

ACG 2007 Trainee Events Offered Something for Everyone

Assisting in the transition from fellow-in-training to practicing physician

From the lighthearted game of GI Jeopardy to the practical Job Forum, ACG 2007 in Philadelphia offered multiple programs and events for GI trainees. In an effort to assist fellows in their transition from trainee to practicing physician, each event focused on a different phase of the process.



Job Forum

The ACG Job Forum was a great success this year with over 230 jobs being posted and almost 70 applicant postings. With

the aid of the Job Forum, job candidates and employers were able to connect via message service, exchange CVs, and arrange for interviews, a valuable networking tool for those who used the service.

Trainees Forum

To help trainees in their quest to find a job and transition into practice, this year's Trainees Forum brought together a panel of experts in the field as well as recent graduates for a unique perspective on the process. The program included information on finding the right job, finances, ASCs, and transitioning into the first year of practice and allowed ample time for trainees in attendance to pick the brains of the experts.

Trainees Luncheon

The newest addition to the GI trainee event lineup was the Trainees Luncheon: What I Learned My First Year in Practice. Larry E. Clark, MD, who just recently completed his first year of practice, discussed lessons he learned from personal interactions, financial matters, prioritizing a



busy schedule, and focusing on quality of life issues for newly practicing gastroenterologists. The well-attended luncheon was a great success as attendees learned from the experiences of someone who was very recently in their shoes.

GI Jeopardy

One of the liveliest and most lighthearted events at ACG 2007 was the GI Jeopardy competition. The participants in the live event represented the top five scoring programs from the online competition that began back in July. This year's teams were Albert Einstein College of Medicine (New York), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education (Rochester), National Capital Consortium (Bethesda/Walter Reed), and the University of Washington.

The teams squared off in a fight for the buzzer before a live audience of over 300 supporters. ACG's new Training Committee Chair, Ronald Szyjkowski, MD, served as host for the third year in a row, entertaining the audience with his quick wit and classy ensemble. The live game featured six categories per round with questions covering the gamut of gastrointestinal organs, diseases, treatments, and history. A special Philadelphia category proved to be quite difficult for those not familiar with local history. After a spirited first round, the top three teams, Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education (Rochester), National Capital Consortium (Bethesda/Walter Reed), and University of Wash-

ington, moved on to the final round. Rami Badreddine, MD, and Seth Sweetser, MD, from Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education (Rochester) ultimately took home the championship trophy and earned a \$1,000 grant toward travel to next year's ACG Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course in Orlando, Florida.

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pate in next year's ACG trainee events. ACG also offers many other resources for fellows in training. Visit www.acg.gi.org/physicians/trainees.asp to see what may be helpful to you. [ACG](#)

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