Next year’s Annual Session will take place April 22–24, 2004 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Some of the offerings include the following:

Over 260 CME offerings covering the latest developments in internal medicine and the subspecialties.

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An array of special networking and social opportunities where you can meet fellow internists from around the globe and around the corner. Share discoveries and learn from one another at receptions and College events held throughout the meeting.

All of this will be combined with the cultural attractions of New Orleans itself.

Be sure to register for Annual Session before February 12, 2004 to qualify for a discount on registration.

For further information, please visit our Web site at: www.acponline.org/cme/as/2004/index.html.

Learn and Share
Informal Networking Sessions

These networking sessions, based loosely on the former College-within-a-College sessions, provide Annual Session attendees with opportunities to expand their take-home knowledge from Annual Session while getting to know other attendees. In the morning, get together as a group to share plans for the day and map out your individual schedules. In the evening, discuss and share your experiences and insights gained. Learn and Share Sessions help you extend your reach as a learner while adding a personal, collegial dimension to Annual Session.

Thursday: 6:15 – 7:00 a.m.
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 6:15 – 7:00 a.m.
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 6:15 – 7:00 a.m.
International Networking Reception

The International Networking Reception was held on Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, California. The reception was an enjoyable event and was very well attended by many international physicians and ACP leaders. Dr. Joseph E. Johnson III, Special Advisor to the Executive Vice President and Immediate Past-President of the International Society of Internal Medicine, opened the ceremonies by welcoming all the attendees. Dr. Sara E. Walker, President of the ACP, and Dr. Cecil B. Wilson, Chair of the Board of Regents, thanked all of the international guests for attending the reception and presented small gifts to the Honorary Fellows, Special Representatives, and two new Masters. Dr. Eduardo J. Rosselot of Chile, former Governor of the ACP Chile Chapter, and Dr. Juan L. Correa, Jr., of Panama, former Governor of the ACP Central America Chapter, received Masterships at the Convocation Ceremony on Thursday, April 3.

International Panel Discussion

The international panel “International Health: A Worldwide Perspective on Emerging Infections” was a great success, with over 100 attendees. The panelists in the discussion were chosen as representatives to contribute their perspectives on emerging infectious diseases in India, Latin America, and the United States. Clicério González, MD, FACP, acted as moderator of the panel. Dr. Dilip Karnad spoke about infectious diseases on the Indian Subcontinent, and Dr. Carlos Ramírez-Ronda spoke about infectious diseases in Latin America. Dr. Joseph E. Johnson III gave a presentation on infectious diseases in North America.

Fourth Annual International Poster Competition

The Fourth Annual International Poster Competition was held April 3, 2003 at Annual Session in San Diego, California. A total of 16 abstracts were submitted and a total of 11 posters were displayed and presented by physicians in the competition. Abstract submissions came from various countries, including Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Japan, Iran, and Singapore. The competition proved to be a challenge for the judges. The winner of the competition was Christian A. Koch, MD, FACP, from Germany, and the two runners-up were Kenji Watanabe, MD, FACP, and Gregory A. Plotnikoff, MD, FACP, from Japan.

Help—We Need Your E-Mail!

The ACP 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??

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Due to insufficient submissions of abstracts for the International Poster Competition and the fact that international attendees were unable to obtain funding from their universities or from industry to attend Annual Session, the International Poster Competition has been discontinued.

International Associates are encouraged to submit abstracts to the long-standing Associates Abstract Competition. For information regarding this competition, please visit our Web site, www.acponline.org/srf/res_assoc.htm?hp, or contact Tracey Henry at thenry@acponline.org.
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n December 22 and 23, 2002, Faroque Khan, MD, MACP, attended the Third National Convention and Scientific Seminar of the Bangladesh Society of Medicine in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as the International Speaker. He reported that the Scientific Program was very well organized, with state-of-the-art facilities. Dr. Khan gave the opening lecture of the meeting, entitled “Multiple Drug-Resistant TB: Worldwide Epidemic-Time Bomb,” and moderated a “Stump the Professor” session, which he described as a unique experience of bedside medicine and one that he would like to see used at chapter meetings.

The meeting was well attended by approximately 150 to 250 physicians, including some from other countries: Dr. Guillaume Nebout from France, Professor S.M. Rob from Pakistan, and Dr. Arjen Dondorp from Thailand. Dr. Khan also enjoyed a cultural program that included dances, musical scores both group and solo, and a wide-ranging raffle.

