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President's Letter

Lorann Stallones

Hello all! I trust each of you had a pleasant spring and are enjoying some rest and relaxation as summer moves forward. I spent the end of May attending graduation celebrations, one daughter from high school and the other daughter from college. In a surprisingly odd turn of events, both will be attending Colorado State University in the fall, my youngest seeking a



Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and my older daughter in a Masters Degree Program in Public History. Sadly, neither is much interested in epidemiology. In the current economic climate I thought it would be of interest to bring you up to date on the financial health of the College. The oversight for finances of ACE is the responsibility of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer. [\[more\]](#)

Top Stories

Annual Meeting: Modeling in epidemiology and other highlights.

Richard Rothenberg

Models are so pervasive in epidemiology that we barely notice that we are using them when we construct a 2x2 table or do a linear regression. This year's meeting will address many of the issues in modeling-types, strengths and weaknesses, appropriate and inappropriate use, and alternatives to the standard approaches. Presenters include practitioners, methodologists, and decision makers. Key speakers and topics are detailed below. [\[more\]](#)

Career Mentoring Workshop

Linda Cohen and Alberto Caban-Martinez

An exciting mentoring and networking opportunity awaits associate members at the upcoming Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Under the auspices of the ACE Mentoring Committee, a dynamic, information-filled workshop has been planned to provide associate member attendees with information on career options and opportunities for those members that are just beginning their epidemiology career, as well as for those interested in learning how to transition into an epidemiology position. Join senior and recently-hired epidemiologists as they discuss in both roundtable and panel format job opportunities in all epidemiologic fields including, academia, industry, consulting, and governmental. Additional information with specific workshop program titles, times and date are available on the [ACE website](#). Please note that this workshop will be held on Sunday, September 12 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm; the workshop is free. Questions related to this unique ACE workshop should be directed to Linda Cohen at LCC3@comcast.net.

Election Results

President: Robert McKeown

Board of Directors (Fellows): Richard N. Baumgartner, Cathy W. Critchlow, Pauline Mendola

Board of Directors (Members): Julie Goodman

Full biographies can be found on the [ACE website](#).

In the News

Doctoral Degree in Epidemiology and Translational Science from University of California, San Francisco

The University of California San Francisco is accepting applications for a new doctoral degree in Epidemiology and Translational Science for the fall of 2010. The deadline is July 12. Contact David Swanson (dswanson@psg.ucsf.edu) or the UCSF website (<http://www.epibiostat.ucsf.edu/>) for more information.

From the Board of Directors

Associate Member Report

Alberto Caban-Martinez, Associate Member Representative

It's summer time! The associate membership of the ACE remains in full swing assisting the Programming Committee with the plans for the upcoming Annual Meeting in San Francisco. If you are interested in assisting with the planning of associate member events and activities, please contact me or Jan Eberth. The ACE Associate member committee leadership would like to welcome our newest ACE standing committee representatives: Arica White serving on the Minority Affairs Committee, Alain Labrique on the Ethics Committee, and Joe Holbrook on the Career Mentoring Committee. The last day to complete the annual associate membership survey is June 30, 2010. If you haven't done so already, please point your web browser to:



<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AEWCKWCUH>. As always, please contact any of us if we can improve your experience with the College or have any ideas you would like us to implement. Please enjoy and safe and healthy summer vacation! Best Wishes, Alberto.

Committees

Education Committee

Larissa R. Brunner Huber
Diana Bensyl Chairperson

Identifying Core Competencies in Doctoral-Level and Master-Level Epidemiological Training

The Education Committee develops educational courses and oversees planning of the scientific program for the annual meeting. In recent years, there has been interest in developing competencies for a range of fields, including public health. Prior efforts by the ACE, the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) have identified various domains and competencies important to epidemiological training. Although there have been considerable efforts in identifying these domains and competencies, there is still work to be done. In Spring 2009, a sample of ACE members were invited to respond to on-line surveys regarding competencies (one for "established" epidemiologists and one for recent graduates of epidemiology programs). These surveys included previously identified domains and competencies and asked

respondents to indicate the importance of each for individuals receiving various graduate degrees in epidemiology. A total of 183 individuals completed these surveys. Results have provided considerable insight into what competencies are important for individuals receiving graduate training in epidemiology. [\[more\]](#)

Ethics Committee

Jim Enstrom, Chair

The Ethics Committee is charged with addressing ethical, legal and social issues, developing educational resources, working with other committees and advising the College and others, as appropriate. This committee deals with the full range of ethical issues in epidemiology. There are six specific subcommittees: 1) Ethics syllabus and bibliography collection project; 2) Review ACE code of ethics; 3) Develop guidelines for conflict of interest & industry-academic collaboration; 4) Develop peer review guidelines; 5) Collaborate with Canadian, Mexican counterparts; 6) Institutional Review Board issues. Several Ethics Committee items are currently posted on the ACE website: <http://www.acepidemiology.org/ctes/ethics/>. The Ethics Committee is planning to conduct a Luncheon Roundtable on Monday, September 13, ACE Annual Meeting. The roundtable will address the issue of "Ethical and Scientific Aspects of Small Epidemiologic Risks." It will focus on the interaction of epidemiologic research and regulatory policy. [\[more\]](#)

Commentary

School's out! This is the collective cheer for this time of year. The children in my house are busy texting their friends to arrange outings and X-Box activities. We can do the same! Plan to meet your friends at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Submit a proposal with more friends for the 2011 Congress. Don't be outdone by some teenagers. C U Soon.

Carol Burns, Editor

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