Greetings from the North Coast of Wisconsin! I hope that you're having the opportunity to enjoy some summer weather and activities.

Spring was a busy season for ACP and the Wisconsin Chapter. Please read on.

Internal Medicine Meeting 2015

The meeting was held in Boston this year. In addition to the usual broad scope of high quality educational offerings, there were several events and exhibits celebrating ACP's 100th Anniversary. Our chapter held a lively reception which was very well attended by members from Wisconsin; it was a good chance to meet and interact with our colleagues from throughout the state. Eight recently elected fellows marched in the Convocation: Drs. Muhammed Al-Fawakhiri, Mirza Baig, Todd Burner, Sunu Eapen, Laurence Gordon, Agron Ismaili, Hara Hara Sudan Mani, and Bret Twente. Also participating were Dr. Sharon Haase, recently elected Master of the College and a past governor of our chapter, Dr. George Lange, 2014 Wisconsin Chapter Laureate, and Dr. Sophie Kramer, winner of the 2014 Wisconsin Chapter Community-Based Physician and Mentor Award.
The ACP Wisconsin Chapter new Fellows and awardees are pictured with ACP-WI Governor, Dr. Mark K. Belknap, FACP during Convocation at Internal Medicine 2015.

National Award to Dr. Muntz

During a session at the Internal Medicine 2015 meeting entitled Award-Winning Innovations in Primary Care, four awards were given from among entries from around the country in a project called The Teaching Value and Choosing Wisely Campaign. One of our chapter members, Dr. Martin Muntz of the Medical College of Wisconsin, was one of the four winners. He gave a presentation on his project in which medical students were intentionally involved and empowered as part of a hospital team to question orders and plans with the goal of reducing unnecessary testing and interventions.
Dr. Martin Muntz is pictured, second from the left, during the Award-Winning Innovations in Primary Care session at Internal Medicine 2015.

Leadership Day

Leadership Day was held in Washington, D.C. on May 20-21. We had an active and diverse contingent representing the Wisconsin Chapter. Click here for an excellent summary of the event and of the policy issues that we discussed and for which we advocated with our congressmen and their staff. It was prepared by one of the resident members of our contingent, Dr. Richard Martin of the UW program.
ACP Wisconsin Chapter Delegates speak with Senator Tammy Baldwin during Leadership Day 2015.

Access to Health Care and Medication

Our Wisconsin Chapter of ACP is fortunate to have an active Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC).

One of the issues that the Committee has been considering is the limitation of access to health care under the Affordable Care Act and with the current situation of Wisconsin not accepting Federal funds for expansion of Medicaid and setting the threshold for coverage at 100% rather than 134% of the poverty level. Click here for a letter from the co-chairs of the HPPC, Drs. Tom Jackson and Ian Gilson, on this subject and respond to their request for stories of your patients who have experienced problems with access to affordable medications and other issues with their insurance plans.

ACP’s Special Interest Groups

ACP’s Special Interest Groups provide members with opportunities to engage in discussions online, share ideas, and support one another professionally and personally.
Participate by joining as many groups as you would like, then connect with ACP members from all over the world with similar interests. Groups include:

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2015 Wisconsin Chapter Meeting

Please set aside time now to join your colleagues from around the state in attending the annual scientific meeting which will again be held at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

This year the dates are September 11 - 12, which are a Friday and Saturday. Dr. Wayne Riley, current President of ACP, is scheduled to be our visiting representative from national ACP. I hope to see you there.

Please [click here](http://www.acponline.org/sigs) for more information about the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting.