## 2011 Laureate Award Gustavo Raul Heudebert, MD, FACP



Dr. Heudebert is Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. A native of Lima, Peru, he received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano before entering

postgraduate training in this country. His internship, residency, and chief residency in internal medicine were at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, after which he had four years of General Internal Medicine Fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Madison. He received additional training in medical decision-making at Stanford and was a Macy Scholar at Harvard. In 1993 he began his faculty career at UT Southwestern in Dallas, but moved to Birmingham in 1995.

At UAB his research, educational, and clinical productivity were remarkable. He rose steadily through the academic ranks, and his skills in leadership and administration quickly brought him appointments as General Internal Medicine Fellowship Director, Assistant and Associate Program Director for the UAB Internal Medicine Residency, and in 2001, Program Director. Shortly thereafter he became Vice Chair for Education of the Department of Medicine and Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education.

Dr. Heudebert has been honored repeatedly as an outstanding clinician and teacher by students, residents, and colleagues. He is a perennial recipient of Best Teacher Awards and has received the Tinsley Harrison Award for Best Clinical Teacher of Medicine seven times. In 2005, he became the first recipient of the Tinsley

R. Harrison Endowed Professorship for Medical Education Research.

He is a Member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, where he has participated in writing components of the Step Two Examination. He is a reviewer for numerous medical journals and has published extensively in the areas of medical decision-making, medical education, and recently on multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. He is active in the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine as well as the Society of General Internal Medicine, serving in leadership capacities regionally and nationally. He is an active and loyal member of ACP, having served on the Alabama Chapter Council since 2004. He has been a consistent supporter of residency membership and participation, and more.

He and his wife Carmen have three sons:
Gustavo is a second year law student at the
University of Alabama, Alonso is pursuing an
MPH at the UAB School of Public Health and
entering medical school next month, and J.P. is a
sophomore at the University of Alabama. Dr.
Heudebert is an avid soccer fan and somehow
finds time to pursue science fiction, fantasy
literature, and computerized fantasy games. He
also plays a mean game of what some call pingpong but he insists is table tennis. A longtime
table tennis partner describes him as "a potent
force, given his combination of flawless dexterity
and killer instinct."

## 2011 Chapter Advocacy Award Marcia Jenkins Littles, MD, FACP



Dr. Littles is a private practitioner of general internal medicine and geriatrics in Mobile. She has been active in the College and in the American Society of Internal Medicine at state and national levels, serving on a

variety of state and national committees. She was Editor of The Alabama Internist. While President of the Alabama Chapter of ASIM she was Co-Chair of our 1994 ACP/ASIM annual meeting.

Dr. Littles is a native of Mobile. She attended Xavier University in New Orleans, where she received a BS in Pharmacy. For the next five years she served as a commissioned officer in the US Public Health Service. She returned to school at Old Dominion University in Norfolk for additional preparation prior to entering medical school at the University of South Alabama, graduating there in 1982. She did her internship, residency, and chief residency at Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine in Norfolk, Virginia.

After her training, Marcia returned home to Mobile. Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, she has combined her general internal medicine practice with additional emphasis on care of the elderly in both the office and at area hospitals and nursing homes. She has been active in state and national associations of medical directors. Her commitment to the care of her patients has been paralleled throughout her career by a commitment to organized medicine and to improving the medical practice

environment. In addition to ACP and ASIM, she has been active on her hospital medical staffs, serving on numerous committees. From the start of her career she has been an active member of her county medical society, eventually serving as President of the Mobile County Board of Censors. She served for nine years on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation, and since 2004 she has been a member of the Board of Directors of Providence Hospital. She also has been active as an alumna of her medical school, serving as a board member of the University of South Alabama Medical Science Foundation since 2000.

Besides her busy career, Marcia has been active in her community. She is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Mobile, and she was recognized in 2000 by the YWCA with their Award for Professional Achievement. She is married to Dr. Douglas Littles, president of one of Alabama's two-year colleges, and has two adult children: a son who lives in Brooklyn, NY and a daughter and son-in-law who reside in Cape Town, South Africa. She enjoys swimming and traveling.