

Boston's Museum of Fine Arts to host ACAAI Fundraising Dinner

Travel through time viewing the expansive "Art of Americas" collection and explore the Degas's exhibition during the Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. The Sunday evening event is held in conjunction with the ACAAI Annual Meeting, Nov. 3-8.

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The hands-on session on rhinolaryngoscopy is among the most popular workshops.

"Saturday's lineup includes 'The Great Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria Raft Debate,' where experts will debate 'After Antihistamines, What's Best for Next In Line treatment.' This topic has created great interest; in fact, I found a question relating to this issue on the current MOC Recent Advances Module," Dr. Fineman said.

"Other plenary sessions will address key topics for allergists including immune tolerance, immunodeficiency, pharmacogenetics, drug allergy, asthma, cough, and environmental issues. In keeping with our meeting theme, 'Proud of our Past,' our historian, **Joseph Bellanti, MD, FACAIA**, will present a brief history of immunology during the Saturday morning Plenary session," he said.

The meeting will also include the following:

- A variety of symposia planned by Dr. Weber and his committee, featuring breakthrough discoveries that will greatly impact our specialty.
- Abstracts that are germane to the specialty selected for concurrent oral and poster presentations by the Abstract Review Committee, chaired by **John Oppenheimer, MD, FACAIA**.
- Workshops designed to meet the needs of clinical practitioners planned by the Workshop Committee, chaired by **Todd Mahr, MD, FACAIA**
- Meet the Professor Breakfasts on a variety of hot topics, organized by **Bradley Chipps, MD, FACAIA**, and his committee.

- Special courses offered for Allied Health Professionals, Office Administrators, Advance Practice Healthcare Providers and Asthma Educators.
- Technical exhibits where attendees will find information on commercially available allergy and immunology products and services. "We hope to have several electronic medical records (EMR) vendors to help those members see various options," Dr. Fineman said.
- Planned social events including the Welcome Reception, the popular FIT Bowl game show, the annual fundraising dinner and the Women in Allergy luncheon.

The all-weather, all-inclusive John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center is centrally located to hotels, transportation systems, restaurants and fabulous attractions. Parks, museums, historic sites and architectural gems are minutes away. Sky bridges will connect you to major retail complexes.

Join us to celebrate our past, and prepare for our future at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Boston, Nov. 3-8.

Health care professionals can hone their skills at Boston Meeting

Bring your staff to Boston to attend the special courses tailored to hone the skills of health care professionals in your practice and meet their educational needs. The courses, held in conjunction with the ACAAI Annual Meeting, are developed and presented by leaders in the field.

"The health care professionals who assist us with the care and education of allergy-immunology patients, handle the administration of allergy practices and conduct clinical trials are vital in achieving optimal patient care," said **David Khan, MD, FACAIA**, chair of the Allied Health Professionals Committee.

The programs include "interactive, hands-on workshops that provide a platform for dialogue with experts and peers," said **Mary Lou Warden, MS, FNP-BC, AE-C**, vice chair. The courses are:

- **Advanced Practice Health Care Providers Course:** Friday, Nov. 4 – Designed for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, allergy/immunology nurses and other health care providers with extensive experience, and physicians. Faculty will discuss "Drug Development, FDA Supervision and OTCs;" vitamin D in allergic diseases; and updates on atopic dermatitis, eosinophilic esophagitis, and immunotherapy. Interactive workshops will address chronic cough, patient education and the Web, and sleep apnea.
- **Office Administrators Course:** Friday, Nov. 4 – Designed for office managers,

administrators and others involved in the administration of an allergy/immunology office practice. The course includes an update from the JCAAI and programs on the ACAAI website, social media and marketing, and EMR implementation. Interactive workshops address ICD 10 implementation.

- **Allied Health Professionals Course:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-6 – Designed for health professionals includ-



Mary Kay Bossard, RRT, AE-C, (right) from Cleveland Clinics, discussing a handheld spirometer with allergy nurses attending the 2010 interactive workshop in Phoenix.

ing, but not limited to, RNs, LPNs, MAs, RTs, PAs and NPs. Interactive Panels cover patient education and the Web, urticaria and angioedema, stinging insect allergy, drug allergy, and health literacy in the office, plus a series of six interactive workshops, including spirometry and bronchial challenges, patch testing, asthma, and staff evaluation and education.

