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Greater Charlotte Association of Clinical Research Professionals



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring 2009

Spring greetings to our Greater Charlotte ACRP Chapter!

Our first two events of the year have both been very interesting and very well attended. In January Blake Jensen of INC Research, Inc, presented "Electronic Medical Records Systems Used for Source Data Purposes," a timely program as we all deal with the move to electronic medical records. Bob Romanchuk of Novant Health presented the March topic: "Conflict of Interest and Transparency in Research." We have plans underway for a presentation about the MURDOCK Study in May. Plans are underway an August meeting, Fall Symposium and even the Winter Social.

It is the goal of the GCACRP Board and Program committee to offer several programs that are just as engaging and timely throughout the year. If you have suggestions for a topic you would like to learn more about or if you have knowledge of a potential speaker we should know about, *we want to hear from you!*

Recent changes at the national level have resulted in the requirement that chapters now charge for

attendees to events to receive contact hours that many people need to obtain or keep various certifications. We changed our programming format this year to allow for maximum bang for the contact hour buck. Instead of monthly one hour meetings, we plan to offer several 2 hour evening meetings (dinner provided) and a Fall Symposium. Your local Board decided that we would cover the cost or contact hours (and dinner) for all of our members at the January, March and May meetings. Decisions regarding the chapter paying for contact hours versus the individual members having to pick up their own cost will be made at on a meeting by meeting basis, based primarily on our budget.

ACRP has a new Online Community that will be a great place for you to make world-wide contacts in all aspects of research. Check out page 4 for details.

So, as you can see, it is already a busy year and we have much more planned.

If you would like to be a part of the planning, let us know! We are glad for any input and new ideas!!!

-Lucinda McIntyre

2009 President GCACRP



TREASURER'S REPORT March 2009

Balance forward:	\$ 11,432.76
Expenses:	\$ 1,539.67
Income:	\$ 1,347.40
BALANCE:	\$ 11,625.03



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Mark Your Calendars!

Your Program Committee continues to provide frequent educational opportunities. We already have several interesting topics and speakers scheduled for 2009. The meetings will be held on the second Tuesday evening of the designated months from 5:15 to 7:30 on the campus of CMC Main in the Medical Education Building (MEB) 6th Floor Conference Room.

2009 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Meeting Dates for 2009:

Location: CMC Main, MEB Conference Rooms 6A
Time: 5:15 – 5:30 Registration and Dinner Served; Presentation 5:30 – 7:30

Dates:

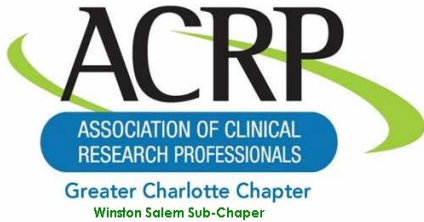
May 12: Allison Dunham “MURDOCK Study”
August 11: Dr. Jeffrey Kline “Statistical Design”
November 6: Fall Symposium at UNCC: “Hot Topics in Research”
December Social: TBA

Annual Fall Symposium:

Co-Sponsored with UNC-Charlotte

November 6, 2009

Mark your calendars now for the 2009 GCACRP Fall Symposium which will be held at UNCC on November 6. The program is being planned for “Hot Topics in Research.” We plan to offer at least 6 contact hours of credit. If you have an idea for a topic you would like to have discussed or a speaker you could suggest, call Yvonne McCracken or Cindy McIntyre.



Winston-Salem (WSACRP) Sub-Chapter

MEMBERSHIP:

Commitment and Cooperation



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Joanna Zakamarek

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Sponsorship and Networking
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Program Committee
Seeking Chair

The Winston Salem Sub-Chapter is off to a smashing success! We are thrilled to be hosting a meeting each month in 2009! Join us for our upcoming meetings!

April 23, 2009 (Thursday) Issis Kelly presents "The Challenges and Benefits of Enrolling Non-English Speaking Subjects in a Clinical Trial". (Chapter Business meeting will follow.)

