Another successful ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting has wrapped up, and with it, an audience of more than one billion know more about the specialty of allergy/immunology. Just as importantly, this extremely large audience also knows what allergists do to help people better manage their asthma and allergy symptoms.

National and international media outlets covered stories about the research and information presented at the Annual Meeting. National media outlets such as the TODAY Show, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, Time.com, Newsweek.com, The Huffington Post, National Public Radio, Yahoo!News and WebMD were just some of the news outlets that ran stories featuring the College, Annual Meeting or abstracts. Several trade publications including Medscape and Healio.com provided gavel-to-gavel coverage of the meeting.

Some 750 articles featuring the Annual Meeting ran in local, regional, national and international print, online and broadcast outlets. The audience was approximately 1 billion, 550 million of which was from prominent national media coverage.

New this year, an infographic was created and distributed as part of the electronic press kit. It highlighted abstracts being presented during the meeting. Social media outlets and websites were especially inclined to run the infographic. A copy of the infographic, pictured with this story, can be found in the ACAAI newsroom at acaai.org if you are interested in using it on your practice website. 

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For the practicing allergist, which I defined in a recent eNews article as one who touches the lives of patients in our care, it is important to establish a patient-focused approach to delivering this care. Patient satisfaction is likely to be one of the measures used to evaluate physicians. If you have not already established a systemized approach to obtaining patient satisfaction scores, start now. Both government funded programs like Medicare and Medicaid are expected to use these feedback measures. Some private Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and most Integrated Health Systems (IHSs) already use patient satisfaction measures as performance standards. Patient-focused care requires training of office staff and it must start with physician leadership.

Patient-focused care is the care we want ourselves, and our families, to receive all of the time. It is also the care we want all of our patients to receive, and the care that will bring patients back to your practice. The practicing allergist/immunologist, in particular, recognizes the challenges and value of caring for new patients, but sometimes forgets the importance (and value) of building and maintaining long-term patient care relationships.

The typical medical office has many identifiable barriers to providing patient-focused care. Office medical personnel are busy and are required to multi-task, often in areas where they have little expertise or for which they are not trained (e.g. customer service). They are conditioned to be protective of the physician (and office “policy”) and may look at each patient as a potential disruption. Good customer service is not intuitive, it requires training. This includes interactions with patients about their billings and interactions with MCOs on behalf of your patients or your practice.

It has been my experience that the physician’s office staff, whether they provide clinical or business functions, wants to provide patient-focused care, and are happier when doing it. Happy staff leads to happy and satisfied patients, both of whom are important allies of the physician in our health care system. For great customer service, believe in it, lead by example, hire for attitude and train for technical skills. Have a plan for improving patient service and be willing to put resources behind your plan…both personal time and money. Borrow from other examples of excellence like Southwest Airlines, Ritz Carlton and Disney.

As part of the Vision 2020 initiative, ACAAI will be providing tools to enable our members to both train our staffs and initiate patient-focused care in our practices. Watch for further communication on training opportunities for both you and your staff. We can make a difference.

James L. Sublett, MD, FACAAI, President
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James L. Sublett, MD, FACAAI, Louisville, Kentucky, was installed ACAAI president at the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta on Nov. 10. Bryan L. Martin, DO, Columbus, Ohio, was elected ACAAI president-elect.

Other newly-elected ACAAI officers are Stephen A. Tilles, MD, Seattle, Washington as vice president and Bradley E. Chipps, MD, Sacramento, California as treasurer. Regents elected for three-year terms include: Santiago E. Martinez, MD, Orlando, Florida; William S. Silvers, MD, Englewood, Colorado and Cherie Y. Zachary, MD, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Dr. Sublett is the co-founder and managing partner of Family Allergy & Asthma, based in Louisville, Kentucky, with 24 offices throughout Louisville, Kentucky and Southern Indiana. He is clinical professor of pediatric allergy at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and is the founder and chairman of AllergyZone LLC.

This past year he served as ACAAI president-elect and has chaired the ACAAI’s Indoor Environment, Public Relations, Research Funding Review and Symposia Committees. He serves on the Board of Regents, Annual Program Committee, Executive Committee, Foundation Board and the Editorial Board for the Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. Dr. Sublett has been honored with the Distinguished Fellow Award and the Béla Schick and Jean Chapman Lectureships.

