

State of the Society

It is our pleasure at ASCP to list some of the accomplishments of the Society, as well as some of our future directions. We invite your comments, and for physicians and doctoral-level psychopharmacology researchers, we also invite your membership and participation.

NCDEU

ASCP is now in its third year of co-sponsorship (with the National Institute of Mental Health) of the NCDEU meeting. The 48th meeting, in 2008 (Phoenix, Ariz., May 27–30), will inaugurate a series of innovations that will make the meeting even more attractive. In addition to the meeting's central focus on the latest developments in psychopharmacologic clinical research and related methodology, the meeting program will be expanded to encourage presentations on a broad range of interventional, translational, drug and other treatment development, and economic and policy research to increase the impact of psychopharmacology trials. The program will emphasize the presentation of information that has not been published or presented in the past.

The NCDEU meeting will continue to provide a forum for multidisciplinary approaches and cross talk among basic neuroscientists, clinical researchers, and services researchers. In addition, the meeting will address a number of timely issues relevant to clinical research in psychiatry, such as the translation of research findings into practice, the importance of regulatory issues, and pharmacogenetics.

Focus on Trainees

The *raison d'être* of ASCP is education, which includes both the training of residents and the provision of continuing medical education (CME) for our members and others. In the past, however, the Society has not had a specific focus on residents and fellows.

To remedy this situation, the ASCP Board of Directors has agreed to waive dues for residents and fellows in approved training programs. In order to join ASCP, U.S. and Canadian residents now must sim-

ply submit a membership application, along with a letter from their institution indicating that they are a resident or fellow in an approved Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) residency program and that they are in good standing. A Committee of Residents and Fellows is being formed, with the help of several ASCP members who are present and past training directors. Residents and fellows continue to receive sizable discounts on registrations for ASCP meetings.

Model Curriculum in Clinical Psychopharmacology

The fifth edition of the ASCP Model Curriculum is being prepared, with planned availability in spring 2008. Widely used in residency training programs in psychiatry, the present edition of the Curriculum (which won the 2006 Lundbeck Prize of the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum [CINP]) includes the what, why, and how of teaching psychopharmacology, as well as ways to evaluate the residents' learning.

It includes over 50 lectures in PowerPoint format, with hardcopies of all of the slides. The material covers a basic course (for PG Is and IIs) and an advanced course (for PG IIIs and IVs), with supplementary lectures. Also included are lectures for child and adolescent psychiatry and for geriatric psychopharmacology. In addition to the psychiatry curriculum, versions for primary care and medical education are also in development.

New Board Members

Per the ASCP Bylaws, the Board of Directors nominates new Board members and the general membership votes for or against the nominees. A vote was held at the October 2007 membership meeting and via mail and e-mail, and 3 distinguished members were recently added to the ASCP Board.

Maurizio Fava, M.D., completed his residency in psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He is presently Director of the Depression Clinical and Research Program and Vice Chair for the

Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Marlene P. Freeman, M.D., completed a psychiatry residency at Harvard University, and a research fellowship in Biological Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Freeman established and directed the Women's Mental Health Program at the University of Arizona from 2000 to 2007. In September 2007, Dr. Freeman joined the faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is Director of the Women's Mental Health Center at UT Southwestern.

Mark Hyman Rapaport, M.D., completed a psychiatry residency and a research fellowship at the University of California, San Diego. He also completed a clinical fellowship at the National Institute of Mental Health. Presently, he is Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Rapaport is Co-Chair of the New Investigator Award program at NCDEU.

ASCP Web Site

Because the present version of the Society Web site (www.ascpp.org) does not easily lend itself to some of ASCP's plans for the future, a newer version is being planned. The new version will include the capability for more online CME programming, as well as improved information links and greater ability for members to contact other members. For members who opt into the referral database, the Society hopes to provide an online link to potential patients who are looking for a psychopharmacologist. It is anticipated that other functions, such as online registration for meetings and online dues payment, will also be included in the new site. ASCP members can visit the current site to leave their suggestions as to desired functionality for the new site.

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Dates to Remember

The 6th Annual ASCP Workshop on Clinical Trials in Psychopharmacology

New York, N.Y.; April 15–17, 2008

Course Director: John M. Kane, M.D.
Designed for young investigators, fellows,
and residents. Scholarships available.

The 12th Annual ASCP Examination in Advanced Clinical Psychopharmacology

Washington, D.C.; May 3, 2008

Added credentials are becoming more and more important. Demonstrate your expertise in clinical psychopharmacology through the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP) Examination in Advanced Clinical Psychopharmacology.

ASCP Update in Clinical Psychopharmacology

New York, N.Y.; October 25–26, 2008

Regarded as one of the best “Clinical Update” meetings in the field, ASCP gathers some of the top experts in the field to provide state-of-the-art clinical education on new developments in psychopharmacology.

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