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ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Thursday, April 22, 2004, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Morial Convention Center, Hall I - 2

“... To recognize individual excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine”
--ACP Mission and Goals Statement

The annual Convocation recognizes new Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Masters and award recipients. Convocation marks a renewal of the College’s mission to promote excellence in medicine. Through its awards, the College recognizes accomplishments in medical practice, teaching, research, volunteer service, preventive medicine, and other areas.

President Munsey Wheby, MD, FACP, will preside over the ceremony, during which 45 new Masters of the College will be named and 16 awards will be presented. Additionally, more than 500 recently elected Fellows of the College (“FACP”s) will take the ACP Fellowship Pledge of rededication to internal medicine. Fellowship denotes peer approval of medical accomplishments and achievements. Fellows have been recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, and professional accomplishment. Mastership recognizes outstanding contributions to medicine. Select Fellows are nominated annually for Mastership, and nominees are approved by the Awards committee and the Board of Regents. New Masters (“MACP”s) for 2004 are listed on page 8.

2004 ACP Award Recipients

American College of Physicians Award for Outstanding Work in Science as Related to Medicine

Harvey J. Alter, MD, MACP, Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Alter is associate director for research and chief of infectious diseases in the Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health. He has been a clinical professor of medicine at Georgetown University Hospital since 1988. Without Dr. Alter's work, the discovery of hepatitis B and C would have been substantially delayed. His long-term studies not only defined the natural history of hepatitis C but also led to the diagnostic test for it.

American College of Physicians Distinguished Teacher Award

Herbert L. Fred, MD, FACP, Houston

Dr. Fred is professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He is an outstanding clinician, consummate diagnostician, and superb teacher. At his morning reports, bedside rounds, and conferences, hundreds have learned the art of using one's mind and five senses to make the correct diagnosis. An emeritus member of the American Osler Society, Dr. Fred has served as visiting professor at medical schools in the Orient, Europe, and throughout the United States. The Herb Fred Medical Society, established in his honor by former trainees, promotes his principles of rigorous thought, hard work, and always putting the patient first. Dr. Fred is also receiving Mastership this year.

James D. Bruce Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions in Preventive Medicine

Margaret E. Grigsby, MD, FACP, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Grigsby is professor of medicine emeritus at Howard University College of Medicine. She established the first Infectious Disease Section of the Department of Medicine at Howard and served as its chief from 1952 to 1971. Her studies in tropical medicine led her to understand the great health problems in developing countries. It was from 1966 to 1968 that Dr. Grigsby was the medical epidemiologist for the U.S. Public Health Service and the World Health Organization, working on the Smallpox Eradication and Measles Control Program. She was responsible for the eradication of smallpox in Nigeria. Later, she organized the First International Conference on Health Problems of Black Populations. Dr. Grigsby is clearly a role model for women physicians in the College and in the field of public health.

Joseph F. Boyle Award for Distinguished Public Service

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Albuquerque, N.M.*

Senator Jeff Bingaman has drafted legislation that embodies several of the College's legislative proposals. He introduced "The Health Coverage, Affordability, Responsibility and Equity Act of 2003," which includes the College's proposal to achieve affordable coverage for all Americans by the end of the decade. He has sponsored legislation on Medicare payment, the Start Healthy-Stay Healthy Act of 2001, and the Children's Health Equity Act of 2003. The latter two proposals allow states to use allocations from the national Children's Health Insurance Program to treat pregnant women regardless of age and uninsured children. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees Medicaid and Medicare, Senator Bingaman is in a key position to shape the health care debate in the coming years.

*Award presentation to take place during ACP Leadership Day in Washington, D.C., May 18-19, 2004.

Ralph O. Claypoole, Sr. Memorial Award for Devotion of a Career in Internal Medicine to the Care of Patients

Alfred E. Stillman, MD, MACP, Philadelphia

Dr. Stillman has dedicated his career to patient care, teaching, and service. After 27 years as an accomplished gastroenterologist, he entered a geriatrics fellowship program and became committed to the concept of the home visit. He cofounded Home Visit Doctors in Philadelphia, which is devoted to maintaining patients' quality of life and independence for as long as possible in their homes. His goal is preventing unnecessary visits to emergency rooms, hospitalizations, and confinement to nursing homes. His homebound patients live in the poorest sections of Philadelphia and would otherwise have very limited access to quality health care. He is loved by his patients and made to feel part of their family. He has received awards for teaching excellence. Dr. Stillman has been active in the ACP for 30 years. He was College Governor for Massachusetts and was elected to Mastership in 1991.

Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities in the Humanities and History of Medicine

Howard Marget Spiro, MD, MACP, New Haven, Conn.

Dr. Spiro is Professor of Medicine Emeritus at the Yale University School of Medicine. He has been a leading figure in 20th-century gastroenterology as a clinician, educator, and investigator, for which he received the coveted Friedenwald Medal from the American Gastroenterological Association in 2002. A prolific writer, his single-author textbook *Clinical Gastroenterology*, first published in 1970, was for three decades a mainstay for clinicians, residents, and medical students. Dr. Spiro has long been an articulate observer of the scene, pondering the margins of disease and illness, hope and death, and law and medicine. He has cultivated the interface of medicine and the humanities, in 1983 establishing the Program for Humanities in Medicine at Yale and writing widely in this area. He continues to edit books and, when inspired, to write somewhat maverick essays for scientific and medical journals. Dr. Spiro was former ACP Governor for Connecticut from 1972 to 1976 and received the Chapter's Laureate Award in 1986.

(Note: Dr. Spiro will present his award lecture, "Is Medicine Like a River – or More Like a Tower?" on Thurs., 4/22, from 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. in room 291-92.)

Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award

Barry Zeluff, MD, FACP, Houston

Dr. Zeluff is Clinical Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. He is also Associate Chief of Medicine and Director of the Internal Medicine Teaching Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. St. Luke's is associated with both Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas Houston Medical School. Students and residents from both schools regularly receive their training at St. Luke's and are taught by a highly qualified volunteer clinical faculty. Dr. Zeluff organizes all of the internal medicine training at St. Luke's. In addition, he conducts weekly grand rounds for medical students of both schools. Dr. Zeluff also helps select the clinical faculty at St. Luke's for teaching awards. He is much admired and sought after by housestaff.

Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service

Harold A. Braun, MD, FACP, Missoula, Mont.

Dr. Braun has provided extensive volunteer service in his community, as well as in Honduras, Peru, and Vietnam. As chair of the Joint Staff Committee on Indigent Care of Missoula's two hospitals, he has been a driving force in organizing care for the uninsured in his community. Dr. Braun has served on the Missoula City-County Health Board, the Governor's Task Force on Health Care Cost Containment, and the state Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Task Force. He has been a leader in promoting continuing medical education and local clinical research. He has been active in the ACP, receiving the Montana Chapter's Laureate Award in 1992.

Edward R. Loveland Memorial Award for a Distinguished Contribution in the Health Field

Mercy Health Clinic, Potomac, Md.

The Mercy Health Clinic is a volunteer-staffed free medical clinic serving uninsured, low-income adult residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. It was started by a small local church group from Our Lady of Mercy Church in October 2000 but has grown quickly, incorporating a wide range of partners into a diverse community-wide project. More than 45 volunteer physicians offer primary and specialty care, the local Shady Grove Adventist Hospital donates laboratory services, private radiology groups volunteer imaging studies, and medications are obtained from a variety of sources. The local county government gives rent-free space, and professional liability insurance and volunteer nurses, interpreters, technicians, computer specialists, office workers, grant writers, and business people donate the wide variety of services needed to make a clinic successful. Altogether, the 150 volunteers have provided more than 7,000 patient visits. James A. Ronan Jr., MD, FACP, Medical Director, is accepting the award on behalf of the Clinic.

Walter J. McDonald Award for Young Physicians

First Recipient: Sima S. Desai, MD, Portland, Ore.*

Dr. Desai is a remarkable clinician and Hospitalist at the Oregon Health and Science University. She is an active member of the medical staff, a highly valued mentor and respected and effective educator to students and housestaff, and a respected peer for all who work with her. She is a selfless professional and always the first to volunteer for any chore that needs to be completed. Her interests include mentoring, medical education, professional development, and women in medicine. When charged with chairing the Code Committee and organizing the Medicine for Dentistry Lecture Series, she defined a new standard for leadership. Dr. Desai has received numerous awards both as a resident and junior faculty member. Many of her peers consider her as "the doctor's doctor." She has been active in the ACP Oregon Chapter, serving as chair of the local Associates Council.

* Award presentation to take place at 8:30 a.m during the Young Physicians Subcommittee Networking Breakfast, Fri., April 23, 2004, from 7-9 a.m. in the Hilton Versailles Ballroom.

