.” There were a number of symposia covering the major topics of antibiotics, systemic lupus erythematosus, hypertension, and diabetes mellitus. Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, President of the ACP–ASIM, was the speaker funded by the International Office of the ACP–ASIM for the meeting and Jean Adrian Floru Mercado, MD, ACP–ASIM Member, was the Program Director.

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The College, through the Board of Regents, has recently approved guidelines for the establishment of new chapters in Latin America and also in areas outside the Americas. Although College international membership will undoubtedly continue to increase, our current belief is that the most promising way to make College educational products available to the majority of international internists will be through partnering with international societies, specifically the constituent members of ISIM. The international goal of ACP–ASIM should not be that of competing with other national societies for members, but of cooperation for sharing of educational programs, products, and publications.

What have been some of the leading international activities of the College in the last decade?

Substantial changes have occurred in the organization of College international activities over the last 10 years since I joined the full-time staff as Senior Vice President for Membership. The International Office was formally established in the Membership Division. In addition, to coordinate College-wide international activities, it was critical to develop an active International Staff Team with representation from all areas of the College’s activities. The International Subcommittee was also restructured and strengthened. While international membership increased, it was important to support and nurture the College’s eleven international chapters, especially the newer South American chapters. Other developments included establishing and strengthening relationships with several key international organizations, including, in addition to ISIM, the newly reorganized EFIM, and the Organization of Latin American Societies of Internal Medicine (SOLAMI). The College’s Latin American Speakers Program was expanded to become the International Speakers Program, which is an important source of speakers for our international chapters. International student and Associate membership has also significantly increased and the Council of Associates now includes an Associate from an international chapter. Several international meetings were sponsored or cosponsored by the College. International activities at the College’s Annual Session have increased substantially, notably with the very popular International Networking Reception, as well as panels, lectures, and a poster competition organized and sponsored by the International Subcommittee. Presidents of International Internal Medicine Societies receive

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The 26th International Congress of Internal Medicine was held in Kyoto, Japan, May 26-29. It was organized by the Science Council of Japan and the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine (JSIM) under the auspices of the International Society of Internal Medicine (ISIM). The President of the Congress was Kiyoshi Kurokawa, MD, MACP. The theme of the Congress was Global Physicians Network, a Challenge for the New Century.

It was extremely well organized with an outstanding international faculty including representatives of the ISIM Executive Committee and leading internists and subspecialists from the United States. Joseph E. Johnson, MD, FACP, the former Senior Vice President for Membership and current Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President of the ACP–ASIM, as the President of the ISIM from 2000 until 2002, was part of the Opening Ceremony, held on Sunday evening, May 26, along with leaders from the JSIM, the Science Council of Japan, and other leading medical groups in Japan, as well as the Emperor and Empress of Japan. Several distinguished faculty members from the United States participated in the Congress, including Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, the President of the ACP–ASIM; William J. Hall, MD, MACP, the Immediate Past President of the ACP–ASIM; Robert B. Gibbons, MD, FACP, a member of the ACP–ASIM Board of Regents; and Faith T. Fitzgerald, MD, MACP, a past ACP–ASIM Governor for Northern California. John Noble, MD, MACP, a former member of the ACP–ASIM Board of Regents, gave the Hinohara Address at the Congress. The new President of the ISIM, Dr. Charles R. K. Hind, took office at the meeting, and Dr. Johnson became the Immediate Past President of the ISIM.

There were more than 4,000 attendees at the meeting. The vast majority of attendees who completed evaluations rated the meeting as very good to excellent on all areas rated. The ACP–ASIM exhibited at the Congress with staff providing information to the attendees about the College’s many products and services, as well as information about how to join the ACP–ASIM.

Future sites for the International Congress of Internal Medicine are:
- Granada, Spain: September 26-October 1, 2004
- Taipei, Taiwan: 2006
- Buenos Aires, Argentina: 2008

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Honorary Fellowships at the Annual Session Convocation, and other international representatives are recognized.

What is your future role at the ACP–ASIM?
Although I have retired from the ACP–ASIM full-time staff as of July 1, 2002, I am happy to confirm that I will continue on a part-time basis as Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President/CEO with a focus on international activities. This will include a liaison role with international organizations such as ISIM, SOLAMI, and EFIM and a consultant role with the International Subcommittee and the international chapters.

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