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Responsibilities as Stated in the ACG Bylaws

This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating activities, programs and outreach relating to training programs and trainee members of the College.

Objectives

1. To explore opportunities to encourage more participation of Fellows in Training in ACG.
2. To develop meetings and educational events for trainees.
3. To continue to update and expand the Trainees Section of the ACG website.
4. To promote mentoring of trainees by the College’s members.
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5. To encourage the networking of trainees amongst each other and faculty at ACG meetings.

6. To encourage more interest and guidance among Internal Medicine residents in a future career in gastroenterology.

Committee Report

Postgraduate Course Trainees’ Lunch Session

The Trainees’ Luncheon continues to be very well attended, and will continue this year in Honolulu. The session is entitled, “The Job Search, Contracts and Transition to Practice” and will discuss identifying the correct job to fit your career path, the process of interviewing, negotiating a contract and important considerations in the transition to practice. Following this presentation, small roundtable discussions will take place on topics including Academics, Hospital-Employed, Hybrid, and Private Practice. This session will be held on Sunday, October 18th and is being co-chaired by Paul Feuerstadt, MD, FACG and Rajiv T. Majithia, MD.

GI Jeopardy

This year will mark the twelfth year of the GI Jeopardy competition, and it seems the crowd is bigger every year. The online preliminary (pretest) round of GI Jeopardy ran in July and August and over 100 GI training programs participated. This preliminary competition resulted in 5 teams being invited to the live competition, based on the number of questions correctly answered and, if necessary, the amount of time spent taking the test. The finalists this year are: Case Western Reserve University / University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, UCLA Medical Center and the University of Washington.

Each of these programs was invited to send two competitors to attend the ACG Postgraduate Course in Honolulu to compete in the live final round on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Honolulu meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a $1,000 travel grant toward the 2016 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. By popular demand, Ronald D. Szyjkowski, MD, FACG, will continue as the host of GI Jeopardy Live. We expect another spirited competition this year with more audience participation questions, so come prepared to help out during the live competition!

2nd Year Fellows Course

The annual ACG 2nd Year Fellows Course will be held January 15-17, 2016, in Washington, D.C., and will be co-chaired by Drs. Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, Mohit Girotra, and Mihir K. Patel. Small group breakout sessions and general sessions will again be featured as
well as Hands-on sessions in endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, and manometry. Expert
speakers are invited and the attendees are given one on one time with the experts, another
unique mentoring opportunity. This course is well attended, but relies on program directors
signing up fellows to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity. Attendance for this meeting
has been increased due to the overwhelming demand for the course.

**Board Review Question of the Week**

The 2014/2015 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week
competition was Dr. Andrew J. Read from the University of Michigan. He received a $1000
travel grant toward the 2015 Annual Meeting in Honolulu. The current round of questions
may be found in the Fellows in Training section of the ACG website. The Grand Prize Winner
will be determined by weekly participation and the highest number of correct answers to the
questions (must answer at least 75% of the questions to be eligible) and will receive a $1000
travel grant for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Honolulu. To stimulate ongoing participation in
the Question of the Week, we have added a quarterly prize of a free copy of ACG’s Online
Self-Assessment Test to the participant who answers the most questions correctly each
quarter (must answer at least 75% of the questions each quarter to be eligible). Questions
from prior years remain posted online for review at any time.

**Trainee Mentoring Program**

In conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee, the Training Committee
will continue with the mentoring program. The program’s objective is to provide trainees
access to faculty from diverse practice models, academic departments, and geographic
regions. The program will foster casual dialogue between mentors and trainees, while
affording trainees the opportunity to gain valuable guidance and career advice from faculty
not accessible to them in their training programs.

**Hands-on Sessions for Fellows**

Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG, and Srinadh Komanduri, MD will run the Hands-on program
for fellows attending the 2015 Annual Meeting. These are specific times for “fellows only”
instruction in newer endoscopic techniques at the “Hands-on Workshop Center” in the
exhibit hall. The committee knows this added feature will enhance our trainees’ education.
The trainees’ only Hands-on sessions will run during the national meeting, with multiple
endoscopic skills options for the trainees. This continues to be a popular and well attended
trainee feature.

**Resident Initiative**

Drs. Tauseef Ali and Amy Oxentenko have spearheaded an initiative to help Internal
Medicine residents that are interested in considering gastroenterology as a career. There
are now online videos in the Fellows in Training section of the website for residents needing
more information about gastroenterology fellowships, how to apply, considerations for
becoming a gastroenterologist, how to interview, etc.