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PRN Elections to Take Place Online

This year, PRN members will notice a difference when it comes to electing PRN officers. For the first time, PRN elections will be held online.

Gone are the paper PRN election ballots, as preparations are being made for members to vote for their candidates via the Internet. To vote, PRN members will receive an e-mail from ACCP explaining the procedure. Members will use their login and password to access the ACCP Web site. From there, they will be directed to the ballots for the PRNs of which they are members. To ensure fairness, online ballots will allow PRN members to vote only once for each candidate. Watch your e-mail and the ACCP Web site for further news about online voting as the election draws closer.

Aside from online voting, the election process will be handled as usual. If you are interested in serving as a PRN officer, or would like to nominate someone, contact your PRN's chair right away. A list of current chairs, their phone numbers, and their e-mail addresses is included in this newsletter. The process for conducting PRN elections is as follows:

- A PRN nominations committee consists of at least two individuals who are appointed by the PRN's chair; these individuals may be the PRN's current elected officers. Those who serve on a PRN's nominations committee will be ineligible to run for office in that PRN's election during the same year.
- The nominations committee prepares a slate of candidates. As the committee does this, the members of the nominations committee should share the timeline and procedures for the election, along with a list of expected duties, with each candidate.
- Whenever possible, there shall be two or three candidates for each office up for election. In those infrequent cases when only one candidate can be identified, an election will still be held, and voters have the option of identifying a write-in candidate. In those cases where there are more than three possible candidates, it is the duty of the PRN's nominations committee to make the final selection of candidates for the slate.
- The nominations committee will obtain a brief biographical sketch and statement of PRN goals from each candidate to be included in the ballot available to members.

PRN elections will occur according to the following timetable:

Call for nominations	March
Submission of camera-ready ballots and candidate biographies by nominations committees to ACCP	June 15
Ballots available online	July 14
Online voting closed	August 21
PRN nominations committee notifies all candidates of results of election	August 31



See inside for dates and times of PRN events at the ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum in Monterey, California.

Courtesy of the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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PRNs Plan Informative Focus Sessions

ACCP's PRNs consistently develop quality educational sessions for each ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum and Annual Meeting. The Spring Forum in Monterey, California, is no exception.

A complete listing of PRN focus sessions appears on this page. *PRN Report* invited the focus session organizers to talk about the topics they selected and why meeting attendees should be sure to attend.

GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN Chair Todd Canada said the idea for his PRN's focus session came from PRN members brainstorming topics. "Controversies in the Safe Practices of Parenteral Nutrition was felt to be an important topic to share with other PRNs that are primarily involved in parenteral nutrition prescribing, monitoring, and compounding."

Canada said the GI/Liver/Nutrition Focus Session will be a good way for attendees to update their knowledge regarding practices outlined in the document "Safe Practices of Parenteral Nutrition," which was published by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. "Since this document was published in November 2004, no national pharmacy organization has presented the results, and certainly not in the form of a pro-con debate," Canada said. "Clearly, there will be areas of controversy and how your practice may be affected will be addressed."

Melody Ryan, past chair of the Central Nervous System PRN, said, "We believe our focus session, Managing Seizure Emergencies: From Home to ICU, will be of interest not only to the CNS PRN, but also to the Adult Medicine, Ambulatory Care, Critical Care, Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics, and Pediatric PRNs. New concepts in status epilepticus will be presented, and alternative routes of drug delivery will be emphasized for home-based treatment of seizure emergencies."

Critical Care Chair Eric T. Wittbrodt is looking forward to the PRN's focus session "If It Bleeds It Leads: How to Manage Acute Hemorrhage in the ICU." "The management of acute bleeding episodes in the ICU was selected for the spring 2006 focus session because it is a controversial area with little consensus and scant literature," Wittbrodt said. "It is also an issue that our members must know how to treat, since it is quite common."

According to Wittbrodt, during the focus session the management of three distinct types of acute bleeding will be discussed: traumatic hemorrhage, upper gastrointestinal bleeding, and coagulopathic emergencies. Experts in these three areas will critically analyze the literature and share their experiences in treating these life-threatening events.

