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ACP-ASIM International Newsletter



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Annual Session 2003 in Sunny San Diego

Make your plans to attend. Internal medicine's best and brightest are coming to San Diego, California. ACP-ASIM's Annual Session 2003 will be held April 3-5, 2003 in Sunny San Diego. Pre-Session Courses will be held April 1-2, 2003.

Learn the latest information on internal medicine and discover the answers to common, yet difficult, patient-management problems. Enhance your knowledge and effectiveness as a physician by choosing from over 260 high-quality CME offerings, in a wide variety of formats, from lectures to small-group discussions.

Refresh and refine your skills and learn new ones at hands-on Clinical Skills workshops featuring small-group tutorials led by experts in techniques and tools for the outpatient setting. Through demonstration, practice, and feedback, develop important skills in physical examination, medical interviewing, office-based procedures, and more.

Apply what you learn immediately to improve your practice and patient care. Come away with the latest



Annual Session ▶ April 3-5, 2003

information on internal medicine and new insights into effective patient-management issues.

Connect with your peers and with leading experts in their fields. Annual Session is the year's premier opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with fellow internists from around the globe, including those whom you know, and those whom you would like to know. Attended by acknowledged leaders in virtually every area of internal medicine, Annual Session offers a rich array of networking and social opportunities.

Expect to have a great time in San Diego, America's Most Family-Friendly City! Consider spending an extra day or two in the city that Family Fun magazine rated the Most Family-Friendly City in the Southwest two years in a row.

Make your plans now, to be in San Diego, April 3-5, 2003 to attend ACP-ASIM's Annual Session! Visit <http://www.acponline.org/cme/as/2003/index.html> for additional information.

Help—We Need Your E-mail!

The ACP-ASIM would like to e-mail important issues, meeting notifications, and announcements. 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@acponline.org.

Questions??—Please contact Alex at ACP-ASIM Headquarters, 215-351-2520.



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International Meetings Update

The ACP-ASIM Venezuela Chapter Meeting was held in conjunction with the Venezuelan Society of Internal Medicine Meeting from September 4-7, 2002 in Caracas. Dr. Richard Carlson, MD, Ph.D, FACP, Governor for the ACP-ASIM Arizona Chapter, was the International Speaker at the meeting with Dr. Stephen Beuttel, MD, FACP acting as the College Representative. They both praised the meeting for its professionalism, and collegiality. They estimated the attendance at approximately 1,500, including at least 100 medical students and Associate members.

The Annual Meeting of the Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine was held in Lima, Peru from October 31-November 3, 2002. The International Speaker at the meeting was Mary Herald, MD, FACP, Chair-elect of the Board of Regents. The meeting was well organized, with about 1,000 physicians in attendance. Dr. Herald noted that the attendees at the meeting were interested in the products and services of the ACP-ASIM, specifically PIER, for which the interest was considerable. Dr. Herald praised the meeting for its high-quality, good interaction between physicians, and networking opportunities, and hopes that the relationship with the Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine and the ACP-ASIM will continue to develop.

The 10th Annual Meeting of the ACP-ASIM Mexico Chapter was held in conjunction with the 25th Meeting of the Mexican Association of Internal Medicine in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico from November 18-22, 2003. Stephen C. Beuttel, MD, FACP was College Representative, and Richard W. Carlson, MD, Ph.D, FACP was the International Speaker at this joint meeting. Dr. Jorge A. Castañón González, the ACP-ASIM Governor for Mexico, gave opening remarks at the meeting, which drew approximately 3,000 internists from throughout Mexico, including the Governor of the State of Tabasco. The quality of the scientific program was excellent and included two days of pre-courses and three days of meetings.

Harold C. Sox, MD, MACP recently took part in a "Visiting Professorship" program developed by the ACP-ASIM Atlantic Provinces Chapter. The first day of his trip he spent doing Grand Rounds at the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland. The following day he was in the Westin Halifax Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia for the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine. On his last day he did Grand Rounds at the Health Sciences Corporation in St. John, New Brunswick. Dr. Sox described the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine as an "organization on the move" and was generally impressed with the number of leading physicians of Canadian internal medicine in attendance at its meeting.