He also serves on the Norton Healthcare Board of Directors and the University of Louisville Board of Overseers. Dr. Sublett is past president of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, the Kentucky Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and the Greater Louisville Allergy Society.

Dr. Martin is the Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he is also the ACGME Designated Institutional Official; Associate Medical Director, University Hospital; Professor of Clinical Medicine and Pediatrics; and Program Director, Allergy Immunology Fellowship.

This past year he served as ACAAI vice president and chaired the Symposia Committee, Research Funding Review committee and he has co-chaired the Annual FIT Bowl Planning Committee since 1995. He serves on the Board of Regents, Annual Program Committee, Executive Committee, Foundation Board and the Editorial Board for the Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. Dr. Martin has been honored with the ACAAI Distinguished Fellow Award.

Aside from his activities within ACAAI, Dr. Martin also serves on the board of directors for the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (JCAAI). Formerly, he served as a member of the FDA’s Allergenic Products Advisory Committee; chair, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education’s Residency Review Committee for allergy and immunology; consultant for the United States Army Surgeon General for allergy and clinical immunology; president of the Association of Uniformed Services Allergists-Immunologists, and the San Antonio Allergy Society, and was the Chair of the Allergy and Immunology Department of Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

ACAAI helps FITs become included in ABIM’s training benefits

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) has instituted MOC points and free credit for those internal medicine physicians continuing their education. However, it was brought to the College’s attention via its Fellows-in-Training (FITs), that allergy/immunology trainees are not eligible for this recently implemented training benefit.

ACAAI quickly took action and sent a letter to the ABIM urgently requesting FITs be included for the generous benefit. The College received a response from ABIM saying it shared the same concerns that FITs should be included. ABIM also stated it is working on a solution which would grant credit to trainees who complete ACGME accredited fellowship years in allergy and immunology as it does for those who complete ACGME accredited fellowship years in internal medicine sub-specialty fellowships.

The College thanks American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI) President Stephen Wasserman, MD, and ABAI for also giving prompt attention to FITs being excluded from the training benefit. After also addressing the matter with ABIM, ABAI is now diligently working to identify eligible FITs.

According to ABIM: “Once we have this information from ABAI, the ABIM MOC points and credits for fellowship years should be processed expeditiously.”
Now is a very exciting time to be a member of the College. As the College continues to progress in its Vision 2020 campaign, you will see more positive changes and member benefits being implemented. And if you are an invested Fellow of the College who would like to help lead this significant change, the College invites you to apply for the 2015-16 positions of vice-president and treasurer, and for 2015-18 Board of Regents (BOR) positions. There will be three BOR positions available.

How do you know if you have what it takes? Fellows who have served on ACAAI committees or who substantially contributed to other College activities are encouraged to apply. Those candidates interested in the positions of treasurer and vice president must have previously served a three-year term on the ACAAI BOR. Those interested in one of the three, three-year BOR positions must have been an ACAAI Fellow for at least three years before nomination.

Interested candidates can find applications by visiting the College member website at college.acaai.org and clicking on “Applications and Forms” from the menu. Completed applications should be emailed to Marlene Hill at the College office marlenehill@acaai.org or they can be mailed to the ACAAI Executive Office. A curriculum vitae and a cover letter indicating any special professional relevant information not included in the application form should be included with the application. The deadline for submission is Friday, February 13.

Special courses were held during the 2014 ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting for allied health professionals, including office administrators. Nearly 300 professional staff attended the meeting in Atlanta to take part in the curriculum. There was a full day course tailored to fit the growing educational practice management needs for office administrators which was held on Friday, Nov. 7.

“The course was specifically tailored to their practice management needs,” said Kay Tyler, co-chair of the Office Administrators Practice Management Course and chief executive officer of Family Allergy & Asthma in Louisville, KY. “Office administrators are critical in the allergy/immunology specialty. They assist in the care and education of our patients. They wear many hats and are responsible not only for aiding in the care of patients, but managing practices, handling insurance requests and paperwork.”

The College is now making it easier for office administrators to stay connected not only during Annual Meetings, but throughout the year. ACAAI has recently introduced the creation of a specialized LinkedIn group. “Not only is it crucial for practicing allergists to remain connected and networking throughout the year to share advice, best practices, unique challenges and cases, but it is just as equally important for office administrators to remain connected for the same reasons,” said ACAAI President James Sublett, MD, FACAAI. “The College will be laying this groundwork beginning with this LinkedIn group.”

