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ACP Honors Outstanding Contributions to Medicine in Annual Convocation Ceremony
Awardees Include 'Street Medicine' Innovator; First Identifier of Respiratory Virus; Cover Editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association

PHILADELPHIA -- (May 19, 2008) The American College of Physicians honored outstanding contributions to medicine in its annual Convocation ceremony, held Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, D.C., where ACP hosted Internal Medicine 2008 from May 15 to 17.

ACP President David C. Dale, MD, FACP, presided over the ceremony, during which 46 new Masters of ACP ("MACP"s) were named, 18 awardees were honored, and more than 600 new ACP Fellows were inducted. Mastership recognizes outstanding contributions to medicine. A select group of Fellows of the College ("FACPs") are nominated annually for Mastership. Including the new Masters, there are now 657 MACPs internationally. (See page 8 for a list of new Masters for 2008, and a description of Mastership.)

Some of the awardees recognized included **Jim Withers, MD**, an internist and street medicine provider in Pittsburgh, Pa., whose Operation Safety Net -- the first full-time comprehensive medical service of its kind for the unsheltered homeless -- is being replicated internationally. He received the Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service. **Robert M. Chanock, MD**, a researcher who first identified RSV, the respiratory syncytial virus, received the ACP Award for Outstanding Work in Science

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Related to Medicine. Dr. Chanock is the Senior Investigator for the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He has been an honorary staff virologist at Children's National Medical Center, Children's Hospital of the District of Columbia, since 1957.

M. Therese Southgate, MD, whose compelling cover selections and essays about them are well-known to readers of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), received the Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine. Although Dr. Southgate has not practiced clinical medicine since her internship, she considers her medical career—entirely devoted to JAMA—to be one of “teaching and learning.” She presented her award lecture, “Medicine and the Visual Arts” during Internal Medicine 2008.

ACP annually recognizes varied accomplishments in the world of medicine: preventive medicine, distinguished teaching, medical practice, medical student education, research, volunteerism and community service, volunteer clinical teaching, mental health, preventive medicine, contributions by a layperson or lay organization, distinguished public service, lifelong devotion to patient care in internal medicine, leadership and excellence in young physicians, service to ACP, recent innovations in clinical care, innovation in health care delivery, and scholarly activities in the humanities or history of medicine.

The other ACP awardees for 2008 are:

Alivio Medical Center; Chicago; the Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award #2 (for a recent original approach in the delivery of health care or in the design of facilities for its delivery that will increase its clinical and/or economic effectiveness). Alivio Medical Center is a “safety net” provider for the many low-income and marginalized residents of its nine targeted communities. Alivio provides high-quality, culturally sensitive, comprehensive medical care for

those whose income, lack of health coverage, or other vulnerabilities limit their access to mainstream medical care. Ms. Carmen Velasquez, Executive Director, accepted the award.

Matthew A. Araoye, MD, MACP; Makurdi, Nigeria; the Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award. Dr. Araoye is Professor of Medicine at the Benue State University in Makurdi, Nigeria, and Consultant Physician/Cardiologist at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. He is a dedicated physician, teacher, and researcher known for his public campaigns against high blood pressure. He has been funding the John Araoye Scholarship for students to study medicine at any university in Nigeria.

Mardge H. Cohen, MD, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; the Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award #1 (for a recent innovative work making a notable contribution to improve clinical care in internal medicine). Dr. Cohen is Professor of Medicine at Rush Medical College. She was the founder and former director of the renowned Cook County Women and Children's HIV Program and the Chicago Women's AIDS Project. Dr. Cohen became involved with the AIDS epidemic in Rwanda when she helped found the Women's Equity in Access to Care and Treatment (WE-ACTx), to address the comprehensive medical and psychosocial needs of women with HIV, particularly in the context of the epidemic that followed the genocide.

Lewis M. Drusin, MD, FACP, New York City; the James D. Bruce Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions in Preventive Medicine. A distinguished epidemiologist, Dr. Drusin has made outstanding contributions to the prevention and study of nosocomial (hospital-acquired) infections and sexually transmitted diseases. He supported a program placing public health and community medicine clerkship students in field locations. He is one of only two American honorary life members of the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV.

Jacqueline W. Fincher, MD, FACP; Thomson, Ga.; the 2008 Key Contact of the Year Award (presented 5/13/08, during ACP Leadership Day in Washington activities.) Dr. Fincher is an internist in private practice in Thomson, Ga. She was national project manager for the Information Rx patient education program of the National Library of Medicine and the ACP Foundation, and was one of the top 10 ACP Key Contacts for 2005 and 2007. Dr. Fincher has chaired the ACP Georgia Chapter Health and Public Policy Committee since 2003, leading Georgia delegations for State Advocacy Day and ACP national Leadership Day.

