

ACG's First Annual GI Jeopardy is a Big Success

Cleveland's MetroHealth Takes Top Spot

The finals of the ACG's GI Jeopardy program were held during the 2004 ACG Postgraduate Course in Orlando, Florida. The finals featured two-member teams of fellows from the five top scoring training programs from across the United States. The finalists were Indiana University School of Medicine, LAC & USC Medical Center, MetroHealth Medical Center, University of Massachusetts and University of Nebraska Medical Center.

In the preliminary round, nearly 60 training programs competed by taking an on-line multiple choice quiz consisting of 40 questions covering a wide range of GI organ systems, diseases and treatments. The programs were then ranked based on the number of correct answers and the time it took to complete the test. There were no limits on how many trainees from each program could participate in the preliminary round. The top five programs were each invited to send a two-member team of fellows to the final round in Orlando, all expenses paid. The program was made possible in part by Major Donor AstraZeneca and Benefactor TAP Pharmaceuticals.

The semi-final round had each of the five programs squaring off against each other before a live audience of several hundred with Training Committee Chair and ACG Trustee Roy Wong, M.D., FACP, serving as the host.

There were six categories with five questions each for the live games. In addition to the more traditional categories that focused on the GI organ system and its diseases, a potpourri category was added that included



Pictured from left to right: Training Committee members Amy S. Oxentenko, M.D., and Thomas J. McGarrity, M.D., FACP, MetroHealth Fellows Ravi Ghanta, M.D., and Madhu Sanaka, M.D., Committee Chair Roy K.H. Wong, M.D., FACP, and Committee member Ronald D. Szykowski, M.D.

questions about art, television, sports and more. After a very spirited match, the two top teams, MetroHealth and Indiana, moved on to the finals. In a very hard fought match, the team representing MetroHealth eventually won the championship trophy. Along with the trophy, each team member earned a \$1,000 grant toward travel to next year's ACG Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course in Honolulu, Hawaii taking place October 28-November 2, 2005. ■