Highlights of the 28th World Congress of Internal Medicine
Taipei, Taiwan
November 10-13, 2006

The International Society of Internal Medicine’s 28th World Congress of Internal Medicine was held at the Taipei International Convention Center in Taipei, Taiwan. The Opening Ceremony included a welcome address by Professor Yuan-Teh Lee, WCIM President. The following leaders also made brief presentations: Mr. Chen Shui-Bian, Taiwan President; Professor Thomas Kjellstrom, ISIM President; Dr. Hou Sheng-Mou, Taiwan Minister of Health; and Professor Chen Ming-Fong, Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine President. The ceremony also included a series of performances by globally acclaimed Taiwanese singers, Chien Wen-Hsiu and Ted Hsu, led by pianist Wei Shi-Wen and the Major C Orchestra. The theme of the congress was ‘Internal Medicine in IT (Information Technology) Era’, which provided an opportunity for attendees to update their knowledge and skills regardless of their subspecialties. Mary T. Herald, MD, MACP, was the ACP International Speaker. The social program allowed attendees and guests to enjoy the Taiwanese hospitality, culture, and cuisine. The following new officers and members of the ISIM Executive Committee were elected for 2006 - 2008, Rolf A. Streuli, MD, FACP, ISIM President; Professor Hans-Peter Kohler, ISIM Secretary General; Dr. Yasuo Ikeda; Professor Dr. Vasyl Z. Netiazhenko; Dr. Rodolfo Bado; Dr. L.H. Van Hulsteijn. This meeting highlighted ISIM's mission “to promote scientific knowledge and unity in internal medicine, to further the education of young internists, and to encourage friendship between physicians in all countries”. The 29th WCIM will be held September 17-20, 2008 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The 30th WCIM is scheduled for March 20-25, 2010 in Melbourne, Australia. Please visit http://www.acponline.org/isim/ for more information.
We would like to invite you to participate in ACP's 2007-2008 Recruit-a-Colleague program. As a recruiter, your dedication to ACP will be vital to growing our membership and strengthening the voice of internal medicine.

We hope that you will consider supporting ACP by recruiting another member. Simply go to http://www.acponline.org/recruitacolleague to forward a Membership application to a posttraining internist colleague, and be sure that your name is included on the recruiter line.

If you successfully recruit a new Member, you will be rewarded with a $100 dues credit toward your 2008–2009 national dues for each new full Member recruited from March 2, 2007 through March 1, 2008. Once you recruit three new Members, your national annual dues for 2008–2009 will be paid in full. Please note that dues credits earned in one yearly period cannot exceed the amount of your yearly dues.

In addition, for each Member that you recruit, you will receive an entry into a grand-prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2009 (ACP's Annual Scientific Meeting) in Philadelphia, PA, scheduled for April 23–25, 2009.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Susan Koger, Membership Development and Marketing Associate, at skoger@acponline.org.

We thank you for considering supporting the ACP by participating in the Recruit-a-Colleague Program, and we look forward to welcoming the new Members you recruit!
International Membership

The ACP currently has approximately 6404 members outside the United States.

Latin American membership numbers:
- 101 in Brazil
- 289 in Central America
- 451 in Chile
- 982 in Mexico
- 191 in Venezuela

Canadian membership numbers:
- 235 in Alberta
- 297 in the Atlantic Provinces
- 291 in British Columbia
- 199 in Manitoba/Saskatchewan
- 834 in Ontario
- 329 in Quebec

There are currently 716 members in the ACP Japan Chapter.

The remaining members living in areas without organized ACP Chapters total 1489, with the largest number of members residing in Saudi Arabia, which has 131 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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Coming Soon...
discounted on-line dues rates for International Members.
Watch your mail this spring for more information about this dues offer.
ACP Fellows Living Outside of the United States
Elected April 1, 2006 and July 1, 2006

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**

**Atlantic Provinces**
Mahesh Raju—St Johns, NB

**British Columbia**
Scott McKee—Salmon Arm, BC

**Manitoba and Saskatchewan**
Shahid Ahmed—Saskatoon, SK
Khalid M. Azzam—Thompson, MB

**Ontario**
Patricia Chan—North York, ON
Daniel J. Klass—Toronto, ON
Varghese C. Koshy—Trenton, ON
Shailendra Verma—Ottawa, ON

