President's Letter

With this issue concluding my tenure as President of the American College of Epidemiology, I want to express my thanks for the support and cooperation of the members and the Board over the past year. I've enjoyed working with you and the Board and the ACE staff.

There are emerging ways in which students can benefit from being an Associate Member and getting an opportunity to attend the Annual Congress. This led to a much expanded Committee, now with 16 active members. The MAC members meet to plan workshops, symposia, lunches, and receptions to make the Congress a reality. Thank you to the MAC for their hard work and dedication.

It's time to make your travel plans for the 2006 Congress in Seattle. Many volunteers have worked tirelessly to organize workshops, symposia, lunches, and receptions to make this meeting a reality. Thank you!

Opportunities for Associate Members!

Recently, I attended the mid-year Board meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia. The Membership Committee has been working to find ways to increase the membership at large. We have also discussed developing a second questionnaire for the Deans/Chairs of Schools of Public Health. There are initiatives to help us recruit Associate Members, such as the Task Force on Mentorship. I will introduce you to some of the long-term recommendations including:

- Developing an Associate Member Membership Committee
- Helping to implement a ‘match’ protocol for Associate Members with ACE activities
- Starting an educational process to help Associate Members become more involved with ACE activities and benefit from ACE affiliations

Some initiatives, such as the Task Force on Mentorship, are a result of input from the articles in this issue. ACE has expanded the way we communicate through and attract Associate Members for the ACE Congress.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about how the Board operates or about the practice of epidemiology. My e-mail is jmbarra2@utep.edu.

Jennifer Fergenbaum
Associate Member Representative

In the News

University of Michigan Epidemiology Professor Sandro Galea is featured in Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

The winners of the ACE awards to be honored in Seattle are:

- Outstanding Contributions to Applied Epidemiology Award
- Excellence in Student Mentoring Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Godfrey Oakley, the 2005 David Hewitt Award for 2005, which is given to a student in Public Health Sciences who has contributed significantly to the field of epidemiology

The ACE Awards will be presented during a special ceremony on Thursday, June 22, 5:00-6:00 PM. The winners will be announced at the ACE Awards Ceremony.

A number of student events and opportunities are happening during the conference. Details can be found on the ACE Congress website: www.epicongress2006.org/students.html. I encourage you to take advantage of these many opportunities.

Prevented by Hurricane Katrina from meeting in New Orleans last year, the Annual Congress has been moved to Seattle, WA. The meeting workshops for a 20% discount. Also, the by-laws are being modified to include Associate Member in the Congress.

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