



2006 Annual Session Highlights Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

More than 6,100 physicians and medical students registered for this year's Annual Session in Philadelphia, April 6-8, 2006. The event featured more than 260 educational programs for internists and subspecialists, as well as almost 300 exhibitors. New shorter one-hour sessions, in addition to the traditional 90-minute programs, allowed physicians to attend up to 18 sessions over the three-day meeting.

International Panel

The International Panel, "Global Health Challenge: Diabetes," was held on Saturday, April 7 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Professor Christopher JL Murray was the Speaker and Charles H. Harley, MD, FRCP(C), FACP was the Moderator.

New College Fellows

More than 500 new ACP Fellows and Masters were honored at this year's Convocation. Of the more than 2,000 new Fellows invited, 22% were women and more than 100 were younger than age 35. Of the 52 new Masters, 12% were women and 17% live abroad.

International New Masters

Jose A. Filos-Diaz, MD, MACP
Panama City, Panama

Manuel Garcia de los Rios, MD, MACP
Santiago, Chile

Abraham Garcia-Kutzbach, MD, MACP
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Mario Geller, MD, MACP
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

R. Brian Haynes, MD, MACP
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Geraldo Medeiros-Neto, MD, MACP
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Owen St. C. Morgan, MD, MACP
Kingston, Jamaica

Emil Skamene, MD, MACP
Montreal, Quebec, Canada



*Nuria M. Tortosa, MD, FACP
Marshal, ACP Convocation*



*New Master
Jose A. Filos-Diaz, MD, MACP*

2006 Annual Session Highlights

ACP was honored to host Presidents and Representatives of Internal Medicine Medical Societies from around the world. The International delegates were part of the stage party in the Convocation Ceremony.

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Ming-Fong Chen, MD, FACP (Hon)
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Special Representatives



2006 Special Representatives
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MD, MACP, ACP Past President

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President, Peruvian Society of
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Professor Dato' Dr. (Mrs.) S. T. Kew,
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Malaysia

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Medicine of Costa Rica

International Membership

The ACP currently has 6,428 members outside the United States.

Latin American membership:

- 98 in Brazil
- 268 in Central America
- 547 in Chile
- 1,101 in Mexico
- 230 in Venezuela

Canadian membership:

- 227 in Alberta
- 316 in the Atlantic Provinces
- 284 in British Columbia
- 217 in Manitoba/Saskatchewan
- 798 in Ontario
- 328 in Quebec

There are currently 643 members in the ACP Japan Chapter.

The remaining members living in areas without organized ACP chapters total 1,371; with the largest number of members residing in Saudi Arabia, which has 128 members.

Canadian and Latin American ACP Governors

The College has 12 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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The following new Fellows were recommended by the Credentials Subcommittee and approved for election by the Board of Regents. They are listed by current location and may have been credentialed through a different Chapter.

Canada

Alberta

Brian D. O'Brien—Edmonton

British Columbia

Sharlene Gill—Vancouver

Laura A. Magee—Vancouver

Graydon S. Meneilly—Vancouver

Ontario

Wilson P. Pais—Toronto

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Other Countries

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Md. Zakir Hossain—Rangpur

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Germany

Roland E. Schmieder—Erlangen

Greece

Nicholas Katsilambros—Athens

Hong Kong

Johnny W. M. Chan—Kowloon

Israel

David B. Geffen—Beer Sheva

Italy

Gianluca Rigatelli—Verona

Japan

Ichiro Harase—Yamagata Gifu

Kenji Ina—Nagoya

Yutaka Kishi—Osaka

Japan (continued)

Yuki Kobayashi—Kobe

Tsuyoshi Konta—Yamagun,

Fukushima

Kazuo Kukita—Kobe Hyogo

Young Chi Lee—Chigasaki Kanagawa

Akiyoshi Ogimoto—Matsuyama,

Ehime

Shin-ichi Ono—Tokyo

Takayuki Ota—Aichi

Masafumi Takahashi—Matsumoto

Jordan

Ayman M. Wahbeh—Amman

Mexico

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Hani G. Al Asaad—Riyadh

Mahmud Shah—Dhahran

Sri Lanka

Ravindra L. Satarasinghe—Piliyandala

Sweden

Per H. Iverius—Uppsala

Switzerland

Werner Bauer—Kusnacht

Fellowship proposals due December 1, 2006

All candidates for Fellowship who want to be considered at the May 2007, Credentials Subcommittee meeting must submit Fellowship proposals to ACP's Member Records Section by December 1, 2006. Supporting letters from two current ACP Masters or Fellows and current curricula vitae must accompany the proposals, which staff will then forward to the appropriate ACP Governors.