Geriatrics PRN Chair Marty Eng said that meeting attendees at the Geriatrics PRN focus session will hear how practitioners are implementing Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services. "The experiences shared at this session should provide some valuable insight into the process of implementation of MTM services," Eng said.

The Central Nervous System PRN will host an exciting session on "Management of Seizure Emergencies from Home to ICU." As James Cloyd, Central Nervous System PRN member and session speaker, said, "ACCP members attending the symposium will be the first health care professionals to hear about new developments in the treatment of seizure emergencies."

See this page for a schedule of all PRN focus sessions at the Spring Practice and Research Forum. For more focus session details, go to the detailed meeting agenda online at <http://www.accp.com/sf06agenda.php>.



Attendees enjoy the activities at the 2005 ACCP Annual Meeting, which was held in San Francisco, California.

Monday, April 10, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, De Anza Ballroom III*
GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN Focus Session—**Controversies in the Safe Practices of Parenteral Nutrition: Debating the Issues**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, De Anza Ballroom II*
Cardiology PRN Focus Session—**What's Making Headlines in Cardiology**

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, De Anza Ballroom II*
Endocrine and Metabolism with Pediatrics PRNs Focus Session—**Metabolic Syndrome and Diabetes Across the Life Span**

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, De Anza Ballroom III*
Pain and Palliative Care PRN Focus Session—**Treating Fibromyalgia Syndrome Pain in Daily Practice**

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, De Anza Ballroom III*
Central Nervous System PRN Focus Session—**Management of Seizure Emergencies from Home to ICU**

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Bonsai Ballroom*
Outcomes and Economics PRN Focus Session—**Pharmacoepidemiologic Tools and Applications in Clinical Pharmacy**

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, De Anza Ballroom III*
Critical Care PRN Focus Session—**If It Bleeds It Leads: How to Manage Acute Hemorrhage in the ICU**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Bonsai Ballroom*
Geriatrics PRN Focus Session—**Medication Therapy Management—Medicare D**

For more information on the Spring Practice and Research Forum, go to <http://www.accp.com/sf06.php>.

PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums

2006 Spring Practice and Research Forum April 9–12, 2006

The ACCP PRNs will hold business meetings and networking forums at the Spring Practice and Research Forum in Monterey. Each PRN has an informative, exciting agenda planned, and Spring Forum attendees are encouraged to stop by the meetings and learn more about PRNs they are interested in joining. Dates and times for the PRN meetings are listed below.

Monday, April 10

11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Ambulatory Care—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Portola Room*

This 2-hour meeting will provide time for business and networking. The purpose of the business meeting is to discuss past and future activities of the PRN. Also, Deane Dight, senior lecturer at the University of Canberra in Australia, will talk about a home medicines review program in Australia run by government funding. Fun activities are planned for the networking session, with food and beverages provided. Supported by a sponsorship from sanofi-aventis.

Education and Training—*Marriott, Los Angeles Room*

All interested attendees are invited to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Pharmaceutical Industry—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Cottonwood I–II*
Product Manager for Scios, Inc., Bruce Koch, Pharm.D., will deliver a presentation titled “The Natrecor Debate: An Industry Response to Public Perception, Health Care Policy, and Physician Behavior.” There will also be time for networking with food and beverages.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Adult Medicine—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Cottonwood I–II*

This PRN will provide time for socializing and networking, followed by its business meeting. A report by the PRN’s Board liaison and presentations will highlight work and interests of Adult Medicine practitioners. Food and beverages will be provided. Supported by a sponsorship from sanofi-aventis.

Cardiology—*Conference Center, Ferrante I–III*

The PRN will hold a business meeting, followed by an informal reception and time for networking. Members are encouraged to discuss collaborating on PRN-related projects, and trainees looking for job opportunities are welcome to attend. Andrew Protter, Vice President, Biology, Scios, Inc, will also speak on “B-Type Natriuretic Peptide: Expanding Physiological Role in Cardiovascular Disease.” Food and beverages will be provided.