Dr. Khan mentioned that professors of medicine in Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan earn approximately $600 a month, making it difficult for them to come to conferences in the United States. He hopes that the College can look into offering discounted registration fees for groups of internists from these countries that wish to attend Annual Session. Dr. Khan noted that the meeting was a great success.

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CP President Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, attended the 19th Annual Congress of the Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy in Lahore, Pakistan, and the 8th International Symposium on Rheumatology in Karachi, Pakistan, from February 28 to March 2, 2003. While there, Dr. Walker was hosted by Arif A. Nawaz, MBBS, FACP, former Chair of the ACP’s Council of Associates.

At the meeting of the Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy in Lahore, Dr. Walker spoke on nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. In Karachi, at the International Symposium on Rheumatology, she spoke about...
Future Worldwide Meetings

36th Annual and 7th International Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of North America
Anchorage, Alaska
July 26–August 2, 2003
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Speaker: Faroque A. Khan, MD, MACP

International Conference on Hypertension, Diabetes, Lipids, and Preventive Cardiology
Bangalore, India
August 1–3, 2003
Program Director: Vijaya Rao, MD, FACP, FACE, FRCP, FICC
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XIX Colombian Postgraduate Course
Corozal and Sincelejo, Colombia
August 15–17, 2003
Program Director: Gustavo A. Márquez, MD
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Speaker: Jorge A. Castañón, MD, FACP

Brazil Chapter Meeting
São Paulo, Brazil
August 22–24, 2003
Program Director: Morton A. Scheinberg, MD, FACP
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Speaker: James R. Webster, MD, MACP
College Representative: William E. Golden, MD, FACP

37th Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Internal Medicine
Kuala Lumpur
September 4-7, 2003
Program Director: Dato' Dr. S. T. Kew
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European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM)
Berlin, Germany
September 10–13, 2003
Program Director: Johannes Köberling
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Speaker: Cyril M. Hetsko, MD, FACP

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Annual Conference
Halifax, Canada
September 11–13, 2003
Program Director: John McDonald, MD, FRCP(C), FACP
E-Mail: anna.lee.chabot@rcpsc.edu
Speaker: Munsey S. Wheby, MD, FACP

Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine
25th International Meeting of Internal Medicine
Lima, Peru
October 30–November 2, 2003
Program Director: Cecilia Solís-Rosas, MD
E-Mail: csolisrosas@terra.com.pe
Speaker: Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP

Atlantic Division of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine
Saint John, New Brunswick, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. Johns, Newfoundland
November 14–16, 2003
Program Director: Harry W. Edstrom, MD, FACP
E-Mail: hedstrom@mun.ca
Speaker: David N. Podell, MD, FACP

Mexican Internal Medicine Congress
Mérida, Yucatán, México
November 18–22, 2003
Program Director: Luis Jara, MD
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Speaker: Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP

Annual Dr. Ena Thomas Memorial Lecture & Symposium
Kingston, Jamaica
November 21–23, 2003
Program Director: John A.S. Hall, MB, BS, FRCP, FACP
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For further information on any of the above meetings, please contact Alex Nalencz at analencz@acponline.org.
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 colors of the landscape at this time of the year.

Berlin has a long European history in medicine with outstanding scientists, including Rudolf Virchow, Robert Koch, Ferdinand Sauerbruch, and many others. After the wall fell, academic life has been growing again and the two universities and medical schools have become well-known clinical centers and research organizations. You will find the Congress meeting a rewarding professional experience, but you will also have an 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. In conjunction with the Berlin Tourist Board, we have prepared a range of accommodations at reasonable prices (e.g., student rooms), which should suit all pockets.

The Congress will open on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, 6:00 p.m., in the presence of Dr. Johannes Rau, President of the Federal Republic of Germany. As can be seen from this preliminary program, the Congress will offer a wide variety of plenary lectures, symposia, “debate sessions,” roundtable 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 subspecialties but with emphasis toward the general aspects of internal medicine. A major focus of the program 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.

