“My concept of our theme is in the form of an image looking out toward the horizon,” said Richard Weber, MD, FACAAI, president-elect and program chair. “There has been encroachment of our allergy-immunology territory by other specialists, primary caregivers, and even non-medical entities, squeezing and shrinking it. Therefore, our practices are changing. Since our training extends over the horizon of what we have typically done and seen, we have expertise that allows us to expand into areas of medical management that are just over that horizon.

“Working with ACAAI Vice President Michael Fogg, MD, FACAAI, Symposium Committee chair, it is our Annual Program Committee’s goal for this meeting to present for discussion areas we have knowledge about and in which we can manage patients as effectively, or better, than other practitioners,” he said.

The XIV International Food Allergy Symposium on Thursday, Nov. 8, will expand your diagnosis and management armamentarium. The full day symposium is co-chaired by Amal Assa’ad, MD, FACAAI, Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH, FACAAI, and Alessandro Fiocchi, MD, FACAAI (SC). (See story on page 3).

What to do about those medical journals you haven’t had time to read? Expert...
On Saturday, June 9, we had our joint AAAAI & ACAAI Board meeting, followed by the College’s Board of Regents (BOR) meeting. I am pleased to report that both meetings were highly productive. The combined meeting of the AAAAI and ACAAI boards enabled the leaders of both societies to interact and communicate about our mutual goals. Donald Aaronson, MD, JD, MPH, FACAAI, provided an update about JCAAI activities as well.

Below are updates on some of our joint task force activities discussed during the ACAAI/AAAAl Board meeting:

- **Practice Parameters:** We had thoughtful discussion about the importance of our Practice Parameters, and we will be formally reviewing this activity to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our members. A new parameter on Furry Animal Allergy was recently published in *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*. Updated parameters on Adverse Reactions to Vaccines and Angioedema were submitted to the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* for publication. The new parameter on Rodent Allergy was recently posted on the ACAAI and AAAAI websites for member’s comments.

- **Health Care Reform:** This is a critically important committee that has done a yeoman’s job helping to keep us informed about the changes in the health care landscape. Several reports were recently published by the task force and are available on the College’s member website (see ACAAI/AAAAl Joint Statements). New reports are in development on topics including “Recovery Audit Program” and “Recommendations for Small A/I Practices.”

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Stimied on dermatological disorders? We have the workshop for you!

The ACAAi Workshop Committee, chaired by Todd Mahr, MD, FACAIAI, is rolling out six intensive workshops that will enhance your expertise for resolving the most challenging dermatological dilemmas.

“Some of our most difficult cases involve dermatological disorders, which are often intensified by the patient’s long-term suffering even before we see them,” Dr. Mahr said. “Working with the Dermatological Allergy Committee and reviewing last year’s needs assessment surveys, we’ve identified specific diagnostic and treatment skills allergists can incorporate into their arsenal to offer expanded care to their patients with these conditions.”

The dermatological workshops include:

- **Skin Biopsy for the Allergist** – David Weldon, MD, FACAIAI, and a dermatologist
- **Patch Testing** – Luz Fonacier, MD, FACAIAI and Sebastian Lighvani, MD
- **Dermatology Dilemmas: Fascinating Cases to Learn From** – Kristin Leiferman, MD, and Javed Sheikh, MD
- **Occupational Asthma and Dermatitis** – Jonathan Bernstein, MD, FACAIAI and Michael Zacharisen, MD, FACAIAI
- **Everything You Thought Was Atopic Dermatitis That Wasn’t** – Marcella Aquino, MD, FACAIAI and Mark Boguniewicz, MD, FACAIAI
- **Urticaria and Angioedema: Something Old, Something New** – Richard Gower, MD, FACAIAI and William Lumry, MD, FACAIAI

“Of the 38 total workshops planned, we are unveiling several new workshops and bringing back the most popular ones. The Medical Informatics Committee has planned computer workshops on website development, marketing your practice online, and several on EHR and Meaningful Use,” Dr. Mahr said.

Popular workshops fill up quickly, so be sure to register early when online registration opens in late July.

Food Allergy Symposium will expand your expertise and armamentarium

In keeping with the ACAAi Annual Scientific Meeting theme, Over the Horizon: Expanding Expertise, the XIV International Food Allergy Symposium on Thursday, Nov. 8, will expand your diagnosis and management armamentarium.