William C. Menninger Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Science of Mental Health

Abraham L. Halpern, MD, FACP, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Dr. Halpern is an internationally renowned leader in the field of psychiatry and its subspecialty of forensic psychiatry. He is a prolific author who has written extensively in opposition to the death penalty and the participation of physicians in executions. He is a dynamic teacher and is frequently called upon as a guest lecturer and grand rounds presenter. Dr. Halpern is a tireless advocate for human rights, patients' rights, and the rights of the physicians who care for them. He is an active force in organized medicine. He has served as President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and the American Board of Forensic Psychiatry. He is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has served on many of its committees. Dr. Halpern is a Fellow of ACP and contributed to the development of the College's *Ethics Manual*.

John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Clinical Medicine

Halsted Holman, MD, FACP, Palo Alto, Calif.

Dr. Holman has distinguished himself in medical education, patient care, and research. He was at the forefront of the work that defined the immunochemical aberrations in systemic lupus erythematosus and overlap rheumatic diseases. Dr. Holman was one of the seminal figures in developing the concept and the programmatic character of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, which is one of the largest training programs in quantitative clinical sciences. His contribution was his remarkable insight that new problems in health care required new paradigms of training that would go beyond the traditional medical model and required physiologic approaches to broad-based clinical sciences incorporating the disciplines of clinical epidemiology, health services research, biostatistics, quantitative methods, health economics, sociology, and patient education.

Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award #1

David Ansell, MD, FACP, Oak Park, Ill.

Dr. Ansell is Chair of the Department of Medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago and the Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at Chicago Medical School. His career as a clinician, educator, and investigator on the West side of Chicago for the past 25 years has been remarkable for his concern for access to health care and women's health issues. While at Cook County Hospital in the 1980s, he was a lead author on a paper that documented the risks associated with "patient dumping." During this time, he developed a breast and cervical cancer screening program, one of the first in the United States to address high cancer mortality rates among minority women. Since 1999, he has been Director of the Woman to Woman Program, a free mammography program sponsored by the Mt. Sinai Hospital and the Komen Foundation. He developed the Sinai Urban Health Institute, which performs research in health and social disparities. A general internist with an active practice and an educator, he has chaired the All for Health Coalition, a coalition of Illinois health care organizations engaged in tobacco prevention efforts in Illinois.

Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award # 2

Mark H. Johnston, MD, FACP, Bethesda, Md.

Dr. Johnston is a gastroenterologist at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He is a dedicated teacher, astute clinician, and role model for fellows, residents, and medical students. He is deeply committed to improving the medical education and health care practices in Albania. Working with surgeons who already had skills in therapeutic endoscopy, he was able to reduce the number of surgical cases of upper gastrointestinal bleeders from 48 to 12 per year. In 2000, he supervised the delivery of a \$250,000 endoscopic package to the University Hospital of Tirana. During October of that year, he taught residents and medical students and helped establish a student library. In addition, he has hosted physicians from Albania during their visit to the United States for clinical observation rotations. On several occasions, he has done volunteer work in Albania during times of civil unrest without concern for his personal safety.

Alfred Stengel Memorial Award

Herbert S. Waxman, MD, FACP, Philadelphia (Posthumous)

Dr. Waxman was Senior Vice President of ACP's Medical Knowledge and Education Division from 1996 to his death in 2003. Before joining the College, he had a long and distinguished career in academic medicine at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia; Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass.; Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston; and the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. During his distinguished career he served as program director and President of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine and held leadership roles in numerous other organizations, including the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, the

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Federated Council for Internal Medicine, and the National Board of Medical Examiners. He was active in the College through task forces and committees concerned with the Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program (MKSAP) and graduate medical education activities before joining the ACP staff. As Senior Vice President, Dr. Waxman oversaw a number of new initiatives, including the Physicians' Information and Education Resource (PIER) and broadening the types of educational programs offered at Annual Session.

Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award

First Recipient: Susan C. Bleasdale, MD, Oak Park, Ill.

Dr. Bleasdale is currently completing her 4th postgraduate year as a chief resident for the internal medicine residency program at Rush University Medical Center. She has devoted much of her life in medicine to medically related activities above and beyond her course of study. She received a Dean's Office Summer Fellowship to work at community hospitals and shelters in Mexico. Part of her trip was to establish contacts for future international health electives for Rush students. She has played a key role in the American Medical Student Association, rising to the position of Associate Trustee for the Midwestern Region. She was a founding member and Chair of the Rush Students for International Health and Medicine group. Dr. Bleasdale was also active in the Rush Community Services Program. During her residency training, she received the Intern of the Year and Senior Resident of the Year awards. She has excellent knowledge and judgment and superb leadership and teaching abilities.

