President's Message - Janet E. Holwell

Spring is here and it is once again time for our Spring Networking Party and Job Fair. As many of our long-standing members know, the NY Metropolitan Chapter hosts two social networking parties each year - one in the spring and another in early December. For the last three years, we have combined our spring party with a job fair and offered tables to a limited number of sponsor vendors for the convenience of our attendees in search of a position or contemplating a future career change. Due to the overwhelming favorable response to our selection of Flatotel as venue last year, we have arranged to hold the party in the same venue on June 2 from 6:00-9:00 PM. It is located on W. 52 Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. For your price of admission, you will receive food, open bar and a chance to win door prizes. Our vendors include Aerotek, Dartmouth, Daiichi-Sankyo, Ernst & Young, Trio and NYU. Registration is encouraged in advance, but we will also take walk-ins at the door. Don’t miss it!

I just returned from the ACRP Global Conference in Seattle, which I must say, is one of the best ACRP conferences I have attended (and I have attended many!). The sessions were solid and informative. The ACRP offered something new. Two of the plenary sessions were webcast so it was possible to listen in real-time to the sessions. Even better than that initiative, is the fact that you can also listen and view these two sessions for free by simply logging onto the ACRP website. You do not have to be a member; this is open the general public. I highly recommend listening to both sessions. Here is how to do so:

- Two plenary sessions available to the general public at no cost
  Log on to www.acrpnet.org
  Click on Free Global Conference Sessions
  - Two sessions will appear:
    Sunday Plenary - Regulatory Affairs Public Forum
    Jerry Menikoff, MD, JD, OHRP; Jean Toth-Allen, PhD, FDA Office of Special Medical Programs; Leslie Ball, MD, CAPT, USPHS, Director, Division of Scientific Investigations, Office of Compliance, CDER; Moderator: Linda Strause, PhD, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee of ACRP
    Monday Plenary - Innovation & Global Health
    Tachi Yamada, MD, President, Global Health Program, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, address Innovation and Global Health

Each session is 1.5 hours, but the first ½ hour is ACRP specific content (awards, direction going forward, etc.). If you wish to hear only the above topics, push the indicator forward about 29 minutes, and the feature presentation will start.

Erika and Halley have been busy planning our Chapter’s educational programs. To date, we hosted two evening sessions this year. Both were quite excellent. In February we heard from an actual clinical research subject, as she shared her views of her experience while participating in Parkinson’s trials.
On May 5, we hosted Charles Rathmann from Washington University School of Medicine who spoke about Volunteer Patient Registries. Charles was a featured speaker at the ACRP Global Conference in Seattle, so we were very fortunate to be able to bring him to you live in NY! We had very positive feedback on this session. I wish to express the thanks of the entire board to NYU for hosting the event.

During our general business meeting on May 5, I made a plea for additional volunteers and while no one spoke up during the session, many approached me later and offered their time on some special projects. I am quite grateful for our active membership and willingness to help. If you would like to become involved in one of our committees, we welcome you. Feel free to contact me, or any of the board members with questions or your intent to volunteer.

Marketing, Education, Communication and Membership are all options. We will soon need a few volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee which is chaired by Ann Marshak this year. Please start thinking about whether you would like to become even more involved and serve on the board. A call for nominations will be sent in the near future.

I look forward to seeing most of you on June 2 at Flatotel and always look forward to your suggestions and comments about our chapter and what we can do to make this the best experience for your professional life in clinical research.

Until next time......

Janet

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**ResearchMatch.org Trial Registry**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has created an online registry that will help match individuals who would like to participate in research studies with researchers trying to recruit suitable volunteers.

The national registry ([http://www.researchmatch.org](http://www.researchmatch.org)) allows individuals of all ages who are interested in volunteering for clinical research on any disease, or to volunteer as healthy participants, to register in the system. Qualified researchers can then use the registry to search for individuals who meet a study’s requirements, but will not be able to see or access a potential volunteer’s demographic profile or contact information. The system will send a notice to the volunteer that he or she may be a match for a particular study, and offer the person the option of releasing contact information to the recruiter.

The Research Match registry is administered by institutions participating in the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) consortium, which is overseen by the National Center for Research Resources. Currently, only researchers affiliated with the CTSA program will be allowed to use the service. Information about participating institutions nationally may be obtained via the Research Match network tab ([https://www.researchmatch.org/partners/](https://www.researchmatch.org/partners/)).

