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• It’s never too late to get involved in the College! Annual Session offers an array of special networking and social opportunities to meet fellow internists from around the globe and around the corner. Share discoveries and learn from one another at special receptions and College events held throughout the meeting.

**Special Events for International Attendees:**

International Welcome and International Fellowship Awards Presentation
8:45–9:00 p.m., Philadelphia Marriott Hotel Salon A;
immediately followed by the International Reception, Salon E.

Global Health Challenge: Diabesity (PN027)
April 7, 2006 8:15–9:15 a.m.
Room 111 PA Convention Center
28th World Congress of Internal Medicine
November 10–14, 2006

Welcome Message from President of the 28th World Congress of Internal Medicine

On behalf of the Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine, I would like to extend our heartiest welcome and cordially invite all of you to participate the 28th World Congress of Internal Medicine on November 10-14, 2006 at Taipei International Convention Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

This is the first time that the biennial congress will be held in Taiwan. According to the revised statutes of International Society of Internal Medicine, the purpose of the ISIM is 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. We have been designated the theme as ‘Internal Medicine in IT (Information Technology) Era’, from medical research, education, clinical service, as well as various subspecialties, geriatric, medical ethics, neurology, critical care and emergency medicine for the congress. So that regardless of your field of subspecialty, there will be something of scientific interest in the congress for all medical professions and practitioners.

Taiwan is known for its mountainous array, soaring forests, natural setting, and cultural essences; all those have formed the beauty Taiwan. Therefore, it is well known as the name Ilha Formosa given by early Portuguese sailors. Taiwan is conveniently situated at the crossroads of Northeast and Southeast Asia on one of the busiest air routes. Taipei, its capital, is a city of contrasts with an intriguing blend of tradition and modernity. In November for Taiwan, the weather in autumn is pleasant and comfortable for all of you to enjoy the Taiwanese hospitality, culture and cuisine. Taiwan is just the place for all of you.

Join the gathering of the world’s top internists. Welcome to Taiwan, 2006!!

Sincerely yours,

Yuan-Teh Lee, MD, PhD
President, 28th World Congress of Internal Medicine
ACP International Fellowship Exchange Program

The American College of Physicians International Fellowship Exchange Program brings physicians from around the world to the United States and Canada to participate in observational, short-term medical fellowships under the mentorship of senior physicians.

The International Fellowship Exchange Program, sponsored by Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative, provides funding to help international physicians and academics to come to the United States or Canada for a limited period of study. Seven scholarships are awarded annually, each with a stipend to cover travel, living, and other expenses. The sponsored fellowships are observational in nature and are expected to last for two to three months.

Participating internists will also receive additional funding to attend ACP’s Annual Session, internal medicine’s premier scientific educational event. Interested international physicians must be mid-career internists or subspecialists of internal medicine and must be a member of ACP (or willing to become one).

Three fellowships will be awarded Spring 2006. Please submit applications by March 15, 2006.

Seven fellowships will be awarded Fall 2006. Please submit applications by August 31, 2006.

The Fellowship Program applications are located at www.acponline.org/college/international/?hp

For further information, contact wrivera@acponline.org.

Join Us…

Thursday, April 6, 2006 at the Philadelphia Marriott for more information regarding this program. We will have a 20-minute presentation of the program and awards to current fellowship recipients immediately followed by an International Reception. Applications will be available, and ACP staff will be present to answer any questions.

Philadelphia Marriott Hotel
Grand Ballroom Salon A (presentation)
Grand Ballroom Salon B–F (reception)

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 manage 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 for 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 health care providers to learn how to manage blood sugar levels and to reduce their risk for diabetes-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.)
ACP Fellows Living Outside of the United States
Elected April 1, 2005 and July 1, 2005

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.

