PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Janet Ellen Holwell, CCRC, CCRA

Mother Nature has certainly given us challenges over these last few weeks. I hope that all of you are safe, warm and recovering from any damage caused by the severe weather conditions we all experienced.

Due to Hurricane Sandy, we needed to reschedule our November 1st educational event, “Building Quality Assurance and Quality Management Systems into Clinical Trials,” at Feinstein North Shore/LIJ on Long Island. We will notify everyone as soon as we have a new date for this session.

Our elections were scheduled for that evening. The position up for election was for President for the term 2015-2016. We had an uncontested election, so I am happy to announce that Erika Stevens will be your chapter president for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Erika will spend the next two years, as president-elect, being mentored by the sitting president. My term will end on December 31, 2012 and Lisette Gonzalez will assume the presidency from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. Our bylaws have allowed for two year terms to ensure adequate time to prepare for the upcoming duties of elected office.

We also needed to reschedule our board planning meeting where we project our events for 2013. We will reschedule and update our membership when we finalize our educational programs and initiatives for the upcoming 10th anniversary year, 2013. Our chapter was incorporated in the fall, 2003, with our initial Directors: Dean Fechner, Janet Ellen Holwell, Lisette Gonzalez, Arthur Allen, Maddalena Mastrogiacomo and Amy Grosskopf. This year will be a big milestone for us! We have come a long way since 2003. Our goal for our first year was to reach 50 members. We exceeded that goal and have been steadily growing and expanding our educational and networking efforts. Help us continue to grow by spreading the word about our chapter to your colleagues in clinical research.

If you are interested in seeing the history of our growth and past programs, visit us at:
http://www.acrpenet.org/GetInfoFor/USChapters/NYNewYorkMetropolitan/Past-Chapter-Events-.asp

and see all of our past board members at:

I’d like to remind all NY Metro ACRP certified members that this year the chapter has an initiative that will reimburse you for contact hours earned from NY Metropolitan Chapter educational events attended during 2012. You must submit for reimbursement by December 10. Please see the process outlined immediately following this article. The process is also on our website.

Our final event of the year will be our much anticipated annual Holiday Networking Party at Saks Fifth Avenue on Thursday, December 6th from 6:00-8:30 PM. We will have yummy food including: a turkey carving station (graciously sponsored by Parexel International), pasta station (Farfalle Carbonara and Penne a la Vodka), hot passed hors d’oeuvres (Vegetable Dim Sum, Maryland Crab Cake with lemon mustard sauce, Chicken Satay with Asian peanut sauce and Herb Crusted Filet Mignon with Horseradish Cream) and Cheese and Fruit display with Crackers and bread. Dessert will be holiday cookies and our bar service will provide wine, beer, soft drinks and a specialty cocktail, “The Snowflake”, which will be in keeping with the Saks Snowflake theme.

For the average price of one drink in Manhattan, you get ALL of the above. Early bird pricing was due to end on November 15th, but we have extended early bird registration until November 23rd due to Hurricane Sandy. The registration fee is still a bargain if you sign up after the early bird. We will have networking games, prizes, sales associates to help you with your holiday shopping, as well as exhibitors on hand for your...
convenience. Our exhibitors include:

- **Aerotek** - our platinum sponsor, a leading employment agency providing technical, professional and industrial recruiting and staffing services.
- **PAREXEL International** - a leading global bio/pharmaceutical services organization that helps clients expedite time-to-market through our development and launch services. These include a broad range of clinical development capabilities, integrated advanced technologies, regulatory affairs consulting, and commercialization services.
- **Walden University** - an accredited university offering online degree programs.

Come and join us. Tell a friend.

Registration information may be found at: [www.NYMetroACRP2012HolidayParty.eventbrite.com](http://www.NYMetroACRP2012HolidayParty.eventbrite.com), as well in the flyer below. We look forward to seeing you on December 6th!

We continue to actively seek additional sponsors to support our chapter and our events. I would ask that you contact me at jholwell@aol.com 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. 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.

