PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Lisette Gonzalez, CCRA

In my last President's Message, I said that I hoped everyone was looking forward to the spring thaw and ready to leave the snow behind. Boy was I surprised to get another blast of winter and snow as the newsletter hit the email inbox. I think we are safe from snow now but expect that we will be sweltering soon. Let's hope we get some true spring weather in between.

We are almost half-way through our calendar year and already have had two very successful and informative evening sessions. Scroll down to the Past Chapter Events section below for a recap of these sessions.

Our next event is the Certification Classroom Prep Course on June 28th. The Feinstein Institute of the North Shore-LIJ Health System is once again our sponsor for the event. The difference between this summer and last summer's prep course is that we will be holding it at three locations: Lenox Hill in Manhattan, Feinstein in Manhasset and Staten Island University Hospital on, of course, Staten Island. We have received a great response so far and have three people traveling from out of state (beyond the tri-state area). Registration is open and is scheduled to close on Wednesday, June 25th. Click HERE for the event flyer. Visit our chapter website to register or select the Classroom course from the Professional Development tab on the ACRP Global website.

Our Annual Fall Symposium is set for Friday, September 26th. The theme will be Study Optimization: Strategies to Enhance Recruitment, Monitoring and Trial Performance and the location will be the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) at 180 Central Park South. The NYAC was established in 1868 and has a rich history of its members winning over 200 Olympic medals. I am sure the three panel sessions our Education and Programs Committee have organized will also be a winning event.

The last educational event of the year will take place in November and the date and topic are still in development. The location for the November event will be Mount Sinai Medical Center. As always, our last event of the year will be our Annual Holiday Networking Party. We haven't identified a location yet so feel free to let us know if you have any ideas.

Kudos to the ACRP Global Headquarters for providing all chapter members with the fabulous benefit of free contact hours, effective May 1st. For this reason, the NY Metropolitan Chapter will be discontinuing the contact hour reimbursement program effective with the March 6th educational event. Please refer to our website or below for additional information of how certified New York Metropolitan Chapter members can get reimbursed for the cost of the contact hours they purchased for the March 6th event. Contact hours for our May event will be covered by ACRP's new program. You will still need to go through the steps as if you were purchasing the contact hours, but the registration system automatically knows you are a chapter member if you are logged in when you purchase the contact hours and the
Be sure to check the [Upcoming Events](#) Link on our website for additional information on all of 2014 events, including photographs taken at the event.

See you at our next event!

Lisette

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**CONTACT HOUR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFIED NEW YORK METROPOLITAN CHAPTER MEMBERS**

The NY Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP contact hour reimbursement program benefits all ACRP-certified chapter members (CCRA, CCRC or CPI). The chapter will cover the cost of the 1.5 contact hours earned at the March 6, 2014 chapter educational event. Participants in the program must have been an active NY Metropolitan Chapter member at the time of educational event attendance and have remained active through May 1, 2014.

**NOTE:** The NY Metropolitan Chapter will be discontinuing the program after the March 6, 2014 educational event as a result of ACRP’s new chapter member benefit of free contact hours, effective May 1, 2014.

The reimbursement process can begin immediately, but requests for reimbursements must be received by June 20, 2014.

Instructions are as follows:

1. Sign onto the Global ACRP website. Once you sign on, your global membership, chapter membership, and certification status will be displayed in the upper right hand corner. Click on the link to My Tests, Evaluations & Certificates (see orange arrow):
2. Make a screenshot of the section of the web page that includes the white box above and includes all events attended in 2014. The web page will look like this, with proof of chapter membership and ACRP certification in the white box and chapter events attended at the bottom:

3. Compose a new email and include the mailing address where you would like to receive your reimbursement check. Cut and paste the screenshot directly into the email or onto a document and send as an attachment to: nymetrocontacthours@gmail.com.

4. Reimbursement can be requested immediately, but no later than June 20, 2014.

The board of the New York Metropolitan Chapter is always looking for new ways to benefit our chapter members. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this program, but we also understand the program is limited to members who are certified. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or ideas that will help us serve all our members.
ACRP Certification Exam Prep Classroom Course
Saturday, June 28, 2014
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Registration 8:30 – 9:00 AM

Trainer: Janet Ellen Holwell, CCRC, CCRA
Clinical Research Consultant

Held at Three North Shore-LIJ Health System Locations:

Lenox Hill Hospital
Christina Brennan, MD
Director, Cardiology Research
100 E 77th Street
Aron Board Room
New York, NY 10075

The Feinstein Institute for
Medical Research
Cordi Beltrn
Admin. Dir., Clinical Research
350 Community Drive
Goldman Conference Center
Manhasset, NY 11030

Staten Island University Hospital
Meagan Silla
Admin. Director Research
475 Seaview Avenue, Regina
McGinn, MD
Education Center, Room A
Staten Island, NY 10305

Reg is now OPEN

EVENT REGISTRATION closes Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 11:59 PM Eastern Time
Register NOW to ensure admission, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (No Walk-ins)

NY Metro Chapter ACRP member $259
ACRP member $275
Non-member $300

Event registration information: Memberships not required for online registration. Bring your email confirmation to the event. Please notify Event Manager of cancellation. No refunds or transfers. No contact hours offered.