Invites to join the group were sent to attendees of the Office Administrators Practice Management Course for the last few years. Please encourage your office administrators to join the group, which can be found by clicking the LinkedIn icon on acaai.org. Once on the ACAAI LinkedIn page, scroll all the way down to find the subgroup titled “Office Administrators Practice Management Group” on the right side. Questions? Contact the ACAAI Communications department at 847-427-1200.

As you embark on a new year, the College is here to support you. The ACAAI is pleased to present you with a suite of new member benefits as a part of the Vision 2020 campaign, to help you meet your goals in 2015. Take advantage of these great benefits today!

• **UpToDate®**: College members are now eligible for up to a 25 percent discount on UpToDate®, one of the medical profession’s most highly regarded decision-making resources. UpToDate® draws upon the expertise of more than 5,700 doctors, editors and peer reviewers who evaluate medical literature and produce materials aimed at helping practitioners solve medical problems. Visit college.acaai.org for more information and for the link to sign in via the ACAAI login for the special offer.

• **GCP Certification**: College members will soon be able to pursue their Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certification at no charge under an arrangement with the University of Miami’s Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program. College members will have free online access to qualifying GCP courses. The CITI Program includes “GCP for Clinical Trials with Investigational Drugs and Medical Devices (U.S. FDA Focus),” “GCP for Clinical Trials with Investigational Drugs and Biologics (ICH Focus)” and “GCP for Clinical Trials with Investigational Medical Devices.”

• **Asthma & Allergy Network membership**: All College members are now automatically Allergy & Asthma Network members – representing a $100 savings. The two organizations will work even more closely together to address public policy issues and promote a new standard of care benefiting patients, families and the entire medical community.
Above: Dr. Joseph Bellanti generously donated his book, Immunology IV: Clinical Applications in Health and Disease, to all 223 Fellows-in-Training (FITs) Travel Grant winners. Right: Dr. Jay Portnoy was the winner of this year’s Great Raft Debate.

Distinguished Fellow awards were given to Drs. Todd Mahr (left) and David Khan in recognition for their outstanding contributions and commitment.

International Distinguished Fellow awards were presented to Tatiana Slavyanskaya, MD, PhD, of Russia (left), and Mario Sánchez-Borges, MD, of Venezuela.

Nancy Sander was this year’s recipient of the Woman in Allergy Award. She received this award in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the areas of allergy and asthma awareness.

Research was revealed at more than 400 concurrent presentations and poster sessions.
Scientific Meeting in Atlanta

Above: Peabo Bryson headlined the Annual Fundraising Dinner benefitting the ACAAI Foundation. Left: Dr. Peter Boggs (center) was honored with the 2014 Gold Headed Cane Award.

Dr. Kathleen May (pictured left) and Barbara Finegold (above) were presented with Distinguished Service Awards in recognition of tireless efforts, dedication and enthusiasm on behalf of the College.

The exhibit hall was home to many discussions about innovations in allergy/immunology products and services.

Hands-on workshops were just some of the 33 workshops offered.
Alliance reports on 60th anniversary of ACAAI Alliance

By Judy Fineman, Alliance President

I am honored to accept the position of Alliance president. My sincere appreciation goes out to Margaret Quel and the entire Alliance board of trustees. Margaret’s warm style of leadership encouraged members, both old and new, to enjoy the wonderful programs and events surrounding us at the meeting.

A beautiful, fall week in Atlanta enhanced the 60th anniversary of the Alliance during the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting. Our activities could not take place if it were not for the dedicated Alliance members who offered support in so many ways: assisting at the Hospitality Suite welcome desk, helping with the sales of the photo notebooks, the rewriting of the Bylaws (now the Policies and Procedures of the Alliance), setting up and hosting the delicious Alliance business luncheon at McCormick & Schmick’s and the International reception, and the superb programs for the members as well as the ACAAI Kids.

The children’s program had many delightful moments. The Atlanta Zoo mobile unit introduced the children and their parents to a wide range of critters including hedgehogs, an iguana and python. For the adults, three diverse programs entertained those who were fortunate enough to stop by. The first day, a docent from the Gone With the Wind museum in Marietta taught us all about Margaret Mitchell (quite a wild girl) and the 75th anniversary of the movie Gone With the Wind.