**Quebec**
Allen R. Huang—Montreal, QC
Suzanne N. Morin—Beaconsfield, QC

**Other Countries**

**Argentina**
Ricardo E. Barcia—Buenos Aires

**Australia**
Christian A. Gericke—Adelaide
Geoffrey L. Metz—Richmond VIC

**Bahrain**
Haitham E. Amin—Albudaiya

**Bangladesh**
Md. Abdul Ahad Moral—Khulna
Moyeed M. Siddiqui—Dhaka

**Egypt**
Ahmed S. Mustafa—Cairo

**Hong Kong**
W. M. Raymond Wong—Hong Kong

**India**
G. Ananthasubramaniam—Madras

**Iran, Islamic Republic of**
Mahmood R. Kaynama—Tehran

**Iraq**
Najah Raiesh Hadi—Kufa

**Japan**
Kiyoshi Doyama—Shizuoka
Nobuhito Hirawa—Yokohama
Motoko Kikuchi—Tsu
Shu Konno—Iwate
Fumio Maruyama—Nagoya Aichi
Masafumi Mizooka—Hiroshima
Atsushi Suzuki—Nagoya Aichi

**Mexico**
Javier Pedraza-Chavez—Tamaulipas

**Panama, Republic of**
Paulina Rognoni—Panama

**Peru**
Jesus L. Chirinos—Lima

**Saudi Arabia**
Assim A. Alfadda—Riyadh
Abdulraof A. Almahfouz—Riyadh

**Candidates elected to Fellowship in ACP, October 1, 2005 and January 1, 2006 were posted in the Summer 2006 International Newsletter. Our apologies to the following members who were mistakenly omitted from the newsletter copy.**

**United Kingdom**
Charles D. Pengelly — Cheshire

**Venezuela**
Cesar A. Contreras — Caracas
Jose Oletta — Caracas

**Fellowship proposals due June 1, 2007**

All candidates for Fellowship who want to be considered at the November 2007 Credentials Subcommittee meeting must submit Fellowship proposals to ACP’s Member Records Section by June 1, 2007. 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.

For a Fellowship inquiry kit, contact Customer Service at 215-351-2600 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET). The contents of the Fellowship inquiry kits also may be downloaded from the ACP website at (www.acponline.org). Fellowship candidates are required to include payment for the Fellowship initiation fee (currently $150) with their proposal form, and membership dues must be in good standing. Candidates for Direct Fellowship are required to include payment for the first year’s dues as well.

**Advancement to Fellowship**

The current ACP guidelines acknowledge a range of professional activities that indicate continuing scholarship and professional achievement. You no longer have to publish to qualify for advancement. Information: Mariana Hotea, Credentials Administrator, 215-351-2709, or go to the Membership section of ACP Online at www.acponline.org/college/membership/index.html

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**Are you an ACP International Member using a U.S. Postal Address?**

If you are an International Member who uses a U.S. postal address as your preferred mailing address, please verify that you are billed the correct International dues rate. Contact Ishbara Acosta, Membership Credentialing and International Coordinator at iacosta@acponline.org to insure you are billed the correct rate.
Future Worldwide Meetings

11th Annual Pakistan Society of Rheumatology Conference
Karachi, Pakistan
March 3–4, 2007
E-mail: nighatmir@hotmail.com

Bangladesh Society of Medicine
7th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar
Dhaka, Bangladesh
March 18–19, 2007
E-mail: dsiddiqi@aitlbd.net

V Congreso Latinoamericano de Medicina Interna (SOLAMI)
Costa Rica
March 26–30, 2007
Web site: www.ccnmr.com/congresos/
medicinaexterna2007

ACP Japan Chapter Meeting
Izumo, Japan
April 7, 2007
E-mail: skdr3nai@med.shimane-u.ac.jp

2007 Royal Australasian College of Physicians Congress
Melbourne, Australia
May 6–10, 2007
Web site: congress.racp.edu.au

XXXIX Annual Meeting of the Chilean Chapter of ACP and
Chilean Society of Internal Medicine
Santiago, Chile
May 7–9, 2007
E-mail: gacuna@netline.cl

37th Philippine College of Physicians Annual Convention: The Filipino Physician as H.E.A.L.E.R.
Pasay City, Philippines
May 9–12, 2007
E-mail: secretariat@psp.org.ph

ACP Venzuela Chapter and Venezuela Society of Internal Medicine
XII Internal Medicine Congress 2007
Maracaibo, Venezuela
May 22–26, 2007
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6th Congress European Federation of Internal Medicine
Lisbon, Portugal
May 23–26, 2007
Web site: www.efim2007.com
E-mail: spmintera@mail.telepac.pt

Congress of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine
Warsaw, Poland
June 15–16, 2007

7th Congress of the European Federation of Internal Medicine
Rome, Italy
May 7–10, 2008

29th World Congress of Internal Medicine
Buenos Aires, Argentina
September 17–20, 2008
E-mail: bsas2008@smiba.org.ar

30th World Congress of Internal Medicine
Melbourne, Australia
March 20–25, 2010
E-mail: wcim2010@tourhosts.com.au

Don’t Miss the 2nd Annual ACP International Update
Mexico City, Mexico
March 9–10, 2007

- Learn the latest advances in diagnosis and treatment of chronic conditions and acute illnesses seen on both sides of the border.
- Hear recognized experts from the United States and Latin America present concise updates in internal medicine and the subspecialties.
- Integrate current, evidence-based recommendations into your day-to-day patient care.