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Future Worldwide Meetings



German Society of Internal Medicine Annual Congress

Wiesbaden, Germany, Apr. 26-30, 2003
Program Director: Prof. Dr. K.H. Usadel
A.Reinhard@em.uni-frankfurt.de
Speaker: Mary T. Herald, MD, FACP

Chilean Society of Internal Medicine Meeting

Santiago, Chile, May 5-7, 2003
Program Director:
José Rodríguez-Portales, MD, FACP
jrodrigu@med.puc.cl
Speaker: Bernard Rosof, MD, MACP
College Representative:
Munsey Wheby, MD, FACP

Bolivian Society of Internal Medicine Meeting

Cochabamba, Bolivia, May 7-11, 2003
Program Director:
Silvestre Arze, MD, FACP
rsarze@albatros.cnb.net
Speaker: Munsey Wheby, MD, FACP

Venezuela Society of Internal Medicine Meeting

Caracas, Venezuela, May 20-25, 2003
Program Director: Israel Montes de Oca, MD, FACP
imontes@reacciu.ve
Speaker: Carlos Ramírez-Ronda, MD, MACP
College Representative:
William J. Hall, MD, MACP

Royal Australasian College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting

Hobart, Tasmania, May 26-28, 2003
Program Director: Don Swinbourne,
Chief Executive Officer
racp@racp.edu.au
Speaker: Munsey S. Wheby, MD, FACP

SOLAMI Meeting

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 4-6, 2003
Program Director: Luis Maria Carnelli, MD, FACP
carnelli@vianetworks.com.ar

47th Congr s de la Soci t  Nationale Fran aise de M decine Interne

Marseille, France, June 5-7, 2003
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mwarembourg@univ-lille2.fr

Clinical Days in Internal Medicine

St. John's, Newfoundland
June 13-14, 2003
Program Director:
Harry Edstrom, MD, FACP
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Recent Advances in Medicine

Srinagar, Kashmir, India
July 18-21, 2003
Program Director: Faroque A. Khan, MD, MACP
faroquekhan@yahoo.com

36th Annual and 7th International Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of North America

Beijing, China, July 24-30, 2003
Program Director: Sheikh N. Hassan, MD (from Howard University)
imana@aol.com

International Conference on Hypertension, Diabetes, Lipids, and Preventive Cardiology

Bangalore, India, Aug. 1-3, 2003
Program Director: Vijaya Rao, MD, FACP, FACE, FRCPC, FICC
drvrao@tatanova.com
Speaker: Stephen C. Beuttel, MD, FACP

XIX Colombian Postgraduate Course

Corozal and Sincelejo, Colombia
August 15-17, 2003
Program Director:
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37th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Internal Medicine

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 4-7, 2003
Program Director: Dato' Dr. S T Kew
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European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM)

Berlin, Germany, Sept. 10-13, 2003
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Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Annual Conference

Halifax, Canada, Sept. 11-13, 2003

35th Congress of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine

Katowice, Poland, Sept. 10-12, 2004
Program Director: Eugene J. Kucharz, MD, PhD, FACP

Annual Dr. Ena Thomas Memorial Lecture & Symposium

Kingston, Jamaica
November 21-23, 2003
Program Director: John A.S. Hall, MB, BS, FRCP, FACP
Fax- 876-929-6543

4th National Convention & Scientific Session

Dhaka, Bangladesh
December 7-8, 2003
Program Director: F.M. Siddiqui, MD, FACP
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27th International Congress of Internal Medicine

Granada, Spain, Sept. 26-Oct. 1, 2004
Program Director: Blas Gil Extremera, MD, FACP
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European Federation of Internal Medicine

4th Congress • Berlin, Germany • September 10-13, 2003 • Hosted by the German Society of Internal Medicine (DGIM)

WELCOME By The Presidents

Dear Colleagues,

We cordially invite you to join us at the 4th Congress of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM) to be held in Berlin in September 2003. September is regarded as the most pleasant time to visit Berlin and the surrounding Mark Brandenburg. The congress picture may give you an impression about the colours of the landscape at this time of the year.

Berlin has a long European history in Medicine with outstanding scientists: Rudolf Virchow, Robert Koch, Ferdinand Sauerbruch and many others. After the wall fell academic life is growing again and the two Universities and Medical Schools are well-known clinical centres and research organisations. You will find the congress meeting a rewarding professional experience, but you will also have opportunity to visit the historic buildings and the attractive surroundings. Berlin, although one of the most important capitals of Western Europe may also be regarded as a bridge to Eastern Europe, being located only 80 km from the border with Poland. We hope that many colleagues from the eastern countries will be with us during the conference.

