

Training Committee

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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 by 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 popular and well attended, and will continue this year in Las Vegas. This year's session is entitled, "GI Career Paths: What's Right for Me?" and will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss pertinent issues to be considered as trainees begin to evaluate their future after fellowship. Each speaker will offer suggestions through their own perspective. This will be followed by a Q&A session. This session will be held on Sunday, October 16th and is being co-chaired by: Pichamol Jirapinyo, MD, Abraham Khan, MD, Vladimir Kushnir, MD, and Patrick Northrup, MD.

GI Jeopardy

This year will mark the thirteenth 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 Carilion Clinic – Virginia Tech / Carilion School of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium and Stanford University.

Each of these programs was invited to send two competitors to attend the ACG Postgraduate Course in Las Vegas to compete in the live final round on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Las Vegas meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. By popular demand, Ronald D. Szykowski, 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 13-15, 2017, in Washington, DC, and will be co-chaired by Drs. Anand Kumar, Manish Singla, and David You. 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. Due to recommendations from the committee, the enrollment process has changed from a first come first enrolled to a random drawing of fellows from programs. The goal of this change is allow more representation from programs with the hope that all programs will be able to send a fellow every other year. Attendance for this meeting has been increased to 125 due to the overwhelming demand for the course.

Board Review Question of the Week

The 2015/2016 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Dr. Tanya Dam from OMNEE/Blue Ridge Healthcare. She received a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2016 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. 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 \$1,000 travel grant for the 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. 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

Laith Jamil, MD, FACG, and Srinadh Komanduri, MD will run the Hands-on program for fellows attending the 2016 Annual Meeting. There 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 Annual Meeting, with multiple endoscopic skills options for the trainees. This continues to be a popular and well attended trainee feature.