

# NY Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP

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## NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janet Ellen Holwell, CCRC, CCRA

We closed our second quarter with a great networking party at Rosie O'Grady's on June 14th! We enjoyed excellent food, conversation and fun games. Amongst our 90 attendees, there were a number of new faces and a few individuals who recently moved to New York. All of our past presidents, with the exception of Dean Fechner, were in attendance. Lots of great networking - in fact, it was difficult to get folks to leave the party at closing! These were all signs of a successful event for our chapter. I wish to extend special thanks to Lisette Gonzalez for booking the event and Claire Campbell for coordinating the volunteers that evening. As usual, our board stepped up to fill all the required roles to make the evening run smoothly.



Past Presidents L to R: Lisette Gonzalez, Lyn Goldsmith, Janet Ellen Holwell, Joanna Louie, Soo Bang

Word seems to be spreading about our events and many expressed interest in our upcoming functions. We have not scheduled events during the summer, but will resume our educational offerings with our full-day symposium on Friday, September 14. Registration is open for this event as is registration for our November 1 evening program. Please sign up early to reserve your place.

Several board members attended the Global ACRP Conference in Houston in April. Many excellent sessions were offered, including sessions by our board members, Lyn Goldsmith and Erika Stevens. They represented our chapter well! Lisette Gonzalez and I attended the chapter chairs' luncheon meeting at the conference and learned of the many new initiatives that global is undertaking to help chapters. From the professional development update, we learned that the instructor-led certification prep course will be making a comeback and I will share information with you as soon as we have details. Hopefully we will be able to make this course available through our chapter in the near future. All members should have received a gift from global - with your latest issue of "The Monitor" a copy of the ICH E6 booklet was included.

We continue to actively seek additional sponsors to support our chapter and our events. I would ask that you contact me with any potential leads you might have. Sponsorship is our only means of keeping the costs of our events low or free for our members.

Be on the lookout for a few communications coming from us. A call for nominations will be sent out shortly for elections in the fall. A survey will be sent to all attendees from our Spring Networking to assess your feedback. A general survey is also planned to assess the chapter's plans and educational offerings. This will be an opportunity for your voice to be heard, so please respond.

In an effort to expand our reach into the clinical research community in the tri-state area, please ask your colleagues if they receive our notices. If they are interested in hearing about our events, but do not receive information from us, we are happy to add names to our contact list. They do not have to be ACRP members. Although members attend meetings for free or reduced fees, all are welcomed at every function. If you know of folks interested, simply forward their names, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number to us and we will include them in all future notifications.

We have been reaching out to the research community. I had the opportunity to present information about ACRP and our NY Metropolitan chapter at Columbia University's IRB Conference this spring as well as to coordinators at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. If you would like a brief presentation made at your institution about ACRP and our local chapter, just send me a note at [janet.e.holwell@pfizer.com](mailto:janet.e.holwell@pfizer.com) and I'll be happy to oblige.



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Please note that we are now on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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Have a wonderful summer!

Until next time.....

Janet

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP cordially invites you to attend our

### **4th Annual Clinical Research Symposium: Career Development in Clinical Research**

**Opportunities, Tools and How to Use This  
Knowledge to Avoid Noncompliance**

**Friday, September 14, 2012  
8:15M - 4:45PM**

*Pfizer Headquarters  
235 East 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10019*

Featuring keynote speaker:

**Deborah Copeland**  
Vice President  
Benchmark Research

And speakers from:

**ACRP Global, Aerotek, Children's  
Hospital of Philadelphia, FDA,  
OHRP, University of Medicine &  
Dentistry of New Jersey and  
University of Pennsylvania**

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:** This symposium will focus on how to make a career for yourself and others in the field of clinical research. An array of speakers will present on different career paths in clinical research, the tools for development, and how to ensure that your site is compliant with regulations surrounding role responsibilities and training.

*Space is limited, so R.S.V.P. as soon as possible.*

**REGISTER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD RATES!**

Early bird ends August 15th: \$125 NYM Chapter / \$150 Non-NYM Chapter

After August 15th: \$150 NYM Chapter / \$175 Non-NYM Chapter

At the door: \$200 — *No refunds after August 15th*

**PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**

For more information or to register, visit:

[www.NYMetroACRP2012Symposium.eventbrite.com](http://www.NYMetroACRP2012Symposium.eventbrite.com)



*A special thanks to our 2012 platinum sponsor, Aerotek, for their continued support.*



The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP  
proudly presents:

## Building Quality Assurance and Management Systems into Clinical Trials

**Thursday, November 1, 2012**  
6:00-6:45 PM – Networking/Refreshments  
6:45-7:00 PM – General Business Meeting  
7:00-8:30 PM – Educational Session

Feinstein Institute for Medical Research  
Goldman International Conference Center  
350 Community Drive  
Manhasset, New York 11030  
(free shuttle service from Great Neck LIRR station)

Featuring:  
**Bill Erhardt, M.D.**  
VP, Medical Affairs  
Pfizer Pharmaceuticals

**Christina Eberhart**  
Manager, Advisory Health Care  
Ernst & Young, LLP

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:** Join us as we: 1) define what quality management is and why it is important in the context of a clinical trial, 2) distinguish ways in which the sponsor and site may differ in their approaches and motivations for quality management, and 3) formulate strategies on how to develop and implement a quality control program where you work based on real life experiences.

This event is **FREE** for chapter members and employees of Feinstein Institute for Medical Research/North Shore-LIJ Health System (with valid ID at registration) and \$25 for non-chapter members. 1.5 contact hours are pending approval from ACRP Global. Contact hours can be purchased at [www.acrpnnet.org](http://www.acrpnnet.org) before or up to one week after the event (\$10 for chapter members/\$25 for non-chapter members).