Mary T. Herald, MD, MACP; Summit, N.J., the Alfred Stengel Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to the American College of Physicians. Dr. Herald was ACP Governor for the New Jersey Chapter from 1992 to 1996, and she received a Laureate Award in 1998. She served on the Board of Regents from 1997 to 2003 and was elected Chair for 2003 to 2004. She chaired the Health and Public Policy Committee, the Membership Enhancement Subcommittee (MES), and also the 2003 Summit on the Revitalization of Internal Medicine. She helped lead the ACP toward greater recognition of the needs of the College's diverse membership.

Marcy Kaptur; Toledo, Ohio; Joseph F. Boyle Award for Distinguished Public Service. (The award was presented 5/13/08, during ACP Leadership Day in Washington activities.) Rep. Kaptur is serving her 13th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Northern Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. She is the senior-most woman in Congress and is one of only 90 women out of 535 members of the 110th Congress. She has worked closely with ACP in drafting and introducing the Health Coverage, Affordability, Responsibility and Equity Act.

Robert M. McLean, MD, FACP, Woodbridge, Conn.; the Key 2007 Contact of the Year Award (presented in May 2007 during ACP Leadership Day in Washington activities). Dr. McLean is an associate clinical professor at Yale School of Medicine, and an attending

physician at two hospitals. He joined the ACP Connecticut Chapter's Health and Public Policy Committee in 1994, when he entered private practice in internal medicine and rheumatology. Dr. McLean is the Connecticut Chapter's liaison to the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut State Medical Society, and he is also the new Governor of the ACP Connecticut Chapter.

Robert G. Mennel, MD, FACP, Dallas; the Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award. Dr. Mennel is Professor of Oncology and Internal Medicine at Baylor University Medical Center. He is a ward attending for medical students and residents two months a year, participates in monthly residents' lectures, and is often faculty for morning report. Dr. Mennel has received the House Staff Award for Outstanding Internal Medicine Attending four times.

Northeast Arkansas Clinical Charitable Foundation, Jonesboro, Ark; the Edward R. Loveland Memorial Award for a Distinguished Contribution in the Health Field. The NEA Clinic Charitable Foundation offers a Medical Assistance Program and a Center for Healthy Children. All funding comes from community donations, fundraisers, and activities that support healthy living. Ray H. Hall, MD, FACP, will accept the award on behalf of the Foundation.

Lawrence M. Phillips, MD, FACP; Floral Park, N.Y.; the Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award. Dr. Phillips is Chief Fellow in Cardiovascular Medicine at North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Dr. Phillips was 2006-2007 Chair of the ACP Council of Associates. He was instrumental in enhancing ACP's recognition across many internal medicine residency programs in the United States and was recognized for his work by being named as one of the ACP Top Ten Key Contacts.

David R. Rubinow, MD, Chapel Hill, N.C.; the William C. Menninger Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Science of Mental Health. Dr. Rubinow is Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Meymandi Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the leading investigator on the impact of reproductive

hormones on the brain, having investigated the biological underpinnings of premenstrual dysphoric disorder. He presented the Menninger Lecture, “Reproductive Steroids and Mood: The Brain in Context,” during the meeting.

Arif R. Sarwari, MD, MSc, FACP, Morgantown, Va.; the Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Educator. Dr. Sarwari has an innovative style of teaching and an impressive ability to explain difficult concepts simply. He serves as a role model and mentor for the ideal medical student educator. Despite his demanding clinical, administrative, and research responsibilities, medical students are his top priority.

Michael C. Sha, MD, FACP, Carmel, Ind.; the Walter J. McDonald Award for Young Physicians. Dr. Sha, an assistant professor at Indiana University School of Medicine and staff physician at Richard L. Roudebush VA Hospital, has been a leader, advocate, and mentor for young physicians. He chairs the Health and Public Policy Committee of the Indiana Geriatrics Society and is President of the Indiana State Medical Association Young Physicians Society. He has volunteered at Wheeler Mission Homeless Shelter Clinic and Habitat for Humanity. He is the new ACP Governor for Indiana.

Brian L. Strom, MD, FACP; Penn Valley, Pa.; the John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Clinical Medicine. Dr. Strom is Founding Director of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Founding Chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, and Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He is also Professor of Pharmacology. His book, *Pharmacoepidemiology*, now in its fourth edition, is the field’s standard reference.