Guam
Saied Safabakhsh–Tamuning

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Ontario
E. Anne Braun–Hamilton
Robert D. Silver–Toronto

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A. R. M. Saifuddin Ekram–Rajshahi
Md. Amirul Haque–Dhaka
MD. Enamul Karim–Dhaka

Bolivia
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Chile
Miriam Alvo Abodovsky–Santiago
Claudio S. Liberman–Santiago

Colombia
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Costa Rica
Danielle Ofri–Escazu

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Ghana
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Samuel Ofosu-Amah–Accra

Hong Kong
Chun Yu Wong–Pokfulam

India
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Surendra Kumar Sharma–New Delhi

Japan
Keiko Arai–Yokohama
Junichiro Hiyama–Fukuoka
Isao Hozumi–Gifu
Masaki Imamura–Ishigaki, Okinawa
Takahumi Toshiba–Izumo Shimane
Yoshikatsu Kaneko–New York, New York, USA
Soushi Kitaguchi–Hiroshima
Shinichi Konno–Miyagi
Saburo Kuwabara–Saitama
Junji Mihara–Edogawa Tokyo
Takahashi Ohashi–Tokyo
Masayoshi Sone–Tokyo

Saudi Arabia
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Sri Lanka
Bandula Wijesiriwardena–Kalubowila

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Fellowship proposals due
June 1, 2006

All candidates for Fellowship who want to be considered at the November 2006, Credentials Subcommittee meeting must submit Fellowship proposals to ACP’s Member Records Section by June 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.

For a Fellowship inquiry kit, contact Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, or 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. For information contact Mariana Hotea, Credentials Administrator, 800-523-1546, ext. 2709, or go to the Membership section of ACP Online at www.acponline.org/college/membership/index.html.

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 Ishbara Acosta, Membership and International Activities Coordinator, at iacosta@acponline.org.

Questions?
Please contact Wendy Rivera at ACP Headquarters at wrivera@acponline.org or by fax at 215-351-2759.
International Meetings Update

39th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine
June 30–July 3, 2005

It was a celebration of 100 years of medical education. The Opening Ceremony and Induction Ceremony took place at the Shangri-La Hotel Singapore. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Minister of Health, was the guest of honor. Both Academies’ Masters and the Dean, Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore delivered their messages. They welcomed 14 distinguished overseas Presidents including 5 from the Colleges of the Academy of Singapore and 101 Fellows into the fold of the Academy. C. Anderson Hedburg, MD, FACP represented the ACP as the current President. The scientific sessions were held at the Grand Hyatt, Singapore. The tone was set by Prof. Lim Pin, the Centennial Lecturer, with a lecture entitled “Celebrating Milestones Achieved and Pondering the Road Ahead”. Most of the lectures will be published in the Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

ACP Mexico Chapter & CMIM Internal Medicine International Course
June 30–July 2, 2005

ACP Mexico Chapter Governor, Jose Halabe Cherem, MD, FACP and President, CMIM, Francisco Villagomez Ortiz, MD, FACP (Hon) hosted the ACP Mexico Chapter Meeting and the Mexican College of Internal Medicine’s XXX International Course. This event was held in Mexico City with 1750 attendees. The high caliber scientific sessions and workshops were presented by first-class international and national speakers. The College had a strong presence at this course with an ACP exhibit and speakers such as Donna E. Sweet, MD, FACP; Charles K. Francis, MD, MACP; Clicerio Gonzalez-Villalpando, MD, FACP; Nuria M. Tortosa, MD, FACP; and Steven E. Weinberger, MD, FACP.

ACP Brazil Chapter & Brazilian Society of Rheumatology
August 5–6, 2005

Morton A. Scheinberg, MD, PhD, FACP hosted the meeting as the Governor of the ACP Brazil Chapter. The 16th Brazil Annual Meeting was held in the national capital Brazilia. It was held in conjunction with the Brazilian Society of Rheumatology. The College Representative, David C. Dale, MD, FACP gave a lecture on Mechanism and Treatment of Neutropenia. The ACP International Speaker, Michael Weinblatt, MD, FACP, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School gave an update on the Biologic Therapy of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Professor Leopoldo Santos Neto, MD, FACP received the distinguished Internist Award. Professor Santos Neto is the current Chief of Medicine at the National University of Brasilia. Professor Cristiano Zerbino, MD, FACP received the Laureate Award.

Ceylon College of Physicians (CCP)
September 29–October 1, 2005

The meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and included several prominent internists/subspecialists from the United Kingdom. This was the first meeting to which the ACP sent an International Speaker. Dr. Kesavan Kutty, the ACP Governor of the Wisconsin ACP Chapter. Dr. Kutty said it was a superb meeting that included 250-300 attendees, representing approximately 75% of the total membership of the CCP. Dr. Kutty gave two scientific lectures and made a presentation about the ACP and its many education programs and products. Many of the attendees were very impressed with what the ACP has to offer, especially with MKSAP and PIER.