**Bring a Guest Campaign** - We are pleased to announce that New York Metropolitan Chapter members may now bring guests to our 2012 evening educational events for free. Chapter members may bring as many guests to an event as they like, however each guest may only attend one free evening educational event in 2012. Chapter members must register their guests and also attend the event. We hope that this initiative will inspire more of the research community to benefit from our event offerings.

For more information or to register online, visit:  
[www.NYMetroACRPNovember1.eventbrite.com](http://www.NYMetroACRPNovember1.eventbrite.com)



A special thanks to our 2012 platinum sponsor, Aerotek, and to Feinstein Institute for Medical Research North Shore-LIJ Health System for hosting this event.



save the date for....

The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP  
9th Annual

*Holiday Networking Party*

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Saks Fifth Avenue**

611 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (btw 50<sup>th</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup> Streets)  
New York, NY 10022

Visit our chapter website for details and to register online:  
[http://www.acrpnnet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/  
NYNewYorkMetropolitan/UpcomingChapterEvents.aspx](http://www.acrpnnet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/NYNewYorkMetropolitan/UpcomingChapterEvents.aspx)

## EDUCATION & PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This year has started off as one of the strongest ever for the chapter's Education and Programs Committee.

Our March event entitled "HeLa, Henrietta Lacks and the Laws and Ethics of Tissue Banking," which featured a presentation by Lee Taylor from the Office of Legal Counsel at NYULMC, was our best attended evening educational program to date. Our May educational program featured two distinguished speakers in their respective fields - Jean Gatewood from NYULMC represented academic medical centers and Soo Bang from Celgene Corporation represented industry - in a discussion on the "Costs of Clinical Research."

The next New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP educational program is our 4th annual Clinical Research Symposium and will be held on Friday, September 14th at the Pfizer Headquarters in NYC. The topic for this year is "Career Development in Clinical Research - Opportunities, Tools, and How to Use This Knowledge to Avoid Noncompliance." An array of speakers will present on different career paths in clinical research, the tools you can use to get there, and how to ensure that your site is compliant with regulations surrounding role responsibilities and training.

The final educational program of the year will be held in Long Island at Feinstein/North Shore LIJ, due largely to a very positive response from last year's fall program out in Long Island. The program will be held on Thursday, November 1st and will focus on "Building Quality Assurance and Quality Management Systems into Clinical Trials."

We always welcome input from our chapter members on event topics and/or speakers, and so if you have ideas that you would like to share for future educational programs please feel free to email Halley Rogers at [rogersh0217@gmail.com](mailto:rogersh0217@gmail.com).

More information about any of our events can be found on our chapter website. We look forward to seeing you all at our events this year!

## CONGRATULATIONS

### at our June 14th Spring Networking Event

- *Noreen Eustace*, a Clinical Trial Associate from Execupharm, was the winner of the \$100 American Express Gift Card from Frontage Labs.

- *Alison Randall* from Pfizer was the winner of the \$75 Gift Card from Aerotek.



L to R: Noreen Eustace, Janet E Holwell,  
and Alison Randall

### at our May 2nd evening educational event, "Costs of Clinical Research"

- *Alexi Morillo* from BRANY was the winner of the \$100 gift certificate from Frontage Labs

at the certification recognition reception at the ACRP Global meeting in Houston, Tx:



L to R: Lisette Gonzalez, CCRA (10 years),  
Janet E Holwell, CCRC, CCRA (15 years, 10 years)  
and Irene Neaman, CCRA (10 years)

## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION COMMITTEE



### *Welcome to our new and renewing Chapter Members!*

We have 210 active members to date with 22 new and returning members joining us in the last quarter.

We would like to give a warm welcome to:

Candido Batres; Michael Boruch; Christina Coiro;  
Purna Desai; Savil Erickson-Torres;  
Gabrielle Gaspard; David Hernandez; Yolanda Iacovella;  
Christine Koranyi; Jacob Krasikov;  
Kathryn LaRussa; Carmen Liriano; Joanna Louie;  
Margaret Mukwaya; Okechuk' Okigbo; Dilcia Ortega;  
Pallavi Rajput; Thomas Ross; Marina Stal;  
Tiffany Summerville;  
Timothy Talbot; JoAnn Vega

Our chapter has two initiatives ongoing this year. Our first initiative is chapter members can bring guests to our 2012 evening educational events for free. Chapter members may bring as many guests to an event as they like, however each guest may only attend one free evening educational event during 2012. Chapter members must register their guests and also attend the event.

Our second initiative is the reimbursement for contact hours for ACRP certified NY Metropolitan Chapter members. Details about these initiatives can be found at our chapter website.

Please visit our chapter website at [www.acrpnnet.org/nymetro](http://www.acrpnnet.org/nymetro) for more information of our coming events. For membership questions, email Jun Loquere at [al2061@columbia.edu](mailto:al2061@columbia.edu). You can also log on to [www.acrpnnet.org](http://www.acrpnnet.org) for ACRP and Chapter membership application.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications 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. Send questions and comments to Vanessa LaRoche at [vl2126@columbia.edu](mailto:vl2126@columbia.edu).

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Marketing Committee is currently seeking sponsorship for our 2012 events. Corporations, recruiters, or institutions interested in sponsorship of any of our events or advertising open positions on the job board should contact Janet Ellen Holwell at [janet.e.holwell@pfizer.com](mailto:janet.e.holwell@pfizer.com). We have several levels of corporate sponsorship available.

The Marketing Committee is always looking for volunteers. Any members interested in becoming more involved in the chapter should also contact Janet by email.