Critical Care—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Portola Room*

This PRN’s evening activities will include a summary of recent Critical Care PRN activities, reports from committees and officers, and a presentation of the PRN’s resident/fellow research award. After the introduction, the winner will deliver a platform presentation. Food and beverages will be provided.

Endocrine and Metabolism—*Marriott, Los Angeles Room*

There will be a networking forum, along with a brief business

meeting. Anyone interested in this PRN is welcome to attend and visit with members. Food and beverages will be provided. Supported by a sponsorship from sanofi-aventis.

Geriatrics—*Marriott, Santa Barbara Room*

This PRN will hold a business meeting, which will be followed by a discussion on the use of antipsychotic drugs in treating dementia. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Hematology/Oncology—*Conference Center, Colton I–III*

Anyone interested in hematology or oncology is invited to attend this PRN’s business meeting. Socializing and networking will include food and beverages.

Pain and Palliative Care—*Marriott, San Francisco Room*

The agenda for this PRN’s business meeting includes presentations of PRN committee reports and discussion of current and future PRN plans. Food and beverages will be provided.

Tuesday, April 11

11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Clinical Administration—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Cottonwood II*

Anyone interested is invited to attend this PRN’s informal business meeting. Food and beverages will be provided.

Pediatrics—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Portola Room*

Dale Butterfoss, MS, Pharm.D. candidate, from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy will discuss pediatric obesity. A networking forum will be followed by a business meeting and educational presentation. Food and beverages will be provided.

Women’s Health—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Cottonwood I*

Anyone interested is invited to attend this PRN’s informal business meeting.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Central Nervous System—*Conference Center, Colton I–II*

There will be a half-hour business meeting for this PRN and a discussion of PRN members’ research activities. The discussion will be followed by poster presentations. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Drug Information—*Conference Center, Ferrante III*

Join this PRN’s members for their business meeting, which will include discussion of old and new business and presentation of committee reports. Food and beverages will be provided.

Infectious Diseases—*Conference Center, Ferrante I–II*

This PRN’s members have planned a business meeting, which will include a presentation of Infectious Diseases PRN initiatives. There will also be socializing, networking opportunities, and refreshments.

Nephrology—*Portola Plaza Hotel, Portola Room*

A short business meeting for this PRN will precede a discussion about members’ practice and research activities. An informal, interactive discussion about abstract presentation will

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include food and beverages. Supported by an educational grant from Abbott Laboratories.

Outcomes and Economics—Portola Plaza Hotel, Cottonwood I-II
Attendees are welcome to attend this PRN's business meeting and networking forum, which will include a guest speaker (to be announced). Food and beverages will be provided.

GI/Liver/Nutrition

This PRN will not have a business meeting or networking forum at the Spring Forum.

Immunology/Transplantation

This PRN will not have a business meeting or networking forum at the Spring Forum.

Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics

This PRN will not have a business meeting or networking forum at the Spring Forum.

ACCP Searching for Potential Publications

Read any good books lately? Better yet, do you have an idea for a good book? If so, pitch your manuscript proposal to ACCP as an individual or in collaboration with fellow PRN members.

ACCP is seeking authors to write about important issues in therapeutics, research, outcomes assessment, practice development, teaching and learning, or leadership and management. By working with ACCP, you can transform your ideas into a quality book for clinical pharmacists, residents, or students. Authors who have published through ACCP have found the experience rewarding.

Clinical Pharmacy Services: Successful Practices in Community Hospitals

Karen Koch, Pharm.D., BCPS, FASHP, and Bob Lobo, Pharm.D., BCPS, collaborated on the book *Clinical Pharmacy Services: Successful Practices in Community Hospitals*, which was published by ACCP in 2005.

Lobo and Koch said they had both been members of an ACCP task force focused on community hospitals. Working on the task force eventually led to the development of their book. Although Koch has written and been published many times, Lobo said he did not consider himself a writer.