Our other main hope is that many young doctors will come to join us for this meeting. We have prepared in conjunction with the Berlin Tourist Board, a range of accommodation at reasonable prices (e.g. student rooms), which should suit all pockets.

The congress will be opened Wednesday, September 10, 2003, 6 p.m., in presence of Dr. Johannes Rau, President of the Federal Republic of Germany. As can be seen from this preliminary programme the congress will offer a wide variety of Plenary lectures, Symposia, "Debate sessions", Round table discussions, Update- and "Meet the Expert"-Sessions, as well as Free Communications, Case Presentations, Posters and Satellite Symposia. The meetings will cover all the major specialties but with emphasis toward the general aspects of Internal Medicine. A major focus of the programme is the value and limitations of evidence-based medicine.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Berlin and having a good time both, professionally and socially,

Prof. Johannes Köbberling
(on behalf of the local organizing committee)

Prof. Jaime Merino
(on behalf of the executive board of EFIM)

For more information, visit the EFIM Web site at www.efim.org.

Latin American and Canadian ACP-ASIM Governors

The College has 11 Governors who represent regions/chapters outside the United States. Below is a list. Please feel free to contact them with any questions.

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Internal Medicine In-Training Examination® Available this October

Do you want to know what areas of medical knowledge your internal medicine physicians-in-training don't know? Would you like to measure their performance against the performance of physicians-in-training in the United States and Canada? Would you like your internal medicine physicians-in-training to participate in the examination along with other international peers?

Now you can achieve all of these objectives. The Internal Medicine In-Training Examination® is an educational program sponsored jointly by the American College of Physicians, the Association of Professors of Medicine, and the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine. The one-day examination, administered annually at training sites around the world, will be available to you between October 10 and October 18, 2003. Approximately 19,500 physicians-in-training take the examination each year. The examination is composed of one-best-answer questions written at the level of proficiency expected from second-year residents in internal medicine. The questions cover a wide spectrum of knowledge in internal medicine, including cardiology, gastroenterology, endocrinology, pulmonary medicine, critical care, rheumatology, nephrology, hematology/oncology, infectious diseases, neurology, and general internal medicine (including, but not limited to, dermatology, ophthalmology, preventive medicine, psychiatry, geriatrics, women's health, nutrition, medical ethics, and biostatistics).

To participate in the examination, you need to select a day or days between October 10 and October 18 that will be most convenient for your program. The only

stipulation is that second-year training physicians take the examination first, followed by all other physicians. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure uniform, secure examination administration conditions, which are necessary if the examination is to provide accurate scores and norms for gauging physicians and program performance.

The examination is designed for physicians at the midpoint of their training and provides valuable feedback for them to identify their areas of deficiency. Physicians-in-training may also compare their performance with that of their peers in training programs throughout the United States, Canada, and other countries that participate.

The Internal Medicine In-Training Examination® also helps program directors assess the effectiveness of their training programs. Program directors may also use the results to provide educational counseling to physicians-in-training; to develop curricula; and to validate the need for planned curricular changes. In addition, practicing physicians use the examination to test their own medical knowledge.

The examination is neither a qualifying nor a certifying instrument. It should not be used for determining who should be promoted, who is eligible to take a certifying examination, or who might be qualified for postresidency fellowship training.

E-mail vdangovetsky@acponline.org for more information on pricing and registration.

Latin American Society of Internal Medicine

3rd Congress • Buenos Aires, Argentina • June 4-6, 2003

The 3rd Congress of the Latin American Society of Internal Medicine (SOLAMI) will be held from June 4-6, 2003, in Buenos Aires, Argentina in conjunction with the 26th Congress of the Society of Internal Medicine of Buenos Aires. Luís Maria Carnelli, MD, FACP, First Vice-President of SOLAMI, is the Program

Director. Francisco M. Joglar, MD, FACP, the ACP-ASIM Governor for the Chapter in Puerto Rico, will be the international speaker supported by the ACP-ASIM at the Congress in Buenos Aires. For more information, visit the SOLAMI website at: <http://www.solami.org/>.