The full day symposium in Anaheim is co-chaired by Amal Assa’ad, MD, FACAIAI, Sami Bahna, MD, DrPH, FACAIAI, and Alessandro Fiocchi, MD, FACAIAI (SC). Expert faculty will address clinically relevant, timely topics that will enable you to:

- Take the helm on eosinophilic esophagitis
- Get comfortable with “off-the-beaten-track” food allergies
- Navigate your way in evaluating the hidden spice allergies
- Detect immunodeficiency disorders disguised as food allergy
- Learn about exciting new developments in food immunotherapy

Experts will discuss these and other topics, such as the food-pollen syndrome, food protein induced enterocolitis, and the rising concern about tree nut allergy. Dr. Assa’ad will present the Luisa Businco Memorial Lecture on “Predicting the National History of Food Allergy.” Participants also will gain insight on optimal collaboration with dermatologists and primary care physicians.

The Symposium has been a regular highlight event sponsored by ACAAi since 1972. “With the increasing prevalence and variety of manifestations of food allergy, the Symposium has kept us at the cutting edge of this important area of our specialty,” said Dr. Bahna, who has participated in the Symposium since 1978.

In addition to the main program, new information on food allergy will be unveiled in oral abstract presentations or as posters on display throughout the day.
One-stop online shopping for your practice needs

ACAAI’s Online Store is your one-stop shop for all available products, offering special member prices on many items and downloadable free practice enhancement materials. Purchase patient education DVDs and brochures, annual meeting session DVDs and the ACAAI Review for the Allergy and Immunology Boards. Browse the Buyers Guide and Practice Parameter Pocket Cards. Download free seasonal tip sheets and media materials, as well as Nationwide Asthma Screening Program and Allergist branding materials. Check back often as new downloadable materials are added regularly.

The Online Store is now easier to find. When you go to www.acaai.org, just look for the allergist logo in the right hand column, click, sign-in and shop.

The worst is over, but the best can be yet to come

While many media outlets think the “worst season” for allergies is behind us, there are still several ways to keep your practice and ACAAI in front of your local news team. Seasonal Tip Sheets are available for download by visiting the ACAAI Member Store (click the allergist logo at www.acaai.org under “Online Store”). These tip sheets will serve as a guide for working with your local media outlets on news stories which focus on allergies and asthma. Topics include:

- Five Surprising Allergy, Asthma Triggers That Can Spoil Summer Fun
- Summer Means Barbecues, Picnics – and Food Allergies
- Allergists Offer Ragweed Survival Guide
- Study Up for a Sneeze and Wheeze-free School Year

Help patients track symptoms with MyNasalAllergyJournal.org

When patients track their symptoms, allergists have much more accurate information for diagnosis and treatment. Now ACAAI has a new online tool that makes it easier for patients to come to their next appointment with actual data. My Nasal Allergy Journal is a quick way for patients to record when and where they experience symptoms, what medications they use and how well those medications relieve their suffering.

“Through use of the graphs, allergy sufferers can see how severely their symptoms affect their quality of life,” said James Sublett, MD, FACAAC, chair of the Public Relations Committee. “My Nasal Allergy Journal users who have not yet seen an allergist are prompted to find an allergist and find relief. For those already in your care, the reports supply valuable and accurate information for their appointment.”

With an average of 60,000 unique monthly visitors on www.AllergyandAsthmaRelief.org, the journal is designed to drive more people to see allergists. The easy-to-remember domain name makes it a convenient resource to share with patients.

See triggers at-a-glance

With My Nasal Allergy Journal’s calendar view, users get a quick overview of how nasal allergies affect their daily life. To help identify symptoms and triggers, users’ entries are translated into detailed reports and statistics that can help them manage their condition and remind them to see their allergist. Weekly, monthly and yearly reports are available.

Share information with an allergist

Users are prompted to print and share their journal reports with an allergist. They are made aware that allergists are the best-trained health professionals to diag-

nose and treat nasal allergies, and that allergists develop customized treatment plans to keep their allergies under control.

Find treatment options

If users have never been diagnosed with nasal allergies, they are prompted to use the Find an Allergist tool and see an allergist. They are advised that allergists can develop a customized treatment plan for their needs—one that gets to the source of their allergies; that chronic nasal allergy can be alleviated through a combination of avoidance, medication, and allergy shots (immunotherapy); and, that by addressing the cause of symptoms, an allergist can significantly reduce their expenses for inpatient doctor visits and medication.