27th Argentinean Internal Medicine Congress
September 17–21, 2005

The Buenos Aires Society of Internal Medicine, together with the Argentinean Association of Medicine, held the 27th Congress at the Marriott Plaza Hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina with 625 attendees. The scientific sessions were presented by highly regarded national and international doctors. Francisco Joglar, MD, FACP, former ACP Governor for Puerto Rico, delivered two lectures as the ACP International Speaker.

XXVII Annual Meeting of the Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine
October 27–30, 2005

Peruvian Society of Internal Medicine President, Denisse Champin, MD, FACP and Program Director, Alido Vivar, MD, FACP hosted the Annual Meeting in Lima, Peru. ACP Central America Chapter Governor, Nuria M. Tortosa, MD, FACP presented lectures as the ACP International Speaker. There were approximately 1,300 attendees.

6th International Congress of the Bangladesh Society of Internal Medicine
December 6–7, 2005

The 6th Annual Congress was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh with approximately 400 attendees. Congratulations to Professor F.M. Siddiqi, MD, FACP for his re-election as the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Society of Internal Medicine. Chair of the ACP Board of Regents, Donna E. Sweet, MD, FACP was the ACP International Speaker. She delivered plenary sessions and played a key role in the “Meet the Experts” sessions. The scientific program consisted of faculty from Sweden, France, Singapore, Pakistan, and India.
International Membership

The ACP currently has approximately 6,010 members outside the United States.

Latin American membership numbers:
- 83 in Brazil
- 236 in Central America
- 438 in Chile
- 1,016 in Mexico
- 140 in Venezuela

Canadian membership numbers:
- 231 in Alberta
- 319 in the Atlantic Provinces
- 284 in British Columbia
- 217 in Manitoba/Saskatchewan
- 765 in Ontario
- 336 in Quebec

There are currently 571 members in the ACP Japan Chapter.

The remaining members living in areas without organized ACP chapters total 1,374; with the largest number of members residing in Saudi Arabia, which has 131 members.

Canadian and Latin American ACP Governors

The College has twelve ACP 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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Future Worldwide Meetings

22nd PSGW 2006
Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology & GI Endoscopy Week
Islamabad, Pakistan
March 23–27, 2006
Program Chair: Prof. Mohammad Umar
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ACP Japan Chapter Meeting
Yokohama, Japan
April 15, 2006
Program Chair: Shotai Kobayashi, MD, FACP
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Paraguayan Society of Internal Medicine
Asuncion, Paraguay
April 27–28, 2006
Program Chair: Nicolas E. Breuer, MD, MACP
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Bolivian Society of Internal Medicine
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
May 5–6, 2006
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ACP Chile Chapter and Chilean Society of Internal Medicine
Santiago, Chile
May 9–11, 2006
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ACP Atlantic Provinces Chapter and Canadian Society of Internal Medicine Meeting
Frederickton, New Brunswick
June 2–4, 2006
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ACP Venezuela Chapter Meeting
Caracas, Venezuela
June 8–9, 2006
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ACP Mexico Chapter & XXXI Curso Internacional de Medicina Interna
Mexico City, Mexico
June 22–24, 2006
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XXIX Congreso Nacional de Medicina Interna
Cancún, Mexico
November 18–20, 2006
Web site: www.cmim.org.mx

5th Annual Educational Conference and Centenary Celebration of the Polish Society of Internal Medicine
Warsaw, Poland
June 8–9, 2006
Program Director: Professor Andreszej Szczeklick

European Day of Internal Medicine Conference
European Federation of Internal Medicine and Polish Society of Internal Medicine
EFIM Meeting–Katowice, Poland
European Day of IM–Krakow, Poland
September 7–9, 2006

Ceylon College of Physicians Scientific Meeting
Colombo, Sri Lanka
September 28–30, 2006

28th World Congress of Internal Medicine
Taipei, Taiwan
November 10–14, 2006
Web site: www.icim.2006-taipei.org.tw

European Federation of Internal Medicine 6th Congress
Lisbon, Portugal
May 23–26, 2007
Web site: www.efim2007.com
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V Congreso Latinoamericano de Medicina Interna (SOLAMI)
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