The conference will be held in the World Trade Center- Mexico City’s state-of-the-art meeting facility, conveniently located near major hotels, cultural attractions, and outstanding restaurants. All sessions will be conducted in English and Spanish.

For more information, visit www.livemed.org/acp, or call 011-5255-1250-5629 (M-F, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. CT). E-mail inquiries: acpinfo@livemed.org

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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 U.S. or Canadian mentors or ask ACP to locate a suitable mentor and institution where they can study. Seven 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 2008, ACP’s premier annual meeting, either at the beginning or at the end of the fellowship.

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 Internal Medicine 2008, ACP’s premier annual meeting, in order that they may 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 healthcare to their people.

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 are Associate members of the ACP.
• Candidates must be fluent in both written and verbal English. 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.

DEADLINE: August 31, 2007

For more information visit: http://www.acponline.org/college/international/?hp or e-mail the ACP International Administrator at wrivera@acponline.org.
### Il European Day of Internal Medicine
**September 7–9, 2006**

The European Federation of Internal Medicine and the Polish Society of Internal Medicine hosted the European Day of Internal Medicine in Katowice-Krakow, Poland. Attendance included internists from more than 40 countries, including Presidents of Internal Medicine Societies, and local internists. Lynne M. Kirk, MD, FACP, ACP President presented a session on “the Value of Internal Medicine”. A dinner was held to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine.

### Ceylon College of Physicians 39th Annual Academic Session
**September 28–30, 2006**

Eric B. Larson, MD, MPH, MACP, was the invited ACP International Speaker. Dr. M.K. Ragunathan, President, Ceylon College of Physicians, hosted the program, which had local and international faculty. The meeting was held at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel in Colombo.

### Mexican College of Internal Medicine (CMIM) XXIX National Congress of Internal Medicine
**November 18–20, 2006**

CMIM’s XXIX National Congress of Internal Medicine was held in the Cancun Convention Center in Cancun, Quintana Roo. The program was hosted by Jose Halabe Cherem, MD, FACP, CMIM Immediate Past-President, and Governor of the ACP Mexican Chapter. The meeting was international in scope with speakers from Latin America, Central America, United States, and local doctors. The CMIM hosted a festive dinner and dance for all attendees. Alberto Rubio Guerra, MD, FACP, became the 2007 President of CMIM.

### Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine
**XIV National Congress and XXVIII International Internal Medicine Course**
**October 28–29, 2006**

The Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine Congress was held in Hotel Los Delfines in Lima, Peru. Denisse Champin, MD, FACP, SPMI President, and Aldo Vivar, MD, FACP, Program Chair, hosted the meeting of approximately 1000 attendees. David N. Williams, MBChB, FACP, Governor of the ACP Minnesota Chapter, was the ACP International Speaker. He presented 2 plenary sessions: Emerging Infectious Diseases and Art and Medicine: A Minnesota Perspective. A delegation from Minnesota was also invited as faculty for the meeting: Scott Davies, MD, FACP, Kevin Larsen, MD, FACP, and Philip Peterson, MD, FACP.

### Ghana College of Physicians & Surgeons, Third Annual General Scientific Meeting
**December 13–16, 2006**

The Ghana College of Physicians & Surgeons (GCPS), Third Annual General Scientific Meeting was held in Accra. Professor Paul Kwame Nyame, MBBS, FACP, Rector, GCPS, and Professor Samuel Ofosu-Amaah, MBChB, MRCP, MPH, FACP, President, GCPS, hosted the meeting, which had an attendance of approximately 300. Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, was the invited ACP International Speaker and was bestowed Honorary Fellowship. She gave a lecture on systemic lupus erythematosus.
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 which will help patients learn how to manage blood pressure and cholesterol, control weight, enjoy a healthy lifestyle, and reduce their risk of heart disease.

El ABC del control de la diabetes is an ACP Special Report in Spanish. This 8-page color brochure is designed to help patients work with their healthcare providers to learn how to manage blood sugar levels and reduce their risk of related health problems.

These free products will be available to take with you at the International Meeting in Mexico City, February 24–25, 2006.

To order: Please contact Helen Kitzmiller, Patient Education Project Administrator at hkitzmiller@acponline.org or by fax 215-351-2594. (There is a charge for shipping only.)