Use these ideas to alert your patients to this valuable new resource:

- Link to www.MyNasalAllergyJournal.org from your practice website. Insert the direct link or hyperlink copy such as “track nasal allergy symptoms” on your website to the new tool.
- Post on Facebook and Twitter.
- Include information about the new tool in your electronic or print patient newsletter.
Help members of your community learn if they are at risk for asthma this fall with an asthma and allergy screening.

ACAAI extended the reach of its 16th annual Nationwide Asthma Screening Program (NASP) and encourages members to offer fall screenings this year. Free kits of public education and registration materials for the program, which is supported by Teva Respiratory, are now available. Register by Aug. 31 through the NASP Help Line at 312-558-1175 or online at www.acaai.org. Look for the screening program banner on the homepage.

“We know we see an increase in asthma symptoms every fall,” said John Winder, MD, chair of the NASP. “As allergists, we have an opportunity to help our communities tackle this condition and make sure asthma doesn’t take anyone’s breath away.”

More than 130 allergists offered screenings this spring and took advantage of new tools to help reach people who might be at risk for nasal allergies. New questions on the program’s Registration and Report Form ask participants about nasal allergy symptoms and a brochure on allergic rhinitis is included in the coordinator kit materials members receive once they register their screening date and location.

“The screening program is a great way to serve the community,” said June Zhang, MD, a first-time screening program coordinator, who held her event at a shopping mall in San Mateo, Calif. “All the materials were wonderful. Most people who came to the screening did not have asthma, but had significant nasal allergies or eczema, so it is useful to teach the community how an allergist can help.”

New online tools are in place to support the screening program, including a new Google map enabled screening locator.

Also available is the Asthma and Allergies Symptom Self Test which allows visitors to find out more about their risk for asthma, nasal allergies and exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB). Those who have trouble taking a good deep breath, cough at night or have a stuffy or runny nose and itchy eyes, can take the test and receive information and resources.

This test compliments two online journals, MyEIBJournal.org which allows people to track their exercise-related breathing symptoms, and MyNasalAllergy Journal.org which lets visitors record days they have allergy symptoms and whether they used medication.

“We need to help people make the connection between allergies and asthma so they can see an allergist to get a proper diagnosis and treatment,” said Dr. Winder.

Each year more than 200 allergists donate their time to host a free asthma screening. As a result of the 15-year commitment of College members, almost 130,000 people have been screened and half referred for a diagnosis. Register today to host a screening this fall.
Board of Regents approves 2012-2013 officers slate

American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

Dr. Michael Foggs, MD., FACAAI, Chicago, was nominated as president-elect of the College for 2012-2013 by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Regents at its June 9 meeting in Chicago.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Board also slated the following nominees:

- Vice President: James Sublett, MD, FACAAI, Louisville, Ky.
- Treasurer: Bryan Martin, DO, FACAAI, Columbus, Ohio
- Regents (three-year terms): Gregory Bensch, MD, FACAAI, Stockton, Calif.; Tao Le, MD, MHS, FACAAI, Elizabeth-town, Ky.; and Maeve O’Connor, MD, FACAAI, Charlotte, N.C.

The annual election of officers and regents will be held during the Annual Business Meeting, Nov. 13, when Richard Weber, MD, FACAAI, Denver, assumes the presidency.

Dr. Michael Foggs is chief of allergy & immunology, Advocate Medical Group of Advocate Health Care in Chicago.

He served two terms as treasurer, as Foundation Board treasurer, and on the Board of Regents. He chairs the Acorn Committee, Research Funding Review Committee and the Symposia Committee; serves on the Editorial Board of Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology; is a member of several committees including the Annual Program, Executive and Public Relations Committees; represents ACAAI on the JCAAI Board of Directors; and is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties Workgroup on Asthma representing the College. He was honored with the Distinguished Fellow Award, the Stanislaus Jaros Lectureship and the Bela Schick Lectureship.

Dr. Foggs is a member of the FDA Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee (PADAC) and received its Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of the Expert Panel 3 of the NHLBI National Asthma Education Prevention Program. He serves on the Board of Directors for INTERASMA; on the National Institutes of Health Asthma Outcomes Workshop Quality of Life Committee; on the Executive Committee of the Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Section, and the Consensus Panel on Asthma in the African American Community of the National Medical Association.