Professor Johannes Köbberling
(on behalf of the local organizing committee)

Professor Jaime Merino
(on behalf of the Executive Board of EFIM)

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27th International Congress of Internal Medicine, Granada, Spain

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome all of you to the 27th World Congress of Internal Medicine, which will be the highlight in Spanish medicine. This meeting will mark a “before” and “after.” With this in mind, the Organizing Committee and our Society are trying to offer to all of you the most exciting event not only scientifically but also by giving our guests and visitors the opportunity to enjoy the pleasant and magnificent legacy of our historical country—culture, landscape, gastronomy, music—and the warmth and friendliness of our people.

On this occasion, the Organizing Committee of the 27th World Congress of Internal Medicine is pleased to announce that this important event will be held in the city of Granada (Spain), September 26 to October 1, 2004.

Internal medicine of the new millennium will face several unresolved disorders and will also seek innovative approaches to the prevention and management of many diseases.

The city of Granada offers a magnificent array of monuments, entertainment, accommodations, and museums in beautiful southern Spain, including the ski resort of “Sierra Nevada” and the Mediterranean Sea, only a 40-minute drive away.

The scientific sessions will be held in the modern Granada Exhibition and Congress Centre, the most modern in Spain and one of the best in Europe.

The Congress will include a number of scientific activities and give you the opportunity to share this knowledge through plenary sessions, lectures, workshops, satellite symposia, continuing medical education, poster sessions, pharmaceutical and technical exhibits, etc. Also, an attractive social and visitors program will be designed to give you the opportunity to enjoy the historical and cultural beauty of Granada and Andalucia.


Blas Gil-Extermera
President of the Organizing Committee

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new treatments for systemic lupus erythematosus.

Some of Dr. Walker’s activities included the following:
—Meeting with Dr. M. Sultan Farooqui, President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan.
—Addressing the board and cutting the ribbon to open the Department of Medicine Procedure Room at Fatima Memorial Hospital in Lahore.
—Speaking to an assembly of faculty, touring the facilities, visiting research laboratories, and meeting with department chairs and administrators at Aga Khan Medical School in Karachi.
—Meeting with internists in both Lahore and Karachi and encouraging them to join the ACP.

Dr. Walker said both of the meetings were successful and that everyone involved appreciated the opportunity for sharing medical knowledge that occurs at meetings like these.

Richard G. Farmer, MD, MS, MACP, Program Director of the Eurasian Medical Education Program (EMEP), invited Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, to take part in its Visiting Professor Program from April 20–25, 2003 at the Kazan State Medical Academy in the Russian republic of Tatarstan. Dr. Walker participated in a number of conferences, starting on April 21 with “Prevention of Chronic Diseases as the Major Public Health Problem,” in which she discussed osteoarthritis as a significant cause of disability. She also discussed treatment, including lifestyle modifications. The “highlight” of the second day, as Dr. Farmer described it, was a formal presentation by Dr. Walker in honor of Rector Mikhailov, in recognition of his support for the EMEP over the last 5 years. In terms of public health, Dr. Walker spoke about the importance of preventing and managing osteoporosis. Evaluation forms were given out at the conference, and, of those who responded, 91% reported the general quality of the program to be “excellent” and that 99% of the speakers, including Dr. Walker, were “well prepared.”

Jeanne P. Harris, MD, FACP, was the International Speaker and Mary T. Herald, MD, FACP, was the Chapter Representative at the meeting of the ACP Central American Chapter, held in conjunction with the Panama Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in Panama City, Panama, January 31 and February 1, 2003. Dr. Harris noted that almost 700 physicians attended. Marco A. López, MD, FACP, Governor of the ACP Central American Chapter, was very pleased with the attendance. Dr. Harris spoke about the “Treatment of Hypertension in the Diabetic” and noted that there was simultaneous translation. He said the audience was thoroughly engaged, and, after his presentation, there was a lively question-and-answer period. He said that

The Venezuela Society of Internal Medicine, in conjunction with the ACP Venezuela Chapter, held their annual meetings from May 20–25, 2003 in Caracas, Venezuela. Doctor William J. Hall, MD, MACP, attended the meeting as the College Representative, and Doctor Carlos Ramirez-Ronda, MD, MACP, attended as the ACP International Speaker. Dr. Ramirez-Ronda gave six presentations over 3 days. There were over 1,500 physicians in attendance at this meeting. Both Dr. Hall and Dr. Ramirez-Ronda reported that they received a warm welcome at this meeting. They said that there is a great deal of interest in the College in Venezuela and throughout Latin America.
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