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IACME ANNUAL SUMMER EDUCATIONAL MEETING AND 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The summer conference took place on Friday, June 5, 2009, at the Hyatt Lodge on McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook, Illinois. In attendance, were 104 IACME members, 3 non-members and 6 speakers and guests.

Alejandro Aparicio, MD, of the American Medical Association, started the day's program with a session titled, "Current Outside Forces Impacting CME Professionals." Next, William N. Werner, MD, of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, presented "Improved Patient Safety: Leadership from CME Professionals" which was followed by Mark Gelula, PhD, from the University of Illinois Chicago, who led a discussion on "New Educational Methods." The sessions concluded with a presentation by Don Moore, Jr., PhD, from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, who presented on the "Future of CME."

During the afternoon, participants were able to attend a reception and luncheon celebrating IACME's 20 years as an organization. Tom Pearson's daughter, Gretchen, was in attendance to present the Tom Pearson awards and the Annual Business Meeting was conducted.

Program and photos are available at www.iacmeonline.org

IACME ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

2009 Election Results

The Nominating Committee reported the number of distributed ballots and total votes cast in the 2009 election. The new board member was introduced: Kathleen Goldsmith, American College of Surgeons – 2 year term.

2009-2010 Board Officers

The following is a list of the current IACME officers: Mellie Pouwels, MA, President; Rebecca DeVivo, MPH, President-elect; Jacqueline Parochka, EdD, Past President; Michelle Adams, Secretary; and Jeanne Wegner, Treasurer.

Jacqueline Parochka receives IACME Gavel

Jacqueline Parochka, EdD, IACME President, described organizational accomplishments during the last year, thanked the board for its support and introduced the 2009-2010 incoming president (read her message below). As her first official act as IACME President, Mellie Pouwels presented Jacqueline with the IACME gavel, acknowledged her leadership skills, and expressed appreciation for her service.

Alejandro Aparicio, MD, and Soroush Batmangelich, MHPE, EdD, FACME, receive Thomas G. Pearson Distinguished Service Award

The Awards Committee chair reviewed the nomination procedure for the Distinguished Service Award and read excerpts from the nomination letters used by the Board to select Alejandro Aparicio and Soroush Batmangelich as the 2009 award winners. Soroush and Al's letters of thanks follow:

A Note to My IACME Peers

When I accepted the Thomas G. Pearson Distinguished Service Award at our annual meeting, words failed me in my attempt to thank all of you for this great honor. This letter is an attempt to better express my gratitude, realizing that although I may come closer to it this time, I will probably still not fully convey my feelings on that day or since. My surprise at receiving this award is fully justified, knowing as I do so many of you who embody the ideals that the award is meant to recognize, especially since the excerpts that Mellie Villahermosa Pouwels read from the nomination letter were more reflective of the generosity and kindness of the writer than any qualities I may possess. Receiving the award with my dear friend Soroush Batmangelich was most humbling because he exemplifies the spirit of the award so well and in so many ways and receiving it from Tom's daughter Gretchen reinforced my own personal connection with our dear departed friend.

Having this award named after Tom has achieved, at least for me, what it was meant to achieve: to honor his memory, his accomplishments, his qualities, his friendship and his example, and to convey to the recipient the importance of emulating Tom's contributions as a person and an IACME member. That this honor comes from my friends, colleagues, fellow IACME members, and fellow workers in the field of CME, some of whom I have known for twenty years or more, adds even more meaning to the award. I will strive to conduct myself in a way that honors this award and Tom's memory so that at the end of my career I can look back and feel that although I may not have been worthy of it when I received it, that I did make a true effort to come as close to that goal as I could.

Thank you for all you do for physicians and our patients, thank you for your friendship and collegiality, and thank you for this honor.

Best regards,
Al Aparicio
June 2009

A Note to My IACME Peers

I am deeply honored and humbled by being recognized with the Thomas Pearson, EdD Distinguished Service Award. This recognition is ever more meaningful and sentimental to me because of several reasons. First, evoking Tom's memory and what this award represents, his daughter Gretchen, was present to hand out the award. Second, standing before my IACME colleagues to accept this award with my dear friend and colleague co-recipient Alejandro Aparicio, MD, was especially gratifying and heartwarming. Third, how extra special to accept this award at the 20th Anniversary of IACME, an organization that I care deeply about and that has contributed so much to my professional development. Words cannot express how profoundly touched I was to be compared to Tom and I gratefully thank my friends and colleagues for this recognition.

Soroush Batmangelich
June 2009

Message to the Membership

Dear Colleagues:

The 20th annual conference and anniversary celebration of the Illinois Alliance for CME (IACME) has caused me to reflect on the beginnings of CME in Illinois and the events that provided the educational framework for professional development of the field. In the early 1980s, the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine had completed its regionalization project and undergraduate medical schools existed not only in Chicago, but in Champaign, Peoria, and Rockford. Offices of CME existed on every U of I campus and Southern Illinois University addressed the continuing education learning needs of "downstate" physicians. Undergraduate medical programs were offered by the University of Chicago, Rush University, Loyola University, Northwestern University and the then Cook County Medical School. CME professionals from these universities were in regular attendance at the Society of Medical College Directors in CME and other CME colleagues were completing masters and doctoral degrees in adult and continuing education at several Illinois-based institutions of higher learning.

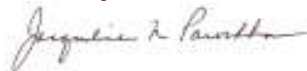
While space does not allow acknowledgement all of the CME professionals in training during this period, it is important to mention a few who have contributed greatly to the advancement of CME in Illinois and the US. At the University of Illinois, students Bennett, Green, Means, Moore, and Pennington were completing their doctoral course work and defending their dissertations. At Northern Illinois University, students, Adamowski, Batmangelich and Pearson were beginning their course work or sitting for their 2-day comprehensive examinations. Residents, including Ziemnik and Biddle were completing master degrees in education and several physicians Beranek, Jurica and Netto were completing their medical studies at other Illinois-based universities and colleges. With this rich cadre of graduates with a specialized focus on education, it is no wonder that so many went on to assume leadership positions in both state and national organizations.

It was also during this same time frame that a group of invited guests met at a Chicago restaurant and put together a plan to form an organization devoted to and for CME professionals in Illinois giving birth to the Illinois Alliance for CME.

My hope is that all us foster continuing advancement in the field through professional and scholarly education and encourage young scholars to obtain a solid background in CME by obtaining undergraduate and graduate degrees in adult, continuing and medical education as a true landmark of achievement and as an open declaration of accomplishment based on a body of knowledge and recognized credentials.

Congratulations to all the IACME members who have provided service during the last 20-years and who have continually supported the organization through their regular attendance at our conferences. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline N. Parochka, EdD
IACME President 2008-2009
June 5, 2009

IACME and ISMS Collaborative Conference

Friday, October 2, 2009

Mark your calendars! Spearheading this effort on behalf of IACME and working on the event with Marcella Hollinger, ISMS Director of Risk Management Program Development, are Mellie Pouwels, IACME President, Jeanne Wegner, IACME Treasurer, Rita LePard, ISMS Education Staff Specialist and IACME Director, and Jeanette Harmon, IACME Program Committee Chair.