Dr. James Sublett is the co-founder and managing partner of Family Allergy & Asthma, based in Louisville, Ky., with 22 offices throughout Louisville, Kentucky, and Southern Indiana. He is clinical professor and the section chief of pediatric allergy at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and is the founder and chairman of AllergyZone LLC.

He chairs the ACAAI’s Public Relations and Indoor Environment Committees; serves on the Editorial Board for the Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology; and is active on numerous committees including the Annual Program Committee. Dr. Sublett was honored with the Distinguished Fellow Award and the Jean Chapman Lectureship. Dr. Sublett is president of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology and is active on several JCAAI committees. He served on numerous AAAAI committees and was honored with the Public Outreach Award for Practice Website and Public Outreach Award for Media Relations. The University of Louisville School of Medicine honored him as the Gratis Faculty of the year. His practice received numerous awards including the Louisville Business First 2011 Medium Size Company Business of the Year “Eagle Award” and was included in INC5000’s fastest growing companies.

Dr. Bryan Martin is associate dean, Graduate Medical Education, designated institutional official; associate medical director, University Hospital; allergy and immunology program director; and professor of clinical medicine and pediatrics at The Ohio State University in Columbus. He is currently serving his first term as ACAAI treasurer and Foundation Board treasurer, and third time on the Board of Regents. He chairs the Finance Committee; co-chairs the FIT Bowl Planning Committee (since 1995); is on the Editorial Board of Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology; is ACAAI’s representative on the JCAAI Board of Directors; and serves on the Executive Committee and numerous other committees. He received the College’s Distinguished Fellow Award.

Dr. Martin chaired the Allergy Immunology Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and is currently on the FDA Allergenic Products Advisory Committee. He is a retired U.S. Army COL, and is past president of the Association of Uniformed Services Allergists-Immunologists. His many honors include the Gold Doc Award for Humanism in Medicine from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation; the Lewis Aspey Mologne Award; the Surgeon General’s Award for Military Academic Excellence; and numerous military awards.

Dr. Gregory Bensch is an assistant professor, Allergy & Immunology Residency Program at San Joaquin General Hospital in San Joaquin, Calif., and is in private practice at Allergy, Immunology & Asthma Medical Group, Inc., in Stockton, Calif.

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College connections and resources offer a path to success for FITs

by By Paul B. Keiser, MD, Senior FIT Representative to the ACAAI Board of Regents

Welcome to the FIT section of the summer ACAAI News. With the new academic year, congratulations are in order all around.

First, congratulations to all of the graduating FITs. Until the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaheim, Nov. 8-13, you will continue to be regarded as FIT members with free membership, eligible for reduced registration rates and to apply for travel grants. If you need to change your contact information, please send the information via email to JamesYoukhanis@acaai.org. And don’t forget, site registration for the ABAI exam opens July 9 (www.abai.org).

Second, congratulations to rising 2nd and 3rd year FITs and to in-coming first year Allergy fellows! The ACAAI continues to be a strong supporter of all fellows-in-training and works hard to assess and meet fellow needs. Please consider becoming more involved in the ACAAI. The field of Allergy is constantly changing, and the more connected you are, the better you will be at taking care of your patients and managing your practices. Several ACAAI committees welcome FIT participation (see “committees” at www.acaai.org/members).

First-year FITs will be needed to apply for the Junior FIT and Regional FIT Representative positions. The Junior FIT Rep will participate with the Senior FIT Rep on the ACAAI Board of Regents. They also attend the annual Program Director’s meeting, and have the opportunity to represent the ACAAI to the AMA Resident and Fellows Section. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other allergists, learn how our specialty is led, and participate in that leadership. Many FIT Reps have gone on to serve on the ACAAI Board of Regents and many other leadership positions in our specialty. Regional FIT Reps interact with FIT members in their assigned regions, and provide feedback to the Junior and Senior FIT Reps on issues of concern to the Board of Regents. In addition, all of the FIT Reps contribute board review questions for the ACAAI website and eNews. This provides an excellent chapter-by-chapter resource for those preparing for board exams and staying current in our specialty.