Questions About ACRP Online Registration: chapters@acrpn.org
Questions About This Classroom Course:
Janet Ellen Holwell, CCRC, CCRA, Immediate-Past President, NY Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP, jholwell@aol.com or call 718-209-4180.

Event Manager for Cancellations: Udatta Gonzalez, CCRA, President, NY Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP, udgonzalez@phase2phasesconsulting.com or call 917-881-0266.

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Please see http://www.acrpn.org/GetInfoForUSChapters/NYNewYorkMetropolitan.aspx for more information about our Chapter and 2014 Calendar of Events.
SAVE THE DATE!

The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP presents

6th Annual Clinical Research Symposium:
Study Optimization: Strategies to Enhance Recruitment, Monitoring and Trial Performance

WHEN: Friday, September 26, 2014
8:15AM - 4:45PM

WHERE: New York Athletic Club
180 Central Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10019

PANEL SESSION TOPICS:
- Clinical Trial Recruitment Optimization
- Monitoring Performance Improvement
- Data Quality and Metrics for Performance

For further details, send us an email at nymetroacrp@gmail.com, check our Chapter website at http://www.acrpn.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/NYNewYorkMetropolitan/UpcomingChapterEvents.aspx, or contact Lisette Gonzalez, CCRA at (917) 881-4295.

PAST CHAPTER EVENTS

March 6th, 2014: eConsenting and ReConsenting
Our first educational program of 2014 held at Columbia University Medical Center featured Dr. Lindsey McNair from the WIRB-Copernicus Group who presented on the features and advantages of an e-consent system, as well as the potential compliance pitfalls that must be addressed. The audience engaged the speaker in a dynamic Q&A session to better understand the benefits and limitations of such a system and whether this technology may suit the needs their company or trials now or in the future. We would like to thank Columbia University for providing the auditorium space and Starbucks for providing the coffee that kept us going.

May 14th, 2014: The Impact of Site Feasibility Assessments on Subject Recruitment and Retention
Our second event of the year held at Beth Israel Medical Center on May 14th featured Beth Harper, President of Clinical Performance Partners, Inc. She described why the traditional feasibility assessment process is not an effective means of ascertaining or predicting enrollment performance. During the presentation, attendees learned new tools and strategies that can be used to forecast and ultimately improve recruitment and retention in clinical trials. We
would like to thank Beth Israel for providing the auditorium space and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for providing funds to support catering and event expenses.

Pictures from these and other past events will be posted on the Past Chapter Events page of our website.

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**Give Us Your Ideas. We want to hear from you...**

You spoke, and we listened. The education program agenda for 2014 was developed based on topic suggestions from our chapter members. We encourage you to continue to make recommendations for event topics or venues by completing an evaluation form at one of our chapter events, responding to our year end chapter survey, or by sending an email to nymetroacrp@gmail.com.

Our chapter’s mission is to serve the needs of its members, so we appreciate and welcome your ideas and feedback!

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**FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**UPCOMING WEBINAR**

Tackling Difficult Situations in Clinical Research Billing  
*Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 12:00 Noon Central Time*  
Presented by Forte Research Systems

**PRE-RECORDED WEBINARS**

Sponsors, CROs and RBM: Getting Aligned for Success  
Presented by Medpace

Mobile Medical App Regulation  
Presented by Kony

What Non-statisticians Need to Know about Statistics in Clinical Trials  
Presented by Rho

**IN THE NEWS**

Gender Imbalance in the Lab  
Federal health officials are taking steps to correct a longstanding gender imbalance in laboratory research on potential drug treatments.

FDA offers final guidance on transferring clinical investigation oversight  
The US FDA has issued final guidance on the transferring of clinical studies between IRBs (institutional review boards) in order to help ensure that serious disruptions in clinical trials are rare.
The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP does not endorse nor profit from these advertisements or programs, but rather are providing a notification to its community for their own interest as part of its continuing initiative to promote education and opportunities in research.

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**Welcome!**

to our new and returning chapter members!

We currently have 249 active members to date with 21 new and returning members joining us in the last quarter.

We would like to give a warm welcome to:


For membership questions, email Jun Loquere at al2061@columbia.edu. You can also log on to [www.acrpnet.org](http://www.acrpnet.org) for ACRP and chapter membership applications.

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**WANT TO POST SOMETHING IN OUR NEWSLETTER OR JOB BOARD?**

For information on placing advertisements in the quarterly newsletter or posting positions on the monthly Job Board, click [HERE](http://www.acrpnet.org). You can also send your comments or suggestions to vil2126@columbia.edu.

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**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Marketing Committee is currently seeking sponsorship for our upcoming 2014 events. Corporations, recruiters, or institutions interested in sponsorship of any of our events should contact Janet Ellen Holwell at holwell@aol.com or (718) 263-4160. 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.