In the greater New York metropolitan area the following CTSA institutions are collaborating with the Research Match program: Weil Cornell Medical College, Einstein-Montefiore College of Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York University, Rockefeller University, University of Rochester, Columbia University, and Yale University. Interested researchers at these institutions and their affiliates may apply to use Research Match by contacting their Research Match institutional liaisons.
On Thursday, February 3rd the NY Metropolitan Chapter hosted a presentation on "Patient's Perspective on Clinical Research" at Hospital for Special Surgery. The event featured presentations from patients who had themselves been involved in clinical research trials. The event was aimed to help educate research professionals on what it is like on the other side of the consent form. The event also featured a presentation from Emily Ouellette who represented the Center for Information & Study on Clinical Research Participation (CISCRP). The question and answer session was very productive, and the patient speakers were eager to share their experiences in an effort to improve clinical trial management.

On May 5th we hosted our second educational event of the year at NYU Langone Medical Center on "Volunteer Patient Registries." The evening presentation featured speaker Charles Rathmann, who came to speak to us from the University of Washington in St. Louis. Mr. Rathmann presented on his experience developing and using patient registries as a means of patient recruitment and education. Mr. Rathmann also offered some insight into other currently available registries, both academic medical center based and commercially available resources. The question and answer session went on for over thirty minutes, as many attendees were interested to learn more about the registry system and how it may benefit their respective sites.

Coming up this Friday, September 16th will be our 3rd annual NY Metro ACRP Educational Symposium. The theme of this year's event is "Clinical Research in the Electronic Age." The event will feature speakers from all different areas of research, each contributing their perspective on issues such as how electronic media, data management tools, online recruitment, eCRF's, and compliance guidelines have and will affect clinical research practices. We found this topic in particular to be one of interest across many research settings. We hope to see you all there!
Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee is responsible for obtaining sponsorship, coordinating social events, and updating promotional materials. We are happy to announce that Aerotek has decided to renew their Platinum sponsorship through 2011.

The committee is working hard in preparation for our annual Spring Job Fair/Networking event being held at the Flatotel on Thursday, June 2nd, from 6:00-9:00PM. We have many volunteers and all Board members working hard to make this year even more successful than last year. Remember to buy your tickets early and tell everyone you know about the party. Come and enjoy great prizes, food and open bar!

Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Spring Networking Party & Job Fair

Looking for a great networking party?
Enjoy great prizes, an open bar and fabulous food with clinical research professionals.

Looking for a career boost?
Hiring managers will be present from throughout the tri-state area. Get free professional resume and career advice.

Recruiting?
Top quality, experienced clinical research professionals will be ready
to interview with resumes/CVs in hand.

**Meet with our vendors!**
Including: Aerotek, Daiichi-Sankyo, Dartmouth, Ernst & Young, Trio and NYU

**Thursday, June 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2011**
6pm - 9pm

**FLATOTEL**
135 West 52\textsuperscript{nd} Street
New York, NY 10019

Cost:
ACRP Member - $30 / Non Member - $40

For more information visit: [www.acrpnet.org/nymetro](http://www.acrpnet.org/nymetro)

To register visit: [http://acrp2011jobfairandspringnetwork.eventbrite.com](http://acrp2011jobfairandspringnetwork.eventbrite.com)

For questions: call Janet at (718) 263-4160

**Communications Committee**

The Communications Committee is always looking for interested members to become more involved. The committee is responsible for sending out all chapter communications, including the monthly job boards and quarterly newsletters.

Any comments or suggestions regarding our chapter newsletters and job board are also appreciated. If you would like to become involved, please send an email to vl2126@columbia.edu.

**Membership & Retention Committee**

**Welcome to our new and renewing Chapter Members:**

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Please visit our chapter website at [www.acrpnet.org/nymetro](http://www.acrpnet.org/nymetro) for more information of our coming events and for membership questions email Jun Loquere at al2061@columbia.edu.

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Corporations, recruiters, or institutions interested in sponsorship of any of the 2011 events, or advertising open positions on the job board should contact Janet Holwell at janet.e.holwell@pfizer.com. We have several available levels of corporate sponsorship.