Wishing all of you a happy Thanksgiving and peaceful holiday season! It has been a privilege to serve as your president for the last two years.

Janet

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**CONTACT HOURS REIMBURSEMENTS**

The board of the NY Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP is piloting a program that will benefit all ACRP-certified New York Metropolitan Chapter Members. This year, the chapter will cover the cost of all contact hours earned at NY Metropolitan Chapter Educational events: three evening educational events and the annual symposium. We have adopted this program for one year to evaluate the cost to the chapter and the impact on our chapter members. The program applies to all ACRP-certified NY Metropolitan Chapter members (CCRA, CCRC or CPI).

Reimbursement will be made at the **end of the year** for all NY Metropolitan Chapter educational events attended during 2012. The reimbursement process can begin after contact hours are awarded for the last chapter educational event of 2012 (early November), but requests for reimbursement must be received by **December 10th, 2012**.

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:

   ![Welcome Lyn Goldsmith, MA, RN, BSN, CCRC](image)

   **Welcome Lyn Goldsmith, MA, RN, BSN, CCRC**
   
   Your certification expires: October 31, 2012
   
   Your certification expires on: CRC Maintenance - May 31, 2013
   
   Your Quicklinks:
   
   - My Tests, Evaluations & Certificates
   - My Documents
   - My Profile
   - Join Chapter
   
   Your Chapters
   
   New York Metropolitan

2. Make a screenshot of the section of the web page that includes the white box above and includes all events attended in 2012. The web page will look like this, with proof of chapter membership and ACRP certification in the white box and chapter events attended
3. Cut and paste the screenshot directly into an email or onto a document and send as an attachment to: nymetrocontacthours@gmail.com.

4. Reimbursement can be requested as soon as contact hours are awarded for the last educational event of the year but no later than December 10th, 2012.

EDUCATION & PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Don’t worry - you didn’t miss it! Our last educational event that was scheduled for November 1st, 2012 entitled “Building Quality Assurance and Quality Management Systems into Clinical Trials” was postponed due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. We are working with our scheduled speakers and the research community at Feinstein/North Shore LIJ in Long Island to reschedule the event for some time in early 2013.

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 Hailey Rogers at rogersh0217@gmail.com.

More information about any of our events can be found on our chapter website. Our full agenda for next year will be available shortly, so stay tuned. We look forward to seeing you all at our events next year!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ACRP-CERTIFIED MEMBERS CAN EARN 1 FREE CONTACT HOUR?

We would like to alert ACRP-certified members to an email you should have received on or about October 22nd titled “Certification eNewsletter October 2012.” As a result of a partnership between the Academy and ACRP, certified members can earn one (1) complimentary contact hour each quarter to support their professional development.

You will be able to choose between two different ACRP 2012 Global Conference sessions selected for this quarter. To earn this free contact hour you will need to follow the instructions contained in the Certification eNewsletter.

Do not miss the opportunity to earn one free contact hour. The conference code provided expires on December 31, 2012. There are separate conference codes for CCRA, CCRC and CPI to allow access to classification-specific sessions. If you are an ACRP-certified CCRA, CCRC or CPI and did not receive the eNewsletter email, contact certification@acrpnnet.org.

Note: This contact hour is provided by ACRP Global, not the New York Metropolitan Chapter.
UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENT

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO
NOVEMBER 23rd!

The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP cordially invites you to attend our 9th annual

Holiday Networking Party

Thursday, December 6, 2012
6:00PM - 8:30PM
Saks Fifth Avenue
611 5th Avenue (btw 50th & 51st Streets)
Café SFA - 8th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Join us for a memorable night of conversation and holiday fun overlooking the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree!
Make new connections for your professional network.
Enjoy good company, good food, a full bar and win fabulous door prizes.
Sales Associates available to assist you with your shopping from 8:00-8:30pm.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED!
Early bird ends November 23rd: $10 NYM Chapter / $20 Non-NYM Chapter
After November 23rd: $25 NYM Chapter / $35 Non-NYM Chapter
At the door: $35 NYM Chapter / $45 Non-NYM Chapter
No refunds after November 26th