On Saturday, Chef Ticha (an instructor at Le Cordon Bleu in Atlanta and the former owner of Tierra, a South American themed restaurant in Midtown Atlanta), educated all those present on foods from around the world and the impact our food choices have on the environment. The crowd was treated to some savory foods prepared by Ticha and the finale was a tres leches cake. Not a crumb was left!

Our own Bonnie Miles treated the crowd to information on the protection and rescue of endangered bats. The information Bonnie gave us was awe-inspiring. While bats aren’t particularly pretty, they really do help the environment and ecosystem. While I don’t know many people with this avocation, Bonnie made us feel that we might want to start rescuing bats! Thanks to Bonnie for her insight and for sharing her expertise with us.

Thanks also to Jeanne Zitt and Barbara Finegold for their efforts in making the International Reception a hit once more this year. “Southern belles,” Jeanne and Barbara, twirled parasols while the guests enjoyed Southern culinary delights such as Mud Pies, grits, Peach Buds, peanuts and iced tea. A fabulous time was had by all!

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The Alliance created and printed more than 750 photo books that were sold to all who stopped by. We used photos from the past two years for the front and back covers, so the photos have been put to good use. We (fortunately) sold out of the notebooks, which brought in a profit of over $1,000 to be given to the Foundation.

During our Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon at McCormick & Schmick’s, we were entertained by children from the Atlanta Children’s Choir from Callanwolde. They sang four songs with enthusiasm and spirit that only children can show. The food was delicious and all of the Peach martinis disappeared in record time. My appreciation goes out to new board members, Michelle Hedberg and Rocio Ramirez. I look forward to working with them as well as Leila Sublett, president-elect; Linda Horbal, secretary; Jane Martin, treasurer; Ellen Portnoy, parliamentarian; Barb Weber, historian; Randee Mansfield, ACAAI Foundation liaison; and Maeve O’Connor, MD, FACAII, ACAAI liaison. Of course, I also look forward to working with Mrs. Quel and I know she will help me grow with the Alliance this coming year.

Andrea King will no longer be our ACAAI staff liaison, but we welcome Kelly Burns who will be filling Andrea’s role! We will miss Andrea’s help, but we know she isn’t far away should we need to call on her.

We have wonderful plans in the works for the 2015 ACAAI Annual Meeting in San Antonio, November 5-9, 2015. We will continue with the southern hospitality and look forward to having our members join in on the fun. See you all in San Antonio!
Professional education, your way

Grab a snack, settle into your favorite spot on the couch … and attend the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting?

A major focus of Vision 2020 – ACAAI’s redoubled effort to provide you with the tools and resources you need to succeed – is providing the education you want, the way you want it. So we piloted a virtual attendee program at the meeting in Atlanta, enabling 25 participants from across the country to attend from the comfort of their homes.

The sessions were:
- **Accessible.** Sessions were filmed and streamed live; participants accessed the live stream on their laptops, iPads, iPhones and Android phones.
- **Interactive.** Participants posed questions to speakers and joined online discussions with one another via a chat forum.
- **A big hit!** Participants raved about the experience; their feedback before, during and after the program will be used to develop a virtual attendee strategy for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

During the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting, ACAAI tested out a new virtual meeting capability.

The option to attend the Annual Meeting virtually is just one way the College is providing you with a more dynamic and robust educational experience. To learn more about Vision 2020 visit acaai.org/vision2020.

More information about the Vision 2020 offerings can be found on page 5.

New year, new update from the Foundation

2014 was a great year for the ACAAI Foundation, and this really showed during the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta. The Foundation sponsored Young Faculty Support Award winner Sherry Farzan, MD, FACAAI, North Shore – Long Island Jewish Health System, Great Neck, New York. Merck sponsored the award for Michael Keller, MD, Children’s National Medical Center, Washington D.C.

“A total of 16 proposals were received and graded by the Ad Hoc Selection Committee,” said Suelyn Rossman, MD, FACAAI, Foundation president. “While all applicants showed substantial research to the field of allergy/immunology, these two applicants portrayed significant cases. Drs. Farzan and Keller represent the superior strength and intelligence in the future of the allergist specialty.”