"I have written book chapters and other manuscripts before, but this was my first book," he said. "Working with ACCP was great. I never had any difficulty reaching my contacts, and they were always so positive and helpful."

Koch said that she was pleased with the review process ACCP uses when preparing a manuscript for print.

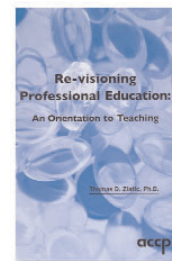
"The recommended revisions resulted in a much stronger manuscript," Koch said.

Re-visioning Professional Education: An Orientation to Teaching

Re-visioning Professional Education: An Orientation to Teaching by Thomas Zlatic, Ph.D., was first made available at the ACCP 2005 Annual Meeting.

Zlatic is a writing teacher and has written numerous publications. However, *Re-visioning Professional Education* was his first time publishing through ACCP. He also had positive comments about the ACCP review process.

"The anonymous reviewers provided general feedback and specific suggestions for improvement," Zlatic said. "I acted upon a number of the comments. (The ACCP Print Project Manager) was also very helpful with editorial and publishing feedback."



Contact ACCP With Your Manuscript Idea

If you have an idea for a publication, Zlatic suggests contacting ACCP to get the ball rolling.

"I would encourage potential authors to contact ACCP to get help in formulating the idea and determining its applicability for the ACCP readership," he said.

Lobo also suggests that potential authors discuss their ideas with ACCP before beginning.

"ACCP actually made the process much easier for me, because we were able to agree on specific details of the project before any of the writing began," he said. "I always felt that they were supportive and were willing to work with me to ensure that the finished product would be a high-quality publication."

Although it is helpful to discuss ideas with ACCP before writing, authors with finished manuscripts are encouraged to submit them to ACCP for consideration.

If you are interested in writing a book for ACCP or have a manuscript ready for review, contact Jeannette Spalding, ACCP print project manager, via e-mail (jspalding@accp.com) or by phone (816-531-2177) to learn more about the review process and to receive a publishing proposal form. If you are planning to attend the Spring Practice and Research Forum, look for Jeannette in the ACCP Bookstore.

Call for Proposals

2006 Investigator Development Research Awards Eligibility Criteria Expanded

ACCP Pharmacotherapy Research Award
Amgen Hematology/Oncology Research Award
Amgen Nephrology Research Award
AstraZeneca Cardiovascular Research Award
AstraZeneca Health Outcomes Research Award
Sanofi-Aventis Central Nervous System Research Award
Sanofi-Aventis Health Services Research Award
Sanofi-Aventis Thrombosis Research Award
TAP Pharmaceutical Products GI Research Award
Watson Laboratories Anemia Research Award

Investigator Development Research Awards support the research efforts of ACCP members who qualify as new investigators (i.e., 10 or fewer years since completion of their formal training or first academic appointment). The various awards provide a grant of \$20,000. The purpose of these awards is to provide funding for research projects that will contribute to the development of the principal investigator's research career;

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promote the safe, effective, and cost-effective use of medications; and advance the practice of clinical pharmacy.

Application deadline: June 1, 2006

For complete application information and packet contact: American College of Clinical Pharmacy, 3101 Broadway, Suite 650, Kansas City, Missouri 64111, (816) 531-2177 E-mail: cenglund@accp.com or download application materials at <http://www.accp.com/frontiers/research.php#inde>

Don't Miss Out—Minisabbaticals Available!

Cardiology PRN Minisabbatical
Hematology/Oncology PRN Minisabbatical
Pain and Palliative Care PRN Minisabbatical

Application deadline extended: Members of the Cardiology, Hematology/Oncology or Pain and Palliative Care PRNs—here is a tremendous opportunity available only to you. Take advantage of your PRN's minisabbatical program to develop a unique experience tailored specifically to your needs and interests. Learn first hand from an expert of your own choosing new practice or research skills that will help you develop new clinical services or expand your research capabilities.

The extended application deadline is June 1. For more information and to download application materials, visit: <http://www.accp.com/frontiers/research.php>

PRN Membership Totals	
PRNs	Total # of Members
Adult Medicine	541
Ambulatory Care	1106
Cardiology	806
Central Nervous System	203
Clinical Administration	181
Critical Care	974
Drug Information	229
Education and Training	198
Endocrinology	124
Geriatrics	214
GI/Liver/Nutrition	128
Hematology/Oncology	536
Immunology/Transplantation	200
Infectious Diseases	897
Nephrology	199
Outcomes and Economics	158
Pain and Palliative Care	229
Pediatrics	368
Pharmaceutical Industry	341
Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics	151
Women's Health	136
Total PRN membership as of March 29, 2006	7919



Courtesy of the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission.

Annual Meeting attendees will be able to visit area landmarks, such as the Gateway Arch.

St. Louis Selected as New Site for 2006 Annual Meeting

ACCP's 2006 Annual Meeting will be held October 26 through October 29 (Thursday-Sunday) at the America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Relocated from the originally scheduled location, New Orleans, this meeting has altered the traditional pattern of meeting days, but the usual high-quality educational programming and abundance of networking opportunities remain.

Premeeting symposia will be held Wednesday, October 25, and the Annual Meeting gets under way on Thursday. PRN activities will take place on the following days:

- Wednesday, October 25 PRN Officers' Meeting
- Friday, October 27 PRN focus sessions, business meetings, and networking forums
- Saturday, October 28 PRN focus sessions, business meetings, and networking forums

The meeting will provide a wide range of programming choices, including multiple curricular tracks, PRN focus sessions, satellite symposia, poster sessions, a chance to "meet the experts," and an opportunity to get a head start on your recruiting efforts at the expanded ACCP Recruitment Forum.

While in St. Louis, attendees will be able to visit the underground Museum of Westward Expansion below the famed Gateway Arch, journey along the riverfront trails, or check out the downtown renovations and new entertainment district. Home to baseball's Cardinals, football's Rams, and hockey's Blues, St. Louis offers a wide range of activities to explore. Hotel accommodations for the Annual Meeting will be at the new Renaissance Grand Hotel, located in the heart of downtown St. Louis and adjacent to the America's Center.

For more information, please watch the ACCP Web site at <http://www.accp.com>. Full meeting details will be available on the ACCP Web site in May.

PRN Officers to Meet at Spring Forum

If you are a PRN officer, plan to attend the PRN Officers' Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Spring Practice and Research Forum in Monterey, California. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 9, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Bonsai Ballroom, Portola Plaza Hotel.

This is a chance to review commonly asked questions about PRN procedures and talk over ideas with other PRN leaders. For more information, contact ACCP at (816) 531-2177 or e-mail Nancy Perrin, Director of Professional Development, at nperrin@accp.com.

