President’s Message – Jessica Hyacinthe

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I am honored to serve as your chapter’s president and excited about the new things to come. As your incoming president, I want to first acknowledge our past President, N'Diris SAM Barry, who has served you honorably and volunteered many hours over this past year to better the chapter. We are now able to build on what she has set up to continue to serve you. Along with SAM, other wonderful chapter leaders including Kristan Anderson, Susan Nelson, and Charmaine Garcia, have committed time and effort to make the chapter what it is today. Without these individuals dedicated service, the Chapter would not be at the top of its game.

We are grateful that many of the leaders will continue to serve in 2018. Our new Vice President is now Susan Nelson, our new Secretary is Carole Coyne, and Charmaine Garcia remains our Treasurer. See pictures of our new leadership in our newsletter.

We hope you find this edition useful in furthering your knowledge of clinical research and providing you with networking opportunities to continue connecting within the Central Florida chapter.

We are always looking for new members to join our chapter and share our passion for clinical research.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hyacinthe
President

ABOUT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER

We proudly serve Orlando and the surrounding areas to provide up-to-date information, continuing education credits and networking for the Central Florida research community. We are a comprehensive organization of clinical research professionals from a variety of backgrounds. Our mission is to provide a readily accessible mechanism for regional program development for clinical research professionals to foster professional interaction, continuing education, problem-solving, and discussion of professional issues. Our desire is to position our members to be leaders in their field and be at the forefront of the evolving challenges and developments in clinical research.

We welcome clinical research professionals from across all disciplines; Academia, Pharma/Biotech/Medical Device companies and Contract Research Organizations. We want to provide opportunities to network, learn from each other and hear from industry experts, as well as our research clinicians, on hot topics facing the clinical research world. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. Our volunteers can take on a small role or a large leadership opportunity, based on their interest. More information about volunteer opportunities are identified in this newsletter. (page 3)
Meet the Chapter’s Leadership

President – Jessica Hyacinthe, MA, CCRC

Jessica Hyacinthe was actively involved in our Chapter in the past year serving as your Membership Chair and assisting with event planning as needed. Jessica has been a member of ACRP since September 2005 and volunteered for the New England Chapter as one of the coordinators for their annual symposium. Jessica became certified in 2006 and was voted the New England ACRP Secretary that year and remained in the position until 2010. She continued volunteering as a Prime member of the symposium with an attendance of about 200 attendees in the greater Boston area until 2015.

Jessica comes with an extensive clinical research background working at Brigham and Women’s as a Clinical Research Coordinator. She later transferred to Massachusetts General Hospital as a Research Coordinator, and was promoted to a Budget Financial Analyst and Associate Director of Clinical Research Finance until her move to Florida in 2016, where she assumed the position of Senior Budget Specialist at Florida Hospital.

Jessica received her Master’s in Health Care Administration at the Framingham College in Massachusetts and a BA degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Vice President – Susan Nelson, RN, BSN, CCRC

Susan Nelson was the Secretary of the 2017 Central Florida Chapter of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP), and she has been a member of ACRP since 2016. Susan received her Bachelors in Nursing in 2013 from University of Central Florida, and her Associates of Science in Nursing in 2009. During this time, she worked as an RN on a medical/surgical/orthopaedic floor, developing her knowledge in orthopaedics prior to moving into research. Susan transitioned to her position as the Orthopaedic Clinical Research Coordinator for the Orlando campus of Florida Hospital Orlando in 2013. She received her Certified Clinical Research Coordinator designation in April 2016.

Susan has seven years of experience in orthopaedic nursing and has been responsible for the coordination, implementation and management of Phase 1-4 clinical trials. During this time, she has acted as the research coordinator and study RN for all studies implemented at her site.

Her therapeutic expertise is in orthopaedics, and she has participated in investigational drug, device and investigator-initiated trials. Susan’s dedication to orthopaedics has helped her focus on clinical care and safety for patients within this specialty area. She has also focused on building a rapport with other specialty research groups within the organization for optimum coordination of study-related requirements, and she is dedicated to clinical trial completion and success at the site level.
Secretary - Carole Coyne, CCRP, CCRC

Carole Coyne has been a member of ACRP since 2000. She is double certified in ACRP and SoCRA. She has 40+ years of experience in the research arena and has worked in academic medicine (Rush Medical Center, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and Loyola University) in Illinois and has worked in community medical centers (Orlando Health and Florida Hospital) here in Florida. Additionally, she spent several years working with community practices to develop research programs in their private offices. She currently works for Radiology Specialists of Florida where she developed their robust research program.