In 2015, the Foundation will continue to work with pharmaceutical companies to secure support for its mission.

During the meeting, Nathan Segall, MD, FACAAI, reported the agreement with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) on the UAB Directed Giving Program was signed by all parties. UAB confirmed they can provide necessary reporting to the Foundation (how the funds are used), so compliance with the stated purpose is assured.

Dr. Segall indicated that this agreement has the full backing of the Alabama Society of Allergy and Immunology. The UAB Fund currently has $11,500 in funds. Promotional mailings will be made to local Society members to secure additional donations.

After this pilot program is evaluated, additional Member Society Directed Giving programs will be recommended to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Segall is contacting Training Program Directors to generate interest in this directed giving program.

As the Foundation has entered the New Year, there will be some positive changes to be on the watch for.

“Next year, the Foundation plans to invite pediatric and internal medicine residents to its Residents’ for Allergy Program,” said Dr. Rossman. “The goal of the program will be to provide residents with information on new advances in allergy/immunology to encourage them to consider a career in the specialty, or to know when to refer patients to an allergist if they choose another specialty.”

The Foundation also sends a special thank you to the Alliance for donating photo contest and notebook proceeds to the Foundation.

“The Alliance’s notebook sales were a great success during the Annual Meeting,” said Dr. Rossman. “The Alliance sold out of the notebooks, bringing more than $1,000 to the Foundation.”

Donations are always welcome throughout the year. Contributions can be sent to: ACAAI Foundation, 85 W. Algonquin Rd. Suite 350, Arlington Heights, IL. 60005. Checks should be made payable to ACAAI Foundation. To submit a credit card donation, please visit the Foundation page at college.acaai.org.
Dr. Montanaro retires from AllergyWatch

After serving as AllergyWatch editor-in-chief for eight years, Anthony Montanaro, MD, FACAAI, will be retiring from his position.

“It has been a great privilege to have served as editor of AllergyWatch for the previous two terms,” said Dr. Montanaro. “I have great memories of the early days of AllergyWatch under the leadership of Emil Bardana, MD, FACAAI. Drs. Bardana, Tilles and myself would discuss articles around the dinner table, with delicious homemade pizza courtesy of Norma Bardana. Sadly, the pizzas are gone but the tradition of excellence remains. I would like to thank Drs. Bardana, Tilles and all the fantastic assistant editors for their contributions and support. I would also like to thank Mary Lou Callaghan for her administrative and emotional assistance over the years. I am confident that Dr. Tilles will continue the stewardship of Dr. Bardana’s vision of AllergyWatch that has become an important part of the College’s mission of education and supporting the practicing allergist!”

Stephen Tilles, MD, FACAAI, ACAAI vice-president will now be serving as editor-in-chief after serving as AllergyWatch associate editor for the last seven years. He has served on the AllergyWatch editorial staff since its inception in 1999.

“It is an honor to assume the role of editor-in-chief of AllergyWatch,” said Dr. Tilles. “I appreciate the mentorship of Tony Montanaro and hope to maintain the high standard he has established. I realize the importance of AllergyWatch as a resource for ACAAI members, and I look forward to working with the other editors to continue to provide information that is helpful. A new area of focus will be highlighting and abstracting Practice Parameters as they are published.”

Order your Certification/MOC/Board Review study materials

If you’re taking the 2015 ABAI exams, you are encouraged to place an order for currently available study resources. These include:

2014 Certification/Maintenance of Certification Board Review Course Syllabus, Questions/Answers Book and Flash Drive
• Syllabus Parts 1, 2 and 3, Take Home Questions/Answers and Flash Drive are included
• Items will not be revised until the 2016 course

Please order at acaai.omnibooksonline.com while supplies last.

The 2014 Certification/Maintenance of Certification Board Review Course DVD with Online Access is also available with content from the live course held in Chicago, Illinois in April 2014.
• Online access included for all presentations as well as AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for eligible participants completing required components
• Expiration date of the online course is 10/31/2015; include the DVD in your purchase to retain the presentations in your reference library
• Presentations audio synchronized with speaker slides
• Mac and PC compatible
• MP3s allow the transfer of audio onto an MP3 playing device to listen on the go
• MP4 compatible (via online access)

The print version of the ACAAI Review for the Allergy and Immunology Boards, Second Edition (September 2013) is also available for purchase.