2006 PRN Calendar

March, 2006	Issue call for nominations for PRN officers	September 11, 2006	ACCP staff notifies new officers of meeting date and time at the 2006 Annual Meeting
April 7, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers	September 12, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
April 7–8, 2006	Board of Regents Meeting: Monterey, CA	October 2, 2006	PRN Handbook sent to each new officer
April 9–12, 2006	Spring Practice and Research Forum/ Updates in Therapeutics; Monterey, CA	October 6, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and PRN member roster to all PRN officers
April 9, 2006	PRN Officers Meeting, Monterey, CA	October 24–25, 2006	Board of Regents Meeting
May 8, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers	October 25, 2006	PRN Officers' Meeting and New Officer Orientation; 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
May 15, 2006	Preliminary programs due from all planning a Focus Session at the 2007 Spring Forum (Adult Medicine, Ambulatory Care, Critical Care, Drug Information, Education and Training, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Pharmacokinetics/ Dynamics, Women's Health).	October 25–29, 2006	ACCP Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO
May 22, 2006	Completed applications due for PRN and Chapter Networking Forums at 2006 Annual Meeting.	October 27–28, 2006	PRN Focus Sessions at 2006 Annual Meeting; all that submit proposals
June 9, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers	October 27–28, 2006	PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums
June 15, 2006	Final slates for PRN elections due at ACCP office	November 13, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
June 15, 2006	Abstract submission deadline for 2006 ACCP Annual Meeting	November 17, 2006	Abstract submission deadline for 2007 Spring Forum
July 1, 2006	Deadline for submission of Satellite Symposia Proposals for 2006 ACCP Annual Meeting	November 30, 2006	Deadline for nominations for ACCP elected office or for an ACCP award
July 1, 2006	Final programs and speaker confirmation letters due from all planning Focus Sessions for 2007 Spring Forum (Adult Medicine, Ambulatory Care, Critical Care, Drug Information, Education and Training, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics, Women's Health)	December 8, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
July 7, 2006	Deadline for submission of complete proposals for PRN-initiated Pre-Meeting Symposium for 2007 Spring Forum	December 15, 2006	Preliminary programs due from all planning a Focus Session at the 2007 ACCP Annual Meeting
July 11, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers	December 15, 2006	Interim Report due (minutes from PRN business meetings, action items for Board)
July 14, 2006	Electronic distribution of PRN ballots	January 8, 2007	Deadline for submission of complete proposals for PRN-initiated Pre-Meeting Symposium for 2007 Annual Meeting
July 19–21, 2006	Strategic Planning, Board of Regents Meeting Location, TBA	January 16, 2007	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
August 8, 2006	Monthly statement of PRN finances and PRN member roster to all PRN officers.	February 1, 2007	Deadline for submission of Satellite Symposia proposals for 2007 Spring Practice and Research Forum
August 21, 2006	PRN election ballots due from membership to ACCP (received by date); results will be available 7–10 days later	February 15, 2007	Deadline for nominations for ACCP Fellows and for Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy
		April 22–25, 2007	Spring Practice and Research Forum/Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course; Memphis, TN
		October 14–17, 2007	ACCP Annual Meeting; Denver, CO

PRN News Briefs

Adult Medicine

The Adult Medicine PRN is entering its 7th year as an official PRN, and its membership continues to grow.

"The members of this PRN have developed some of the most creative and original programming, and have presented material that advances the practice of adult medicine pharmaceutical care," said Suzanne Wortman, Adult Medicine PRN secretary/treasurer. "It is a dynamic group in the College. The members are passionate about what they do, and have contributed time, effort, and money to advance practice, teaching, research, and advocacy."

The Adult Medicine PRN has continued its support of the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund with a contribution of \$2000 this year. Members also completed a White Paper on adult medicine experiential education.

"Kudos to Krystal Haase, Bill Dager, and all who have contributed to this large task," Wortman stated concerning the paper.

Another recent highlight for Adult Medicine members was establishment of the PRN's own awards program, thanks to the efforts of several members and Chair-Elect Sharon See, who led the effort. The Adult Medicine PRN New Investigator Award and Adult Medicine PRN Resident/Fellow Research Award will be unveiled at the 2006 ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum in Monterey.

Like all PRNs, Adult Medicine members provide programming at ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forums and Annual Meetings. Adult Medicine PRN members who have presented at recent meetings include Jack Burke, Sheryl Vondracek, Bill Dager, and Michael Gulseth.

Ambulatory Care

To support members in their research endeavors, new seed grants are available this year to Ambulatory Care PRN members. Applications are due in fall 2006, according to Jill S. Burkiewicz, Ambulatory Care PRN secretary.

The PRN has continued to encourage individual members to contribute to the Frontiers Fund. The PRN implemented new incentives to PRN member donations, including matching \$1 for every \$5 donated and giving \$100 for every research proposal submitted by PRN members.

"We are pleased that based on outstanding member contributions our PRN will pledge \$5650 to the Frontiers Fund," Burkiewicz wrote.

The Ambulatory Care PRN has also teamed up with other PRNs in a number of initiatives. The Ambulatory Care, Pain Management, and Cardiology PRNs will be working on a Joint Opinion paper on "Nonmalignant pain and NSAIDs" this year. Also, at the ACCP 2006 Annual Meeting, the Ambulatory Care PRN will be partnering with the Women's Health PRN to present the topic "Osteoporosis: Approaches to Treatment and Clinical Applicability."