She served as Events Chairperson for the last several months with the CFL ACRP chapter and is looking forward to serving as the Secretary of the organization in the coming year.

Treasurer - Charmaine Garcia

Charmaine Garcia has been a member of the ACRP since 2009. She has extensive Phase 1 to Phase 4 research experience, both in adult and pediatric clinical trials. Charmaine received her Doctor of Medicine degree in the Philippines and completed a residency in Pediatrics where she served as the Chief Resident during her 4th year. She practiced as a pediatrician for 8 years and was medical school faculty before moving here to the US in 2004. Charmaine is very passionate about research and has published several peer-reviewed journals during her medical career in the Philippines. She now works at Nemours Children’s Hospital as lead coordinator in Nephrology and is involved in research studies that include a humanitarian use device for the rare FSGS (Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis) renal patients and the use of ACTH for relapsing Nephrotic Syndrome. One investigator-initiated study she is working on aims to identify early kidney disease in Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) patients through genetic markers. Since January 2017, Charmaine has acted as the treasurer of the ACRP Central Florida Chapter and continues to be active in the chapter’s activities dedicated to bringing success to the organization. In her leisure time, Charmaine loves to travel with her family and enjoys learning about historic places and different cultures.
Our first “Kick-off” meeting of the year

Our goal is to provide our members with a minimum of three educational offerings and at least one social/networking event this year.

• In the months to come, we will be intensely working toward providing our chapter members the opportunity to attend the ACRP Certification Exam Prep Classroom Course for the Fall 2018 exam. This course has been requested by many, and we are very excited about offering it. Please refer to page 5 for more information.

• In September of this year, we will be offering an educational event in compliance and ethics. This event will be presented by Christina Jackson, MJ, BSN, RN, CHRC, CCRC. Stay tune to learn more.

• Other educational offering, Webinars and Social event are still being worked on. Visit our website often to hear about the details

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are happy to announce that our Social Media is up and ready to use. Social media is a part of our daily lives and a powerful tool to share latest information and engage with our fellow members.

• Join us on LinkedIn
• Become a fan on Facebook
Help us to keep this chapter growing. This is a great opportunity to get involved and connect with your peers. Our business is mainly conducted via teleconferences and emails, and we work around everyone’s schedule.

The top chapter volunteer needs are:

1. **Membership Chair**
   Duties: Keep up to date with our membership roaster. Welcoming our new members. Reminding members to renew their membership prior to expiration. Contact prospective members to invite them to join CFL Chapter.

2. **Social/Educational Event Chair/Coordinator**
   Duties: Once opportunity is identified coordinate/communicate with venue, speakers, lodging/travel, food, technology requirements of speaker, advertising, any special needs.

3. **Social Media Chair**
   Duties: Monitor our LinkedIn group, post relevant information on the group page. Advertise local and ACRP events on LinkedIn. Create and maintain a Facebook page.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY PARTICIPATING IN YOUR LOCAL ACRP CHAPTER!

PLEASE EMAIL US AT CFLACRP@GMAIL.COM

SMALL AND BIG OPPORTUNITIES ARE AWAITING YOU!
The Central Florida Chapter of ACRP invites you to become a corporate or institutional sponsor for any 2018 - 2019 future events. Inquiries about the sponsorships and other details can be directed to:

Name: Carole Coyne
Email: cflacrp@gmail.com
DISCOVER THE POWER OF ACRP LOCAL CHAPTERS

Association of Clinical Research Professionals Chapter Affiliates provide many services to their members, including:

- Providing professional development programs that offer FREE CEUs, including ACRP, CBRN, and/or CME credits
- Serving as a nearby point-of-contact on clinical research issues
- Hosting networking events that help you connect at the local level
- Enhancing career growth with opportunities for leadership positions at the regional level, and potentially the global level, which can bolster your résumé and make a positive impact in your community
- Delivering Local Chapter communications including eForums in the ACRP Online Community, newsletters, and e-mails (please note that communications differ per Chapter)

Get connected! Visit www.acrpnet.org/chapters and join your Local Chapter today!