

# ACAAI NEWS

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## ACAAI to offer members new opportunities for Internet distance learning courses

Using the latest Internet technologies, ACAAI will offer members new opportunities for distance learning at dramatic cost savings from its new eCenter for Conferences and Courses (eCCC).

The new Web-based educational service – beginning this fall – will bring seminars and classes directly into allergy practices and to the offices of other health professionals.

The College's eCCC programs will generally be offered free, and will save on transportation costs, hotel accommodations, meals, registration fees and lost time from the office. Participants wanting CME credit will pay a nominal fee to

cover the costs of processing the online examinations, recording credits and issuing certificates.



Some eCCC programs will be offered live, with presentations appearing in real-time on the participants' computer screens,

along with the voice of the instructor and the opportunity to ask questions and take part in polls.

Participants at remote sites will be able to interact with one or more instructors, see PowerPoint presentations through video streaming, hear the instructor's voice and "raise their hands" to ask questions.

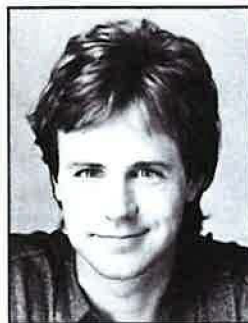
The course's visual images are controlled by the instructor and transmitted to each participant's computer via the Internet. The audio is transmitted over regular telephone lines, enabling a clear-voice connection between the instructors and the participants.

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## Comedian Dana Carvey, King of Rock "Elvis" and the popular Beach Boys to perform at the Annual Meeting in Seattle

Evenings will be filled with laughter, rock'n roll and good vibrations at the ACAAI Annual Meeting, Nov. 3-8 in Seattle. Headlining the social events will be performances by:

- Emmy-award winning comedian Dana Carvey at the Friday, Nov. 3, Comedy Special sponsored by **Aventis Pharmaceuticals**
- King of Rock "Elvis" at the Saturday, Nov. 4, Grand Presidential Reception sponsored by **AstraZeneca**.
- World famous Beach Boys – Sunday, Nov. 5, Annual Fundraising dinner sponsored by **Schering Corporation**



Dana Carvey

"Elvis" the King



The Beach Boys



### Dana Carvey Comedy Kick Off

Former cast member of Saturday Night Live, Dana Carvey is best known for his characters The Church Lady, Hans (of the Hans and Franz body building duo), The Grumpy Old Man and Garth (of "Wayne's World"). His impersonations of George Bush, H. Ross Perot, Johnny

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## Slide presentation teaches role of immunotherapy to non-allergist health professionals

A slide program on the role of immunotherapy in treating allergy and asthma is available on the Internet for presentations to non-allergist health professionals.

The 47 slides can be viewed or downloaded from the ACAAI member Web site at [www.acaai.org](http://www.acaai.org). Click on "Practice Resources and Parameters" on the web site's home page.

Entitled *Optimization of Allergen Immunotherapy*, the slide program was developed by **ALK-Abelló, Inc.**, and an Advisory Panel chaired by **Dr. Richard F. Lockey**, professor of medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa. The program was edited by **Dr. Harold S. Nelson**, senior staff physician at National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver.

One of the objectives of the advisory panel has been the creation of a national speaker's bureau on immunotherapy for presentations to local, state and national meetings of physicians and other health care professionals. The slide series was prepared

for use in that speakers' bureau, and it is now available to all allergists as a tool to help present up-to-date information on the benefits of immunotherapy.

Topics covered include:

- Prevalence and impact of allergic diseases
- Treatment of allergic diseases
- Producing clinical outcomes
- Immunological response to immunotherapy
- Safety of immunotherapy
- Cost-effectiveness of immunotherapy
- Quality of life and patient satisfaction
- Immunotherapy as a preventive treatment
- Role and differentiation of the allergy specialist

## Dana Carvey, "Elvis" and the Beach Boys (...continued from page 1)

Carson, Jimmy Stewart, Regis Philbin and Casey Casem have received widespread acclaim.

His movie appearances include "Wayne's World," "The Road to Wellville," "Trapped in Paradise," "This is Spinal Tap," "Racing with the Moon," "Tough Guys" and "Opportunity Knocks."

Carvey won an Emmy Award in 1993 for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program. He received six Emmy nominations and was honored with The American Comedy Award as Television's Funniest Supporting Male in 1990 and 1991.

### Rockin' with The King

The Grand Presidential Reception will begin with Lil' Elmo and the Cosmos playing their blend of popular tunes from the 50's, 60's and 70's – leading

to a special appearance by the "King" (Scott Bruce as Elvis).

"Elvis" will perform some of his greatest hits, including "Jail House Rock," "All Shook Up," "Love Me Tender," "Hound Dog," "It's Now or Never," "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Blue Hawaii."

The festive atmosphere, lively music, dancing, hor d'oeuvres and camaraderie will make this a fun evening you won't want to miss.

### The Beach Boys Fundraiser

For almost four decades, the Beach Boys' classic songs and harmonies have achieved phenomenal popularity worldwide, with audiences of all ages.

Their earlier music embodies the spirit of the California lifestyle,

including hit songs like "Surfin USA," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "Help Me Rhonda," "California Girls," "I Get Around," and "Wouldn't It Be Nice."

Their more recent songs reflect a contemporary sensitivity like "Kokomo," their biggest selling hit, which was featured on the soundtrack for the Tom Cruise movie "Cocktail."

The fundraising program includes a reception, dinner and performance. Net proceeds support asthma camps for inner-city children, fellow-in-training research grants and clinical fellowship stipends in allergy and immunology.

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