President's Letter

Robert McKeown

Greetings to our ACE Fellows, Members, Associate Members and Visitors. In this first letter as ACE president I would like to give you some idea of my vision for the organization and solicit your support in fostering our unique place among epidemiology societies. Some of you have heard me say that there are many definitions of what constitutes a profession, but three characteristics stand out for me and seem especially apt as we think about ACE. Those three attributes of a profession are: (1) expertise in a discipline and commitment to excellence in its practice, (2) commitment to a set of shared values, and (3) commitment to accountability and responsible conduct. These three attributes also define for me what ACE is all about. (more)

Top Stories

Annual Meeting Planning

Denise Otleske: Chair, Program Planning Committee
Melissa Adams: Member Program Planning Committee

Call for Abstracts

The ACE invites the submission of abstracts for poster presentations at our Annual Meeting, which will be held at The InterContinental Hotel, Chicago, IL, September 8-11, 2012. Poster presentations provide an opportunity for participants to share their work with interested colleagues in an informal, relaxed setting. To submit an abstract, authors do not need to be a Member or a Fellow of ACE. (more)

Request for Abstract Reviewers

ACE asks its Members and Fellows to volunteer to review abstracts that submitted for ACE’s annual meeting in 2012. Approximately 25 reviewers will be needed. By May 11, ACE will send each reviewer 10 or fewer abstracts. (more)
From the Board of Directors

Associate Directors Report

Joe Holbrook and Bertha Hidalgo

Outgoing and Incoming Associate Directors

We are pleased to report that the Associate Members have been actively working to roll out a variety of new projects and activities for the coming year! Among them is the debut of our new Facebook page, www.facebook.com/joinACE. Please visit our page and "Like" us, so that you may receive news and updates related to the ACE Associate Member Activities! (more)

Committees

Policy Committee

Chair: Ross Brownson

Translating epidemiologic research into policy: What are we learning across diverse topics in public health?

Epidemiology underlies sound public health practice, yet the process of translating epidemiologic research into policy, law, and regulation may be complex, uncertain, and daunting. A major focus of the ACE Policy Committee has been a series of symposia designed to review processes by which epidemiologic evidence is translated into policy. The Committee sponsored a special panel at the June 2011 Congress of Epidemiology in Montreal. (more)

Communications Committee

Chairperson: Cathy Critchlow
Vice-Chair: Jan M Eberth

Work on the website continues- and we still need help! Please send us pictures for a slideshow on the homepage (Chathy Critchlow at ccritchlo@amgen.com or Jan Eberth at jmeberth@mdanderson.org). We have a few, but we need more pictures to show the diversity of ACE activities. (more)

Publication Committee

Chair. John Acquavella

The Publication Committee’s mission is to support the College’s Annual Meeting, to be the liaison with the Annals of Epidemiology, and to coordinate publications drafted on behalf of ACE. Consistent with this mission, the committee will focus on 5 initiatives for fiscal year 2011-12.

The first initiative is to coordinate the poster session for the 2012 Chicago Annual Meeting. (more)
This year there will be open calls for nominations for the following awards the College will bestow at its 2012 Annual Meeting in Chicago:

The Abraham Lilienfeld Award for career achievement in teaching, mentoring and scholarship.

The 2012 Student Prize for a paper presenting original epidemiologic research completed by a student in training.

The Annual Award for Outstanding Contribution to Epidemiology which will go to an active epidemiologist working in etiologic research, methods development or applied epidemiology.

Please check the Awards 2012 page on the ACE website after January 15th for 2012 updated calls for nominations and more award details. Nominations will be due by April 30, 2012.

The ACE committees are working hard on our behalf. Be sure to give them the feedback they need and volunteer to review some abstracts.

Carol Burns, Editor