The annual meeting in Anaheim this year will include a scientific program specifically for FITs with guest speakers on the topics of “Primary Immunodeficiencies” and “the Future Practice of Allergy.” These topics are of particular interest to FITs for board preparation and for anticipating some of the coming changes in how we practice our specialty. The deadline for abstract submission for first-year fellows is extended to August 3. Contact Debra Kroncke (debrakroncke@acaai.org) to request access to the abstract submission site after July 6. Applications for travel grants are due August 31 and may be found on the member website at www.acaai.org (on the “Applications and Forms” section, see Awards/Annual Meeting FITs Programs).

We hope to see you in Anaheim!
Foundation’s *Tithe-a-Talk* is a win-win giving program

The “Tithe-a-Talk” program benefiting the ACAAI Foundation makes it easy for you to donate honoraria from an upcoming speaking engagement, which will be applied toward your 5K Club or 10K Club contribution goal. Simply complete the *Tithe-a-Talk* form available on the Foundation page of the College member website (www.acaai.org) and present it to the association/company that is sponsoring your talk.

“Nearly 50 speakers designated a portion of their ACAAI Annual Meeting or other honorarium to the Foundation’s *Tithe-a-Talk* program last year,” said ACAAI Foundation President Nathan Segall, MD, FACAIA.

“Donor contributions will enable us to continue the College’s tradition of providing a $50,000 two-year fellowship stipend to help ease the financial burden for a training program in 2013-2014,” he said.

Contributions to the Foundation can be made in a variety of other ways, including cash donations, through a contribution of stock, charitable trusts/bequests. The Jean Chapman Endowment Fund for Education was established to help support fellows-in-training travel grants. In times of bereavement, you can request donations be made, in lieu of flowers, to help advance the care of allergy and immunology.

The Foundation provides Fellows-in-Training Program Relief Grants, Young Faculty Support Awards and supports other programs.

Donors who achieve the status of 5K Club ($5,000 level) and 10K Club ($10,000 level) are acknowledged at each Annual Meeting with a special ribbon and listings in the Convention Program Guide and the Foundation Honor Roll display.

Donations are always welcome. Please send your contribution to: ACAAI Foundation, 85 W. Algonquin Road, Suite 550, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Checks should be made payable to ACAAI Foundation.

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- **Measure Development:** It will be increasingly important for us to demonstrate how well our practice interventions help our patients. Immunotherapy measures recently developed will be incorporated into a Practice Improvement Module for Part IV MOC. The task force is proposing to the AMA-PCPI for 2012 to develop measures for asthma geared to the specialist, since current measures are primary care based. A workgroup was convened to develop urticaria measures, and plans are underway for developing measures for atopic dermatitis, sinusitis and rhinitis measures.

Our own Board of Regents meeting followed the joint meeting. I was very pleased with our activities and our efforts to provide improved benefits for our members. Report after report to our Board conveyed the accomplishments of the College and its members.

Our membership now stands at a record high of 5,769 members.

Our media relations program is stronger than ever, with an exceptional 63 percent increase in the number of media placements this year through April compared to this time last year. As you know, one of the major goals of the College is help “market” the allergist, so it is good to see such progress in this area. And ACAAI’s marketing efforts for the Nationwide Asthma Screening Program, now in its 16th year, resulted in a 940 percent increase in traffic to its landing page and a 200 percent increase in searches for screening locations. Over the last 15 years, more than a quarter of ACAAI members have participated, reaching nearly 130,000 people.

Our publications are also very strong. *AllergyWatch*, edited by Anthony Montanaro, MD, FACAIA, continues to enjoy very positive feedback from members. The *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*, under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Gaileen Marshall, MD, PhD, FACAIA, is in its 69th year of publication and it continues to evolve to meet the needs of College members. New features planned for this year will be of great interest to the practicing allergist. *Annals* reviewers can now earn CME credit for their reviews.

ACAIA eNews readership statistics show a steady increase since 2009, with an open rate growing from 42 percent to 46 percent.

During the past year we have seen increases in the number of our public visitors and our members served by the College’s website which is managed by our website editor, Kathleen May, MD, FACAIA. Website traffic shows a 26 percent increase in unique visitors over the past year, averaging over 63,000 visits per month.

The College remains very active on social media outlets, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube. These outlets are used to issue messages to members and the public, and aid in our media relations efforts to raise awareness of ACAAI. If you haven’t yet “friended” the ACAAI on Facebook, started following us on Twitter, or participated in the engaging discussions on LinkedIn, I encourage you to start.