Alvin J. Thompson, MD, MACP, Mercer Island, Wash.; the Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award for Devotion of a Career in Internal Medicine to the Care of Patients. Dr. Thompson is an Emeritus Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington. After

over 60 years of practice and teaching, he continues his career-long dedication to the mentoring of community organizations and individuals. In 1969, he was the architect and engineer of the unique Health Plan of the Seattle Model Cities Program, and in 2005, he was the Co-Chair of the task force that guided the development of the widely acclaimed Puget Sound Health Alliance.

New Masters of the American College of Physicians for 2008 (46)

For a general description of this honor, see background information on the next page. For information on each Master's achievements, contact Lynda Teer in the ACP Communications Department, lteer@acponline.org, or phone 215-351-2655. **NOTE:** In the following listing, "MD, FACP" has been omitted to save space.

Valiere Alcena, White Plains, N.Y.
Joseph S. Alpert, Tucson, Ariz.
Jamie S. Barkin, Miami Beach, Fla.
Henry R. Black, New York, N.Y.
Glenn D. Braunstein, Santa Monica, Calif.
Edwin C. Cadman, Honolulu, Hawaii
Miguel E. Campos, Lima, Peru*
Harris R. Clearfield, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
David C. Dale, Seattle, Wash.
Thomas D. DuBose Jr., Winston-Salem, N.C.
David B. Duggan, Skaneateles, N.Y.
COL William E. Duncan, Rockville, Md.
Herbert L. DuPont, Houston
Paul E. Epstein, Gladwyne, Pa.**
Lawrence L. Faltz, Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.
Ruth-Marie E. Fincher, Augusta, Ga.
John P. Fitzgibbons, Allentown, Pa.
Eugene P. Frenkel, Dallas
John I. Gallin, Potomac, Md.
Robert B. Gibbons, Denver
Frank M. Graziano, Madison, Wis.
David Green, Chicago
Stephen B. Greenberg, Houston

Birgir Gudjonsson, Reykjavik, Iceland
Kalpalatha Guntupalli, Houston
Richard M. Hodes, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Jay A. Jacobson, Salt Lake City, Utah
Stephen R. Jones, Portland, Ore.
Kenneth Kaushansky, San Diego
Anwaar A. Khan, Lahore, Pakistan
Donald M. Knowlan, Fairfax, Va.
Joel S. Levine, Aurora, Colo.
Ronald V. Loge, Dillon, Mont.
Mary D. Nettleman, East Lansing, Mich.
Richard S. Panush, Livingston, N.J.
Paul E. Pepe, Dallas
Gregory A. Poland, Rochester, Minn.
Syed Mohibur Rab, Karachi, Pakistan
Robert D. Robinson Jr., Zionsville, Ind.
H. Denman Scott, Pawtucket, R.I.
Neil J. Stone, Winnetka, Ill.
William M. Tierney, Indianapolis
Allan R. Tunkel, Long Branch, N.J.
Paul D. Webster III, Augusta, Ga.
Arnold L. Widen, Chicago
Anne Winkler, Springfield, Mo.
Thomas C. Wood, Anchorage, Alaska

**His son, Michael Campos of Miami, was among the more than 600 new Fellows of ACP (FACPs) to be inducted during the same Convocation ceremony.*

*** Awarded Mastership in 2007 but not able to attend the 2007 Convocation ceremony*

About Mastership in the American College of Physicians

Levels of membership in ACP are **Medical Student Member, Associate, Member, Fellow** ("FACP"), **Honorary Fellow**, and **Master** ("MACP"). FACPs, or Fellows of the American College of Physicians, have been recommended by their peers, endorsed by their local ACP chapter Governor, and reviewed by a national credentials subcommittee.

Throughout the year, highly distinguished Fellows are nominated for Mastership by ACP members and others familiar with their backgrounds. Each fall, a select group of these Fellows are chosen from among the nominees for Mastership by the ACP Awards Committee and approved by the ACP Board of Regents. The title of **Master of the American College of Physicians** (MACP) is bestowed upon the recipient in the spring, on opening day of the ACP annual scientific meeting.

According to ACP bylaws, Masters are elected “on account of personal character, positions of honor, contributions toward furthering the purposes of the ACP, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine. Masters shall be designated as Masters of the American College of Physicians and shall be authorized to use the letters MACP in connection with their professional activities.”

Election to Mastership recognizes outstanding and extraordinary career accomplishments. Masters must have made a notable contribution to medicine. This includes, but is not limited to: teaching, outstanding work in clinical medicine (research or practice), contributions to preventive medicine, improvements in the delivery of health care, and/or contributions to the medical literature.

ACP activities are also taken into consideration for all candidates. This includes service to the ACP in an official capacity, participation in chapter activities, and involvement in the development of College products and educational programs. Volunteer and community service is also taken into consideration.

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