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Future World Wide Meetings

European Day of Internal Medicine Conference European Federation of Internal Medicine and Polish Society of Internal Medicine

September 7-9, 2006
EFIM Meeting, Katowice, Poland
European Day of IM, Krakow, Poland

2006 Annual Academic Session

Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka
September 28-30, 2006

2006 Chest Summit

New Delhi, India
October 13-15, 2006
Web site: www.fccsindia.com

XIX Colombian Internal Medicine

Cartagena, Colombia
October 16-19, 2006

Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine Annual Meeting

Lima, Peru
October 26-29, 2006
Web site: www.medicinainterna.com.pe

28th World Congress of Internal Medicine

Taipei, Taiwan
November 10-14, 2006
Web site: <http://www.icim.2006-taipei.org.tw>

XXIX Congreso Nacional de Medicina Interna

Cancún, Mexico
November 18-20, 2006
Web site: www.cmim.org.mx

7th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar Bangladesh Society of Medicine

Dhaka, Bangladesh
December 10-11, 2006

Annual General and Scientific Meeting Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons

Accra, Ghana
December 13-15, 2006

2007 Central America Scientific Meeting

Panama City, Panama
January 26-27, 2007

2007 Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress

Melbourne, Australia
May 6-10, 2007
Web site: congress.racp.edu.au

European Federation of Internal Medicine 6th Congress

Lisbon, Portugal
May 23-26, 2007
Web site: www.efim2007.com
E-mail: spminterna@mail.telepac.pt

V Congreso Latinoamericano de Medicina Interna (SOLAMI)

Costa Rica
May 27-30, 2007
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6th Congress European Federation of Internal Medicine

May 23-26, 2007
Centro de Congressos De Lisboa
Lisbon, Portugal
For more information: Congress Secretariat
E-mail: info@efim2007.com



Internal Medicine 2007

San Diego, California

April 19-21, 2007

Annual Session is now "Internal Medicine 2007." ACP has changed the name of its national annual meeting to increase the visibility of internal medicine, a key College goal.

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The American College of Physicians International Fellowship Exchange Program

MISSION: To improve the skills and knowledge base of international clinicians and/or academic physicians in order to enhance the health and well being of the patients in their home countries.

DESCRIPTION: The program provides funding to permit international physicians and academics to come to the United States or Canada for a limited period of study. Candidates may choose their own US or Canadian mentors or ask ACP to locate a suitable mentor and institution where they can study. A limited number of scholarships are awarded annually. These fellowships are **observational** in nature and are expected to last for a period of two to three months. Funding will also be provided for the selected candidates to participate in Internal Medicine 2007, formerly ACP Annual Session, either at the beginning or at the end of their term of study.

GOALS:

- To bring mid-career internists to participate in observational, short-term fellowships under the mentorship of senior faculty/department heads in medical institutions in the United States and Canada. Residents and fellows in training may be eligible if they reside in an ACP Chapter, and if they are Associate members of the ACP.
- To permit program participants to attend the Internal Medicine 2007 in order to benefit from the educational courses and programs of the meeting.
- To enable program participants to bring updated knowledge and skills to their country's medical institutions and improve the delivery of health care to their countrymen.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Candidates must be mid-career internists or subspecialists of internal medicine and must be ACP Members or ACP Fellows, or must become members upon selection. Residents and fellows in training may apply for possible consideration if they reside in an ACP Chapter, and if they are Associate members of the ACP.
- Candidates must be fluent in English, both written and verbal. Previous medical training and/or experience in the United States or Canada is desirable but not mandatory for participation.
- Candidates must have consent from their local hospital or institution to take a leave of absence for two to three months to complete the fellowship.

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Annual Session Highlights (continued)

International Reception

The International Reception was enjoyed by over 300 guests, most of whom were international attendees, including new Masters, Awardees, and College leaders from the U.S. and abroad. The ACP International Fellowship Exchange Program was also highlighted at this event.

Charles H. Harley, MD, FRCP(C), FACP, Chair of the International Subcommittee, started the evening by recognizing the generous grant provided by Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative for the ACP International Fellowship Exchange Program. He then introduced Dr. Raul Perea-Henze, Senior Director, Science, Knowledge and Policy for Pfizer Inc. Dr. Perea-Henze spoke briefly about the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative awardees and the International Exchange Fellowship program. Award plaques were presented to five fellowship award recipients.

Special thanks to the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative for supporting the ACP International reception.

International Fellowship Award Recipients

Marwan S. Akasheh, MD, FACP
Amman, Jordan

Mohammad Omar Faruq, MD, FACP
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Sejla Sehovic, MD
Tuzla, Bosnia Herzegovina

Habib U. Rahman, MD
Islamabad, Pakistan

Md. Mujibar Rahman MD, FACP
Dhaka, Bangladesh



(Left to Right) Md. Mujibar Rahman, MD, Dr. Raul Perea-Henze, Charles H. Harley, MD, FRCP(C), FACP



2006 International Fellowship Exchange Program Awardees with ACP leadership & Dr. Raul Perea-Henze

International Delegations

The following countries had over ten physicians attend Annual Session:

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Bangladesh Delegation with ACP Leadership



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International Meetings Update

ACP Central American Chapter Meeting

January 27-28, 2006

The ACP Central American Chapter held a joint meeting with the American College of Surgeons in Panama City, Panama. The meeting had six hundred attendees and had the theme "Salud del Adulto Mayor en un Mundo que Envejece." Nuria M. Tortosa, MD, FACP, ACP Central American Chapter Governor, hosted the meeting. Lynne M. Kirk, MD, FACP, ACP President, was the College Representative. Kay M. Mitchell, MD, FACP, ACP Florida Governor, was the ACP International Speaker at the meeting.