It’s very satisfying to see all the wonderful activities the College is undertaking to help our allergist members. I am pleased to report that we are in good hands both with our BOR and administration. As always, I welcome your feedback. Please let me know what else you’d like to have the College do for you at president@acaai.org.

**President**

Stanley Fineman, MD, MBA, FACAIA
iCAALL launches the International Consensus (ICON) on Pediatric Asthma

AAAIAI, ACAAI, EAACI and WAO launched the International Consensus (ICON) on Pediatric Asthma at the recent EAACI Congress 2012 in Geneva.

The goal of this ICON is to highlight the key messages that are common to many of the existing guidelines, while critically reviewing and commenting on their differences, thus providing a concise reference. The Pediatric Asthma ICON provides advice for the best clinical practice in pediatric asthma management.

“Despite available treatments, less than 50 percent of asthmatic children control their symptoms,” according to EAACI Secretary General Nikos Papadopoulos, MD, chair of the Pediatric Asthma ICON. “With this Consensus we highlight that pediatric asthma can be controlled by establishing a partnership between patient and doctor and adhering to a well-designed personal management plan. Regular monitoring ascertains the effectiveness and fine-tunes treatment,” he said.

The Pediatric Asthma ICON is published in Allergy, the European Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

“Diagnosis and care for children with asthma remains challenging in many areas of the world, including the United States. Our hope is that publication and use of the International Consensus on (ICON) Pediatric Asthma can help change this problem,” said ACAAI President Stanley Fineman, MD, MBA, FACAAI. “As allergists, our goal is to get the right care to the children who need it most no matter where they live. With proper care and management, children with asthma can grow up to live not just healthier, but more productive lives.”

Recognizing a lack of consensus-driven information and general recommendations, ACAAI joined forces with AAAAI, the European Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (EAACI) and the World Allergy Organization (WAO) to launch the International Collaboration in Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (iCAALL).

A major focus of this initiative is the production of a series of International Consensus (ICON) documents offering recommendations for the management of global challenges such as pediatric asthma.

The Angioedema ICON is being developed by a work group chaired by David Lang, MD, FACAAI. It will be launched at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Nov. 8-13 and published in Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology.

The Food Allergy ICON was published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Leadership reports summary of actions

Following is a summary of key actions taken by the Executive Committee at its April 18 and May 23 phone conferences, and the Board of Regents at its June 9 meeting:

- Agreed to allow speakers to reprint AllergyWatch with their practice and/or physician’s names included, but require the issue to be printed in its entirety so that required copyrights, logos and citations are not lost.
- Agreed to allow an international organization to use the ACAAI logo when the College provides a speaker.
- Ratified the president’s appointment of Stanley Fineman, MD, MBA, FACAAI and Richard Weber, MD, FACAAI to the 2012 JCAAI Nominating Committee.
- Nominated Kathleen May and Alnoor Malick for consideration of a 4-year term on the JCAAI Board of Directors.
- Designated the Monday, Nov. 12 presentation “Chronic Urticaria Management – More than Antihistamines” by David Khan, MD, FACAAI, be presented “in memory of Dr. I. Leonard Bernstein.”
- Requested the 2013 Annual Program Committee to dedicate an annual meeting program slot to presentations on newly released practice parameters and their updates.
- Agreed to allow speakers presenting three physician oriented talks during the ACAAI Annual Meeting to also present an additional talk during the Allied Health or Advanced Practice session without seeking prior approval of the program chair.
- Voted to invite the co-chairs of the Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters to provide an update to the Board of Regents each November with the understanding their participation would be budget neutral to the College.
- Agreed to support the AMA Guidelines for Reporting Physician Data.
- Established an ad hoc committee to address young physicians’ involvement in ACAAI.
- Pre-approved allocating 2013 funds for development of the second edition of ACAAI Review for the Allergy and Immunology Boards with a PDF file available at no charge to members on the ACAAI website and a print version available for a fee.
Alliance plans are underway for Anaheim Meeting

by Rebecca A. Goldberg, R.N., Alliance President

A lliance President-Elect Ellen Portnoy and I have begun working on an enjoyable and enriching program for all at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif., Nov. 8-13.