Don't Forget

The International Reception will be held on Thursday night, April 3 from 9–11 pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt - Headquarters Hotel, in the Manchester Ballroom GHI.

The Canadian Reception will be held on Friday night, April 4 from 6–8 pm at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina in the Terrence Room.

REMINDER: PIER Is Here

The Physicians' Information & Education Resource

What PIER is

Integrated with the College's other medical information and education resources, PIER is ACP-ASIM's new, electronic, Web-based, decision support tool designed for rapid point-of-care delivery of up-to-date, evidence-based guidance for physicians. PIER contains modules focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of disease, and will eventually include sections on prevention and screening, procedures, ethical and legal issues, complementary and alternative medicine and patient education.

ACP-ASIM members can visit the PIER Web site by going to <<http://pier.acponline.org/>>. All information in PIER has gone through a vigorous review process, so you can be sure that the information found in PIER is credible, up-to-date, and accurate.

How PIER can help you:

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If you would like to have your device preloaded with software, be sure to use the Build to Order Link, as software selected from the general software catalog will not be preloaded.

New Books from ACP-ASIM

Print Titles

The College published a number of significant titles in recent months including in 2002 *Expert Guide to Infectious Diseases*, *Key Disease series book*, *Asthma*, and from the Women's Health Series, *Osteoporosis* and *Practical Gynecology*. New in the Clinical Skills series is *Atlas of the Musculoskeletal Examination* and *Cross Cultural Medicine*. *Cross Cultural Medicine* should be very well received. Understanding and overcoming obstacles when dealing with patients of different ethnicities is an important and timely issue. *Cross Cultural Medicine* fills a void for physicians trying to cope with this complex issue whether here or beyond the US.

In Spring 2003 we expect to publish *Violence Against Women* and *Drug Prescribing in the Elderly*.

PDA Format

To respond to our members growing need for handheld educational material we introduced a palm version of *Drug Prescribing in Renal Failure* for use on PDAs. It is currently available for a nominal fee for purchasers of the book and can be downloaded from the ACP-ASIM PDA Portal after purchase of the book. Other vendors such as PDA Vertical and Handango also offer it for purchase. We expect to make this product available for Pocket PC and Tungsten T in the near future. Additional titles from the books program will lend themselves to this exciting format and will be included upon publication.

For a complete list of ACP-ASIM publications provided by ACP-ASIM visit our website at www.acponline.org.

Challenge Yourself with Clinical Problem-Solving Cases

Clinical Problem-Solving Cases from the American College of Physicians–American Society of Internal Medicine is the most complete and realistic case management experience on the Web. It challenges users to manage a variety of hypothetical patients at the computer keyboard. An option to manage cases in test or review modes makes Clinical Problem-Solving Cases ideal for novices and experts alike.

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Annual Session 2003 Run for Your Life 5K Fun Run & Walk

“Promoting Healthy Lifestyles and Benefiting the Medically Underserved”

Sponsored by the ACP-ASIM Governors’ Class of 2003

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2003 6:00–7:00 a.m. (warm-up begins at 5:30 a.m.)

Location: Embarcadero Marina Park South, directly behind the San Diego Marriott & Marina

Donation: \$25 per participant* Proceeds benefit: St. Vincent de Paul Village

Want to feel good and do good? Join the ACP-ASIM Governors’ Class of 2003 in a 5K fun run & walk fundraiser to support St. Vincent de Paul Village. St. Vincent de Paul Village provides health care and services to the homeless and medically underserved in the San Diego area. Operating in partnership with the University of California at San Diego Medical School, St. Vincent de Paul Village clinic administers 30,000 outpatient visits annually. St. Vincent de Paul Village services include medical and dental care, addiction treatment, psychological counseling, and vocational adult education. St. Vincent’s is a nondenominational, nonprofit corporation. Donations may be tax-deductible.

Participants may also solicit organizations and individuals to sponsor you as you run or walk through this course. Annual Session guests are also welcomed to participate.

To register or to make a donation, please go to www.acponline.org/cme/as/2003/index.html

The first 500 persons to register will receive a free ACP t-shirt featuring the new logo.

The Governors’ Class of 2003 encourages you to seek additional sponsorship support from friends, neighbors, colleagues, and others to support this endeavor.

Additional financial support has been received from StayWell, Vitality Communications, and Krames. They will also be providing water bottles and snacks at the finish line.