For more information or to register online, visit:
www.NYMetroACRP2012HolidayParty.eventbrite.com

A special thanks to our 2012 platinum sponsor, Aerotek, for their continued support.
PAST CHAPTER EVENT

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

Friday, September 14, 2012
Pfizer Headquarters

The following attendees were winners of the prizes provided by the sponsors and the chapter at the 4th Annual Clinical Research Symposium:

- CRC Guide to Conducting Clinical Research - Winner’s Name Unknown
- CRA Guide to Conducting Clinical Research - Dot Malone
- Target Gift Card from Drexel - Stephanie Augustine
- Tech Kit from Walden University - Kelly Colucci
FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We would like to make you aware of several free educational opportunities which are currently available online. The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP does not endorse nor profit from these advertisements or programs noted below, 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.

RECORDED PRESENTATIONS & WEBINARS:

- **A Case Study in Mastering the Life Sciences Data Deluge and Reducing Storage Costs for Big Data**
  Sponsored by Quantum

- **An Informatics Framework for Translational Research 2.0**
  Sponsored by Remedy Informatics

- **Best Practices: Centralized Monitoring**
  Sponsored by Research Dynamics

- **Integrating Clinical Operations and Clinical Data Management Through EDC**
  Sponsored by Research Dynamics

COMPLIMENTARY PODCASTS:

- **Ride the Wave of Risk-based Site Monitoring**
  Sponsored by Medidata

- **How to Prepare for an Audit (Even When You’re Sure You Can’t Possibly Be Ready): Insider Tips From A Quality Auditor**
  Sponsored by Waters

COMPLIMENTARY WHITEPAPERS:

- **Challenges in Next-Generation Sequencing**
  Sponsored by EMC Isilon

- **Cambridge Health Institute (CHI): Hadoop’s Rise in Life Sciences**
  Sponsored by EMC Isilon

- **Translational Research 2.0 by Chris Asakiewicz Ph.D.**
  Sponsored by Remedy Informatics

- **Turning Genomics Data into Practical Insight**
  Sponsored by SGI

- **The Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics Reduces Cost of Multi-Petabyte Storage by 50% with Quantum StorNext Software**
  Sponsored by Quantum

- **BIG DATA: Managing Explosive Growth The Importance of Tiered Storage**
  Sponsored by Quantum

- **Unlocking the Value of Observational Research**
  Sponsored by PAREXEL
WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING CHAPTER MEMBERS!

We currently have 208 active members to date with 10 new members joining us in September and October.

We would like to give a warm welcome to:

Nedjma Belaid, Dorcas Casaula, Divya Chiminyan, Linda DiMario, Evelyn Koestenblatt, Mireya Montelvan-Panzer, Nancy Schulhoff, Dan Schillingburg, Debi Unger and Darleen Vecchio.

This year we launched an initiative whereby our chapter members could bring guests to our 2012 evening educational events for free. Chapter members were able to bring as many guests to an event as they liked, however, each guest could only attend one free evening educational event during 2012. We will be reviewing the response to this initiative during our 2013 Planning Meeting and will let you know if this program will continue in 2013.

Our second initiative this year was for the reimbursement for contact hours for ACRP-certified NY Metropolitan Chapter members. Details for how to submit for reimbursement appear above and can also be found at our chapter website. The deadline for submission is December 10, 2012.

As a reminder, if you do not see the New York Metropolitan Chapter on your membership renewal invoice, you can select Join a Chapter to add it before providing payment. Please be aware that there are three (3) chapters in New York (Central New York, New York Metropolitan and Western New York). The New York Metropolitan Chapter is listed midway through the listing of all of the chapters.

Please visit our chapter website at www.acrpnet.org/nymetro for more information of our coming events. For membership questions, email Jun Loquere at al2061@columbia.edu. You can also log on to www.acrpnet.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.

For additional information on placing advertisements in the quarterly newsletter or positions on the monthly Job Board, click here.

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 jholwell@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.