The Hospitality Suite will be located in the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. On Friday, “The History of Anaheim” will be presented by an Anaheim Historical Society historian informing us about Anaheim, its people, and what we can see and do locally other than Disneyland. On Saturday morning, a talk on “Artistic Anaheim” by a renowned Disney artist will inform us about the art available in the Anaheim area, from both the past and the present. Sunday, local chef, restaurateur and humanitarian Bruno Serato, from the Anaheim White House Restaurant, will tell us how he’s “Making a Difference, One Bowl of Pasta at a Time.” The presentations on all three days are 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

We have not forgotten about the ACAAI Kids! Saturday they “Learn to Draw” and find out how easy and fun drawing can be. Sunday, “Anaheim History for Kids” will show them how children lived in the Victorian era, including how they churned butter. Both presentations are 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Please include them in the meeting registration process.

This year’s Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon will be held at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel with more details to follow. This luncheon is open to current Alliance members in good standing only and there will be a nominal charge of $15 to attend. In addition, we also welcome Allergy Fellows-in-Training spouses and significant others. If you would like to serve the Alliance in the upcoming year, either as a Board member or committee chair, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Don’t forget to enter pictures by Oct. 1 for the Alliance-sponsored Photography Exhibit and Competition to help raise funds for the Foundation. Barbara Finegold and Jeanne Zitt have been working on this project almost non-stop since the meeting in Boston last fall. For details and entry forms, visit the Alliance page at www.acaai.org. If you have any questions please email andreaking@acaai.org.

We will be sponsoring the International Reception, which many of our International members and guests truly enjoy. The committees have begun working on these vital functions, and volunteers are always welcome.

Dues statements were mailed on May 1 to all Alliance members. The statement includes the option to donate funds to assist in sponsoring the spouses/life partners of fellows-in-training to enable them to attend the meeting at no charge.

It is with a heavy heart I inform you of the loss of Ruth Fenton, an Alliance member for many years.

As always, please feel free to contact me regarding any questions or concerns at bgoldberg@mclinc.com. Send any written suggestions to my attention at ACAAI, 85 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

Young faculty grants available

If you are an ACAAI member interested in undertaking a research or teaching project, the Foundation of ACAAI invites you to apply for a Young Faculty Support grant. The deadline for applications is Aug. 17.

faculty will digest them for you at the Friday Annual Literature Review, Everything You Should Have Read Last Year, But Didn’t, organized by Mark O’Hollaren, MD, FACAAI, and his committee.

Throughout the meeting, top experts will discuss issues germane to your practice in a variety of formats including workshops, led by Todd Mahr, MD, FACAAI, and Meet the Professor Breakfasts, led by Bradley Chipps, MD, FACAAI. The Abstract Review Committee, chaired by Jay Portnoy, MD, FACAAI, will select preliminary research relevant to the specialty for concurrent oral and poster presentations.

Plus, special courses are offered for your staff, including Advanced Practice Health Care Providers and Allied Health Professionals, under the direction of David Khan, MD, FACAAI, Mary Lou Hayden, MS, NP, AE-C, and Deidre Sanders, MSN.

Plan to bring your family to sunny Anaheim, and they will enjoy activities hosted by the Alliance (see story above). This world-class visitor destination offers terrific beaches, unparalleled shopping and entertainment, trendy restaurants, exciting nightlife, championship golf, lively art districts, beautiful historic landmarks and popular family attractions.

Online registration will open in late July. You will be notified when the online preliminary program and registration materials are available.
AACAII 2012 FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Fab Four

The Best Beatles Show in The World
- LA Times

The Fab Four will take you back to when four lads from Liverpool ruled the world of music! The Fab Fours' uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of classic Beatles' hits and their precise attention to detail will make you think you're watching the real thing. This dazzling tribute covers every era of the Beatles career and features incredible vocals, vintage guitars and colorful costumes. This loving tribute to the Beatles has amazed audiences around the world!

Net proceeds from the event will be donated to the AACAII Foundation to support Fellows-in-Training Program Relief Grants, Young Faculty Support Awards and other Foundation programs.

Sunday, November 11
Anaheim Marriott Hotel • Anaheim, California
Tickets Required

7:00 pm: Reception
8:00 pm: Plated Dinner
9:30 pm: Performance

Physician Tickets: $250 each
Physician Tables: $2,300 each
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