Visit www.acaaai.org for program information and online registration.

Register to conduct a fall asthma screening

"I hope members who couldn't fit a screening into their busy spring schedule will find time for it this fall," said **John Winder, MD, FACAIA**, screening program chair. "Also, I encourage members who haven't participated yet to try out the program for the first time."

Free screening program support kits of registration and public education materials are available to ACAAI allergist-members until supplies run out. The screening program is supported by **Teva Respiratory, LLC**. To register, visit the member section of acaai.org, or call the screening program Help Line at (312) 558-1175.

ACAAI News, July/Aug 2011

Enjoy an evening at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts

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Throughout the evening, you will enjoy a cocktail reception, elegant dinner in the museum's glass courtyard, special musical performances and dancing. Gallery tours will include the expansive Art of the Americas collection and the traveling Degas exhibition.

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will deliver the cutting-edge science in the allergy world and recap the established diagnosis and treatment guidelines that we must all follow. Sunday, the final day, will be packed with choices of workshops for hands-on learning that will award another eight hours, for a grand total of 25 of the required 25 "Best Practice" CME credits. Never fear, if you had your air flight cancelled, you can always attend by live webinar and ask your burning questions as if you were present in person.

On Friday evening, the awards and recognition ceremony, combined with a "meet and greet" opening party, will be held in the exhibit hall where members can also view the latest advances in the pharmaceutical world. This IS a pharmaceutical sponsored event. Without pharmaceutical symposia with which to compete, on Saturday evening you will have an opportunity to meet your old friends and colleagues and to reminisce about the "good old times."

Administrative and committee meetings are never "live" (e.g., Board of Regents, Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters, and Drugs and Anaphylaxis Committee) but are held by electronic means either

before or after the annual meeting, not during. The ACAAI Foundation benefit, opening reception, and Presidential dinner were discontinued due to high costs, lack of pharmaceutical support, and the shorter meeting, as everyone leaves for home on Sunday evening.

The *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology* and *AllergyWatch*, as are all other journals, are only "online," as nothing is printed in 2020, but publications will be more user-friendly. When you see a "link underline," that will mean that you can immediately go to the appropriate section of the referenced article within the archived *Annals* editions for further reading. All references at the end of the article will be tied to their abstracts for immediate access and, for an additional annual fee, you will be able to open any full-text article to the exact paragraph that refers to that topic or question. Current online CME webinars for all ACAAI members, somewhat similar to today's COLA, will extend to all fellowship training programs as well as regional, state, and local journal clubs and conferences and will replace the ACAAI International Activities, as travel costs will escalate at a time that the College and allergists' incomes

diminish. The **website**, our #1 communication portal for the ACAAI, will be expanded to house more enduring, on-demand CMEs, including the webinars; educational, short video clips for patients; and links to all key reviewed and endorsed educational, economic, and practice-related sites, active blogs, instantaneous educational video chat rooms for off-the-cuff consults, and secure portals to exchange patient medical records.

Now WAIT! Not so many Prozac's at one time! Being President does not make me a deity with the power to invent the future; it just allows me the opportunity to make logical predictions. If much of what I envision is as unappealing to you as it is to me, THIS IS THE TIME to change what CAN be changed. I believe we can still plan the future of the College. Please send me your personal visions of the future for all allergists and your College to president@acaaai.org, and at your discretion, we can share your thoughts with our membership as we PLAN our future. Remember, as so adeptly stated by Spock, "Logic is the beginning of wisdom; not the end."

Dana V. Wallace, MD, FAAAAI,
President

ACAAI News, Sept/Oct 2011

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Sunday, November 6

*6:45 pm: Buses depart from the Sheraton & Marriott Hotels • 7:00 pm: Reception and Gallery Viewing
8:00 pm: Dinner with Special Musical Performance • 9:30 pm: Dancing and Gallery Viewing*

Admission by ticket only

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Physician Tickets \$250 each • Physician Tables \$2,300 each • Corporate Tables \$10,000 each