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Greetings!

It is hard to believe that it is mid-August already! I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the summer and spend time with family and friends. Here are a few updates and some news from your ACP.

First, kudos and thanks are in order to our Downstate Illinois Education committee (Meenakshy Aiyer, Andy Arwari, Rajesh Govindaiah, Larry Jennings, Lokesh Mahendraker, Gary Rull, and Vidya Sundareshan), for their contributions to the coming year’s webinar series. An excellent series is planned, watch for announcements. They are also working hard preparing for this fall’s Residents and Students meeting.

Acknowledgments are also in order to our Council of Young Physicians (Saad Muhammad (chair), Saad Alvi, Andy Arwari, Swapna Chalasani, Mark Lavizzo, Lokesh Mahendraker, Matthew Mischler, Vidya Sundareshan, Vajeeha Tabassum, Akshra Verma, Ali Wasiti, April Yasunaga) for their work planning the Leadership Webinar series, which we sponsor together with the SE Pennsylvania Chapter—watch for the announcements.

Thanks goes out also to our Awards Committee (David Steward (chair), Saad Alvi, Richard Ensrud, Stephen Goetter, Sara Rusch, Vajeeha Tabassum). They have also been busy reviewing candidates for chapter awards.

Our Council of Student Members (Josiah Zubairu (chair), Benjamin Henkle, Francisca Mata, Alexander Parent, Kristina Prus, Sumi Rebeiro, Jake Varney, Chris Verdick) and Council of Associates (Kalyani Chandra (chair), Nupur Gupta, Trinadh Pilla, Suraj Arora, Rachel Davis, Gaurav Jain, Adil Sattar, Radha Vegunta) are also busy getting ready for our fall meeting—we are looking forward to an excellent event, thanks to these groups, and our Downstate Chief Residents (Hamid Al-johany, Haris Bilal, Rachel Davis, Nupur Gupta, Majd Ibrahim, Adil Sattar, Manav Sharma).

The Governor’s Council (Andy Arwari, Kalyani Chanddra, Francisca Mata, Alexander Parent, Gary Rull, Vajeeha Tabassum, Jitendra Trivedi, Radha Vegunta, Akshra Verma) provides guidance and advice to the chapter (and me)—they reviewed proposed ACP resolutions which will be discussed at the fall Board of Governor’s meeting.

We also have our Membership Committee (Larry Jennings, Jitendra Trivedi), the Health and Public Policy Committee (Robert Parker, Holly Rosencranz, Vijaya Someraju, David Steward, Jonathan Stokes, together with ACP IL Northern members), and our Information Technology Committee (Gina Kovach,
William Schuh, also together with ACP IL Northern)—we thank everyone for volunteering their time and energy for our chapter and the internal medicine community. We have had a busy summer!

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) News
For those of you preparing to recertify in internal medicine, given the recent changes in the ABIM recertification process, here are a few important MOC tips (courtesy of Sue Hingle, Chair of the ACP Board of Governors):

- Those who need to complete MOC in 2013 should submit their points in 2013
- For everyone else: If you submit SEP points in 2013, it will count towards the 100 points you need to renew your 10-year certificate, but it will not count towards the new "maintaining certification" program requirement of earning 100 points every five years (between Jan 2014 and Dec. 2018). So, a critical difference here: If you wait to submit SEP points in January 2014, these points will count toward both the 10-year requirement and the 5-year requirement.

For additional details, please visit the "Education and Recertification" tab from the ACP Online homepage where an ABIM Maintenance of Certification page describes these scenarios further. Please also know that the ACP is in discussions with the ABIM about the MOC process: to have your voice and opinions heard by the ACP leadership, and for more information, you may sign up for the ACP’s MOC Special Interest Group on the ACP’s website here. This is a benefit of your ACP membership.

Upcoming Webinar :
Monday, September 16, 5:30-6:30 PM, Applying to Residency
Teresa Lynch and Holly Rosencranz will present a webinar for medical students with tips for applying to residency. Watch for further details.

Save the dates!
November 1, Downstate Illinois Chapter Residents and Students Day Champaign. See here for the abstract submission form.

November 6 & 7, Illinois ACP Scientific Meeting, Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois

Enjoy the rest of the summer! I look forward to hearing from you—please send along your questions, comments and suggestions.

Best wishes,

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