The DVD with online access may be purchased by visiting associationarchives.com/SITES/acaai. Please note that there is no live course planned for 2015. The next course is expected to occur in Spring 2016.

This text for the ABAI certification and recertification examinations features:
• Concise topic summaries ideal for quick review
• Hundreds of color images and tables that enhance study
• Key facts and mnemonics for easy memorization
• Embedded flashcards to test critical concepts

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FITs unite in Atlanta for friendship, fun and the future

By Andrew Nickels, MD, Senior FIT Representative to the ACAAI Board of Regents

The 2014 ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta brought allergy/immunology FITs together for a fantastic meeting! The FITs were treated to a great presentation during the general meeting by Stanley Fineman, MD, MBA, FACAAI, Virginia Rensel, RN, Gary Gross, MD, FACAAI and Donald Aaronson, MD, FACAAI. The distinguished panel, which included three past presidents of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (JCAAI), presented challenging cases and technical aspects of infusion medicine. The FITs learned from challenging clinical cases, including the challenges associated with billing and coding appropriately. The importance of the JCAAI’s leadership and knowledge was on full display. Thankfully, all FITs get free membership to this very important organization! If you are an ACAAI FIT member and not a JCAAI member already, you can go to www.jcaai.org to join for free.

The FIT reception was a lively event. As the FITs reconnected and enjoyed food and drink, Joseph A. Bellanti, MD, FACAAI, gave out a free copy of his outstanding immunology text, Immunology IV: Clinical Applications in Health and Disease, and signed everyone’s copy! Meeting Dr. Bellanti was the highlight of the evening, and we are all thankful for Dr. Bellanti’s generosity.

With the 2014 ACAAI meeting in the books, the FITs are looking forward to a great year! Under the leadership of James Sublett, MD, FACAAI, the ACAAI has made a commitment to make sure the ACAAI is the go to resource for the FITs and new allergists. The FITs are encouraged to reach out to the ACAAI FIT leadership and let us know what the ACAAI can do for you!

Board of Regents, Executive Committee report summary of actions

Following is a summary of key actions taken by the Executive Committee at its Sept. 16 phone conference and the Board of Regents at its Nov. 6 meeting:

- Approved the proposed letter to ACGME in response to the ABAI’s proposed revision to the eligibility criteria for resident appointments in allergy and immunology.
- Granted to honor posthumously Dr. Felicidad Cua-Lim of the Philippines with a 2014 Distinguished Service Award for her dedication to the specialty and non-wavering loyalty to the College during the 2014 ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Ratified the appointment of Gregory Bensch, MD, FACAAI, as the ACAAI Representative to the 2015 WAO Nominating Committee.
- Approved the Drug Allergy Performance Measures Set as requested by the Joint Task Force on Quality Performance Measures.
- Ratified the appointment of Terrence Cary, MD, to a four-year term on the AARC Board of Medical Advisors beginning Jan., 2015.
- Approved the release of $25,000 from the restricted “India Educational Initiatives Fund” to support travel expenses for five speakers to deliver educational programs in Bombay, Delhi and Agra, India, Nov. 16-22, 2014.
- Expanded the Annals editorial board by adding the following individuals to two-year terms beginning Jan., 2015: Bradley Chips, MD, FACAAI; Robert Coifman, MD, FACAAI (Emeritus); Mauli Desai, MD; Elizabeth Erwin, MD; Leslie Grammer, MD, FACAAI; Ruchi Gupta, MD; Michael Kaplan, MD, FACAAI; William Lumry, MD, FACAAI; John Puleini, MD, Andrew MacGinnitie, MD; Eric Macy, MD; Jessica Savage, MD; Roland Solensky, MD; Julie Wang, MD and Richard Wasserman, MD, PhD, FACAAI.
- Appointed Chitra Dinakar, MD, FACAAI as associate editor of AllergyWatch and John Oppenheimer, MD, FACAAI to the AllergyWatch editorial board beginning in 2015.
- Ratified new ACAAI governance structure and new composition standards for ACAAI councils and committees.
- Reappointed Ira Finegold, MD, FACAAI, to the ACAAI Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term through Nov. 2018.
Thank you to the 2014 ACAAI Corporate Council Members