ACP Japan Chapter Meeting

April 15, 2006

The ACP Japan Chapter meeting was held at the Pacifico Yokohama Conference Center in Yokohama, Japan with 301 members and nonmember attendees. Kiyoshi Kurokawa, MD, MACP, ACP Japan Chapter Governor, was passionate, motivating, and entertaining with his dynamic talks. Other prestigious speakers in the scientific program included C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, MACP, Past-President of ACP, as the College Representative, and David H. Gremillion, MD, FACP, as the ACP International Speaker.



*Kiyoshi Kurokawa, MD, MACP
ACP Japan Chapter, Governor*

VII Paraguayan Congress of Internal Medicine

April 26-29, 2006

There were over 1,000 people registered for the VII Congress of the Paraguayan Society of Internal Medicine held in Asuncion, Paraguay. The meeting was ranked as the most successful congress to date. There were sessions on topics of interest to internists, and instruction in ophthalmology. The meeting was truly international in scope, with speakers from Argentina, USA, France, Cuba, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Columbia, and Bolivia. ACP was honored to be represented by Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, as the ACP International Speaker, and Robert B. Gibbons, MD, FACP, as additional U.S. faculty.



*Robert B. Gibbons, MD, FACP, Nicolas E. Breuer, MD, MACP,
Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP*

Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians

May 7-11, 2006

Tropical Cairns, situated on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef in far north Australia, was the setting for The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Congress this year. William E. Golden, MD, FACP, Chair of the ACP's Board of Regents, represented the ACP at this Congress. This year the RACP Congress included a Professional Skills Day, which was devoted to lectures and workshops on issues affecting professional practice. The Congress also updated Fellows on the developments for physician training and education currently being undertaken by the RACP. The health of indigenous Australians was one of the focuses of the Congress. The Arthur E. Mills Oration on *Our vision for the future of the Cape York Peninsula* was superbly delivered by Mr. Noel Pearson. The Indigenous Peoples' Welcome, which opened the Congress, reminded delegates of the continuing social and health problems facing the Australian Indigenous population. The RACP's Congress for 2007 is scheduled for Melbourne, the capital city of the State of Victoria.

International Meetings Update (continued)

ACP Chilean Chapter Meeting

May 8-11, 2006

Guillermo L. Acuña, MD, FACP, ACP Chile Governor, hosted the annual joint meeting with the Chilean Society of Internal Medicine in Santiago, Chile. Lynne M. Kirk, MD, FACP, ACP President, was the College Representative. Thomas G. DeLoughery, MD, FACP, ACP International Speaker, presented an excellent talk on Venous Thrombosis. The meeting was held in the Hotel Sheraton San Cristobal with over 350 attendees.

Congress of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine celebrating its 100th Anniversary

June 8-9, 2006

Dr. C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, MACP, Immediate Past President of the ACP, was the guest of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine for its Centenary Celebration in Warsaw, Poland. Andrzej Szczeklik, MD, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Jagiellonian School of Medicine in Krakow, Poland, was his host and the Organizer of the Congress. Dr. Hedberg presented a paper on the role of internal medicine in a physician's education, especially as it relates to medical education in the United States. His talk will be published as a special article in a major journal for Polish Internists. The President of the European Federation of Internal Medicine, Daniel Sereni, MD, FACP (Hon), from France, spoke about Internal Medicine in Europe, summarizing the characteristics and diversity of Internal Medicine in European countries. About 3,000 people attended the Congress.



(from left to right) Dr. Eugeniusz J. Kucharz, MD, PhD, President of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine; Dr. Daniel Sereni, MD, PhD, FACP(Hon), President of the European Federation of Internal Medicine; Dr. Andrzej Szczeklik, MD, PhD, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Congress of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine - 100th Anniversary; and C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, MACP, Immediate Past President, ACP

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Questions?

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Spanish Patient Education Products

Currently, ACP's Patient Education Department has two free patient education products in Spanish. ***Guide to a Healthy Heart for Latinos***, a 30-minute DVD with accompanying guidebook, will help patients take care of their heart health. The program, featuring Rita Moreno and Esai Morales, includes advice from Latino doctors that will help patients learn how to: Manage blood pressure and cholesterol, control weight, enjoy a healthy lifestyle, and reduce their risk of heart disease.

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