2004 ACP Mastership Recipients (45)

For a general description of this honor, see “What is Mastership?” on page 9. For citations on individual new Masters, contact the ACP Communications Department, phone 215-351-2655 or e-mail lteer@acponline.org.

Robert C. Aber, MD, FACP, Hershey, Pa.
James L. Achord, MD, FACP, Brandon,
Miss.

Louis M. Aledort, MD, FACP, New York
City

M. Dewayne Andrews, MD, FACP,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lee Randol Barker, MD, FACP,
Baltimore, Md.

Werner F. Barth, MD, FACP, Washington

John G. Bartlett, MD, FACP, Baltimore,
Md.*

James L. Bernene, MD, FACP, New
Britain, Conn.

Carol Mary Black, MD, FACP, London,
England

Martin J. Blaser, MD, FACP, New York
City

Marion H. Brooks, MD, FACP, Chicago

Michael S. Brown, MD, FACP, Dallas

Kenneth D. Burman, MD, FACP,
Bethesda, Md.

David B. Carmichael, MD, FACP, San
Diego, Calif.

Paul J. Davis, MD, FACP, Albany, N.Y.

Charles P. Duvall, MD, FACP, Hilton
Head Island, S.C.

Lawrence H. Einhorn, MD, FACP,
Indianapolis, Ind.*

Herbert L. Fred, MD, FACP, Houston
(NB: Dr. Fred will also receive the
Distinguished Teacher Award.)

Joseph L. Goldstein, MD, FACP, Dallas

Margaret E. Grigsby, MD, FACP,
Washington (NB: Dr. Grigsby will also
receive the Bruce Memorial Award.)

Mary T. Herald, MD, FACP, Summit, N.J.

James W. Holsinger Jr., MD, FACP,
Lexington, Ky.

Mahendr S. Kochar, MD, FACP,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Calvin Murray Kunin, MD, FACP,
Columbus, Ohio

Derrick L. Latos, MD, FACP, Wheeling,
W.V.*

Nicole Lurie, MD, FACP, Washington
Eric C. Rackow, MD, FACP, New York
City

James W. Reed, MD, FACP, Atlanta

James B. Reuler, MD, FACP, Portland,
Ore.

Mohamed Awad-Alla Sallam, MD, FACP,
Cairo, Egypt

Martin A. Samuels, MD, FACP, Boston

Charles V. Sanders, MD, FACP, New
Orleans

Louis Donald Saravolatz, MD, FACP,
Detroit, Mich.

Dennis R. Schaberg, MD, FACP,
Memphis, Tenn.

William Schaffner, MD, FACP, Nashville,
Tenn.

Eugene R. Schiff, MD, FACP, Miami

Louis M. Sherwood, MD, FACP, Lower
Gwynedd, Pa.

M. Boyd Shook, MD, FACP, Oklahoma
City, Okla.

Kelley M. Skeff, MD, FACP, Stanford,
Calif.

Pauline Y. Titus-Dillon, MD, FACP,
Washington

Kathleen M. Weaver, MD, FACP, Lake
Oswego, Ore.

Munsey S. Wheby, MD, FACP,
Charlottesville, Va.

Robert S. Wilkinson Jr., MD, FACP,
Washington

Walter R. Wilson, MD, FACP, Rochester,
Minn.*

Clifford W. Zwillich, MD, FACP, Denver,
Colo.

* Received Mastership last year but could not attend the 2003 Annual Session. Will formally accept Mastership at the 2004 Convocation ceremony.

WHAT IS MASTERSHIP IN ACP?

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is the nation's largest medical specialty organization. Membership includes more than 115,000 internal medicine physicians (internists) and medical students. Internists are specialists in the prevention, detection and treatment of illnesses that primarily affect adults.

Levels of membership in ACP are **Medical Student, Associate, Member, Fellow** ("FACP"), **Honorary Fellow**, and **Master** ("MACP.") Fellows have been recommended by their peers, endorsed by their local ACP chapter Governor, and reviewed by a national credentials subcommittee. Each fall, a select group of Fellows are elected **Masters** by the ACP Board of Regents upon recommendation of the Awards Committee. The title is bestowed upon the recipient during the next Annual Session.

Election to Mastership recognizes outstanding 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, or contributions to the medical literature.

Forty-five new Masters will be honored during convocation ceremonies on opening day of the ACP Annual Session, April 22-24, 2004, in New Orleans. (As of March 2004, there are 479 ACP Masters internationally.) College award recipients will also be honored during the convocation ceremony.

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."

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