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The Annual Meeting of ACE
September 8th-11th, 2012
InterContinental Chicago
505 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

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Newly Appointed
Fellows - Fall 2011

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Anthony John Alberg
Jennifer Anne Pinto-Martin
Andrew Kiyu Dawie Usop
Mary C. White

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President's Letter

Faith (Faye) Davis

It has been my pleasure to serve ACE and work with its committees to help maintain the vibrancy of this organization in a year that coincided with the North American Epidemiology Congress. Fortunately this is an organization with members committed to our mission of supporting the discipline through active committees that keep us moving forward. I want to thank the chairs and committees for all the progress they have made in parallel with this worthwhile disruption in our usual operations: the membership committee under Melinda Aldrich continues to think of creative ways to reach out to members of the epidemiology community, the admissions committee under Christine Branche continues to improve their timeliness of application reviews, the communications committee under Cathy Critchlow is working hard on the new website which you should be seeing soon and the policy committee under Ross Brownson has some new case studies nearing completion that will be appearing in the *Annals*.

It was wonderful to see many of you at the Congress in June and to recognize how much input our membership has in making that meeting a success. I would like to thank Peter Kralka and the FirstPoint staff for managing the workshops. I was particularly pleased with the positive comments received on the ACE sponsored workshop on disabilities and want to thank Melissa Adams and Lorann Stallones for their foresight in developing that panel. I particularly enjoyed the company of the Associate Members at their reception, watching the awards event, and having some time to socialize with members of the communities and the board of directors. I also want to thank those members who responded to our survey about the Congress. You were very clear in giving us the message that you support the Congress and that will guide the College's decision as we begin to plan for the next one.

I look forward to continuing to support the College as I move into the role of past president and take on a new role as Chair of Public Health Sciences at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. I look forward to working under the leadership of our new President, Dr. Robert McKeown, and will be seeing you all in Chicago next fall.

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Congress Reflections

J. Morel Symons

After a 5 year pause, the 3rd North American Epidemiology Congress was held from June 21st to June 24th. The Congress delivered an excellent overall program that represented a wide range of epidemiologic research.



Epidemiologists from all over the world arrived in Montreal, Quebec to present over 1200 abstracts. In addition to 4 large poster sessions, nearly 40 symposia and dozens of spotlight sessions, attendees were able to choose from numerous pre-meeting workshops, round-table discussions, and social events. For me, the highlight of the conference was the atmosphere created by the expansive program and the setting in cosmopolitan Montreal. It was inspiring to be surrounded by the intellectual exchanges sparked by the high level of scientific activity. We also visited local landmarks and enjoyed great dining and hospitality that the city offered.

As I am already looking forward to the 4th Congress, I will note two areas that the Planning Committee should consider to improve the conference experience. First, the growing popularity of the event overwhelmed the space available, especially during breaks. I would recommend a large conference venue that could accommodate over 1500 persons for plenary sessions and breaks as well as provide multiple meeting rooms that can seat between 50 and 300 persons. Second, the large number of presentations necessitates multiple simultaneous sessions. In order to attend talks given in different concurrent sessions, I suggest that a detailed schedule be developed that sets a 15-minute block for each presentation as appropriate. Advantages from this level of scheduling would be to facilitate movement between sessions to provide attendees the opportunity to attend numerous talks and give presenters the ability to reach everyone interested in their research.

Lilienfeld Award

Overall Excellence in Epidemiology



Margaret Spitz, MD, MPH

The Abraham M. Lilienfeld Award for Overall Excellence in Epidemiology recognizes a leader in the field of epidemiology who is broadly outstanding at teaching, research, and the promotion of epidemiologic principles to the practice of public health. The 2011 winner is **Margaret Spitz**.

From the Board of Directors

Associate Directors Report

Joe Holbrook and Bertha Hidalgo



Bertha and her son, Alex

Allow me to introduce our new Incoming Associate Director, Bertha Hidalgo! Coming to us from University of Alabama at Birmingham, Bertha has been a major contributor to the Associate Membership Leadership Team over the last year, and brings a wealth of creativity and strong

leadership to her new role. As we each transition into our roles this coming year, our primary goals are to continue to develop ongoing Associate Member activities as well as add new ideas to the mix.

We are pleased to report Associate Members continue to play an active role in other committees' activities; roles that often lead to highly coveted professional development opportunities.

Also, there are plans to develop a centralized listserv in which training opportunities

and job postings can be advertised to all ACE members who wish to be included. In addition, as the planning for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago progresses, we are delighted to announce that we will be working with the Education Committee to find ways to increase Associate Member attendance. We continue to encourage you to invite your motivated colleagues to become active with the Associate Membership, including possible calls in the near future for Campus Liaisons! Please email us at aceassocmember@gmail.com if you have suggestions for improving Associate Member activities!



Joe and his dog, Gracey

Joe Holbrook and Bertha Hidalgo
Outgoing and Incoming Associate Directors

Committees

Communications Committee

Chairperson: Cathy Critchlow



Cathy Critchlow

The Communications Committee is working hard to bring our website into the present to better serve the College. We are at a crossroads and need your help! Content is being moved to the new test site (<http://test.acepidemiology.org>). Check it out and let us know what you'd like to see on your new website!

Do you have pictures that you'd be willing to include in a slide show on the home page depicting life as an epidemiologist? Have you always wanted to be a webmaster? Help us with content and give us your ideas on how to make the website work for us!

The website will provide information about ACE, the College leadership and Committees, past and present award winners, publications, ways to get involved, and a members only section where you'll find a calendar of meetings and events, job links and links to ACE social networking sites. In addition, we are developing a plan by which information on the website can be maintained on a regular basis, including the design of a reporting template to serve as a mechanism for soliciting input for Committee web pages.

Please contact Cathy Critchlow (ccritchl@amgen.com) or the Committee Vice-Chair, Jan Ebert (jmeberth@mdanderson.org) if you'd like to help.

Commentary

Congratulations to the winners of awards at the Congress.

Carol Burns, Editor