Cardiology

The Cardiology PRN is excited to offer the Heart Failure Traineeship. Funded by an educational grant from GlaxoSmithKline and offered through the ACCP Research Institute, the ACCP Heart Failure Training Program is conducted at five sites. The traineeship is a 2-4 week, intensive training program that includes extensive clinical experience in



Clinical pharmacists can look forward to educational opportunities and time for socializing at ACCP meetings.

either the ambulatory care and/or inpatient setting(s), a structured didactic component, and exposure to ongoing clinical research. Additional information may be found at <http://www.accp.com/frontiers/research.php#heart>.

Application deadline: September 29 (if positions are still available; this is the second deadline).

Guest speakers at the Cardiology PRN's business meeting at the Spring Practice and Research Forum will be Andrew Protter, Ph. D., Vice President, Biology-Scios, Inc. His presentation is titled "B-Type Natriuretic Peptide: Expanding Physiological Role in Cardiovascular Disease."

Finally, the PRN is sponsoring a premeeting symposium before the 2006 ACCP Annual Meeting. Topics will include a review of recent guidelines in heart failure, coronary intervention, advanced cardiac life support, and peripheral arterial disease.

Hematology/Oncology

"The Hematology/Oncology PRN had a great turnout at the ACCP 2005 Annual Meeting in San Francisco," according to Chair Cindy L. O'Bryant.

Minutes from the PRN networking meeting are available on the PRN's Web page, which can be reached through the main ACCP Web site, <http://www.accp.com>.

PRN members would like to congratulate Marisa Navo and David DeRemer, who were awarded Hematology/Oncology PRN Travel Awards for presentations of their research. O'Bryant thanks the Travel Awards committee members for their hard work in choosing the winners and Maureen Haas and Sarah Scarpace for serving as the PRN's liaisons to StuNet.

StuNet offers ACCP student members opportunities to connect with other student members, network with leaders in clinical pharmacy, and take leadership roles within ACCP.

The Hematology/Oncology PRN Web page has been updated and now includes information about the PRN's minisabbatical and travel awards, as well as information about Hematology/Oncology PRN committees. Members interested in serving on a committee should contact a Hematology/Oncology officer for more information.

The Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course has been approved by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties for recertification credit for board certified oncology pharmacists. For more information on the approved recertification program, visit <http://www.accp.com/boardbcop.php>. Or you may contact Dawn Cook at (816) 531-2177 x20 or dcook@accp.com.

Also, look for oncology pharmacy specialty recertification sessions at the 2006 ACCP Annual Meeting in St Louis, Missouri.

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Nephrology

The Nephrology PRN has initiated a mentorship program with six members in various practice areas matched with experienced mentors. The PRN is assessing the success of this program by survey. The first participant in the Nephrology PRN minisabbatical, Dr. Michael Bentley, completed his experience with Dr. Bruce Mueller at the University of Michigan.

Three members of the PRN have been recognized by the American Society of Nephrology by being awarded fellowship status: Dr. George Bailie, Dr. Amy Barton Pai, and Dr. Harold Manley.

Nephrology PRN members had outstanding representation at the annual American Society of Nephrology Renal Week in Philadelphia that took place November 9–13, 2005. Three PRN members gave presentations, and 15 members presented posters at the American Society of Nephrology meeting.

In addition, the Nephrology PRN has appointed two new committee chairs: Dr. Mark Mills is the new Communications Committee chair, and Dr. Estella Davis is the new Membership Committee Chair.

PRN Members Support the Frontiers Fund

The ACCP Research Institute will provide more than \$450,000 in support of clinical pharmacy research and research training during 2006

through its various Research Awards, Fellowships,



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and Traineeships. This includes the Frontiers Career Development Research Awards, which are made possible in large part by the personal contributions from many individual PRN members and the gifts provided by several of the PRNs from their annual budgets.

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- Facilitating the development of qualified researchers.

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