May 11, 2009 (Monday) - SAM Sathers presents "Supervisory Responsibilities of the Principle Investigator"

June 25, 2009 (Thursday) - Susan Donahue presents "Collection and Documentation of Adverse Events"

All meetings are held at Forsyth Technical Community College in the Technology Building.
5:30-6:00 pm Networking, Registration, and Welcome
6:00-7:00 pm Meeting Presentation
7:00-7:30 pm Q & A / Discussion

For more information, see our website at <http://www.acrpnet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/GreaterCharlotte/Winston-Salem-Sub-Chapter-Website.aspx>

If you are interested in becoming involved in WSACRP, please contact Jennifer Short at jrshort@novanthealth.org or at (336)718-5871.

We currently have **155** local chapter members. If you are interested in joining the local chapter, please sign-up online at www.acrpnet.org/

ACRP membership is a prerequisite for chapter membership. Annual chapter dues are \$20, which allows you to receive continuing education credits from our monthly programs at a greatly discounted rate.

To join ACRP and the local chapter please follow this link: <http://www.acrpnet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/GreaterCharlotte.aspx>

GCACRP was founded in June 1996. Our goals for establishing the chapter were to provide effective means to:

- Professional Interaction With Colleagues;
- Advanced Continuing Education;
- Providing A Readily Accessible Mechanism For Regional Program Development;
- Furnishing Improved Access To ACRP Membership Resources and Opportunities Including Certification With Contact Hours.

Distribution List

If you know of a research professional who would like to be on our Distribution List, please send contact information to Amanda Phillips at 704.323-2267 or email

Amanda.Phillips@orthocarolina.com

Volunteer Opportunities

The local chapter offers many opportunities to give back to the organization.

The following committees offer opportunities: program committee, membership committee, communications committee. If you are interested in volunteering and enjoying more networking opportunities, please contact Cindy McIntyre at 704.35534869.



Online Community

Get Connected in the ACRP Online Community

Connect with your colleagues in the new ACRP Online Community.

You will be prompted to enter your acrpnet.org username and password to access members-only Online Community content

NEW: [Watch a Video Tutorial](#), Learn How to Use the Online Community

This community was created to help you, the clinical research professional, connect with industry peers with similar job duties, interests and goals — with the hope of building a stronger clinical research community at large. With that goal in mind, the ACRP Online Community offers the following tools:

eForums

Network with your peers and exchange ideas and information

Ask questions and get answers from industry professionals

Resources

Find documents you can use to help in your daily job functions

Contribute important documents to share with your peers

Comment on and rate documents

Create your own document repository

Social Network

Build a network of professional contacts with interests similar to your own

Blog in the ACRP Online Community and share your thoughts on topics of interest

Create connections with industry peers to strengthen ties to the clinical research community

Wiki Glossary

Find useful definitions to common industry terms

Collaboratively help define the terms used across the clinical research profession

Comment on and rate industry terms

2009 Changes to Contact Hour Cost

In the fall of 2008 ACRP announce that they were going to begin charging a fee for chapter members to obtain contact hours for the programs offered through the local chapters. In the past, only non-members were charged. The new charge for contact hours for members is \$10 for one or two hours, \$20 for three to five hours and \$30 for six or more hours. In an effort to maximize the number of hours our members receive for the price they have to pay, the Greater Charlotte Board decided that rather than having monthly meetings that would provide one contact hour (for \$10), we would have several meetings offering 2 contact hours (still for \$10) throughout the year. Each of these meetings will be in the evening and dinner will be provided free of charge to people who are up-to-date members of both the national and local chapters. Members who do not need contact hours will be able to attend the meeting at no charge, dinner included.

Despite the change in ACRP policy, the local chapter has made the decision to offer the first 2 meetings of 2009 and contact hours for these meetings free of charge to people who are members of both the local and national chapters. Subsequent meeting charges will be decided prior to the meeting announcements. To check your membership status, please go the website www.acrpnet.org.