President’s Corner

Election Results; BOT and Officer Position Nominations EAPCCT next week
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It gives me great pleasure to announce that Robert S. Hoffman, MD, FAACT, has won the recent election and is now the next President-Elect of AACT. He will take office as President-Elect following NACCT/2010 in Denver. Please see the full announcement on page 2 of this newsletter. Please join me in congratulating Bob. Our thanks also go out to Elizabeth Scharman for running and for her continuing service to AACT.

Speaking of elections, during June of this year we will hold elections for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary, as well as two (2) Board of Trustee positions. The Nominating Committee of AACT is seeking nominations for these positions and is asking that they be submitted between May 1, 2010, and May 15, 2010. The Nominating Committee will evaluate the nominees and develop a slate of candidates for each of these positions. Any member in good standing is eligible to be considered by the Nominating Committee within the constraints of the AACT Bylaws. The online election for these positions will take place during the month of June, 2010.

Please submit all nominations along with the nominee's current curriculum vitae to me at mggreenberg199@gmail.com. Nominations will close at midnight on May 15, 2010.

The European Association of Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) is holding its XXX International Congress in Bordeaux, France from May 11-14, 2010. This is always an excellent meeting, and many EAPCCT members are also AACT members. This year’s Congress promises to be one of the best ever. The pre-congress symposium is dedicated to the Evaluation of the Poisoned Patient, with AACT members Stephen Borron, Donna Seger, and Robert S. Hoffman contributing their expertise to this forum. There are symposia during the main congress on Critical Care Toxicology, Unusual Toxic Outbreaks, Toxic Alcohol Poisonings (Chaired by Jeff Brent), and What’s New in APAP Toxicology chaired by Randall Bond and Nick Bateman, among many other fascinating programs. I urge any of our AACT members who are able to travel to France to attend the EAPCCT XXX International Congress. It promises to be an excellent scientific program, with many other keynote speakers presenting original research as well as state of the art presentations on a variety of pertinent subjects. Please see the full congress description at:
Robert S. Hoffman, MD New AACT President-Elect

Robert S. Hoffman, MD, FAACT has been elected as the new President-Elect of AACT. Dr. Hoffman will be installed as President-Elect of AACT at the business meeting at NACCT 2010 in Denver in October.

Dr. Hoffman has been a member of the board of one of the major American toxicology organizations for the major portion of the last 20 years. Through this experience, he has gained both an historical perspective of the discipline of toxicology, as well as an understanding of the collective strengths and limitations. Dr. Hoffman feels the future of the organization is dependent on our ability to cooperate. The simple fact that so many members of the Academy are also members of either ACMT or AAPCC (if not both) mandates that we be creative when we approach our differences but moreso, that we be innovative in our attempts to partner together to solve the larger toxicologic issues that challenge society as a whole.

As president of the Academy, Dr. Hoffman’s major goal will be to strengthen our relationships not only with the EAPCCT, AAPCC and ACMT, but also to bring together our respected colleagues from toxicologic societies around the globe to identify issues for collaborative efforts. Participation in large-scale endeavors will improve recognition and credibility and hopefully generate interest among potential members. In these difficult economic times it is also essential to focus on financial responsibility. The board will be challenged to increase revenue and reduce expenditures while attempting to maintain the relatively low cost of membership dues, meeting fees and expanding services to members.

Dr. Hoffman wants to work with the Board of Trustees to improve the productivity and visibility of the Academy, seek guidance and opinions directly from the membership, and to be fiscally responsible.

Upcoming Meetings

XXX International Congress of the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists
May 11-14, 2010
Bordeaux, France
http://www.eapcct.org/
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California Association of Toxicologists
Spring Meeting
May 2010
Sacramento, CA
http://www.cal-tox.org/

The Society of Toxicologic Pathology (STP)
2010 Annual Meeting
June 19-24, 2010
Chicago, Illinois
http://www.toxpath.org/

IUTOX 2010 Congress (XII International Congress of Toxicology)
July 11-15, 2010
Barcelona, Spain
http://www.icoh2009.co.za/cgi-bin/giga.cgi?c=1600

The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT)
Joint Meeting with the Society of Toxicological and Forensic Chemistry (GTFCh)
Bonn, Germany
August 29-September 2, 2010
http://tiaft2010.gtfch.org/

Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT)
October 18 - 22, 2010
Richmond, VA
http://www.soft-tox.org/

PACIFICHEM 2010
December 15-20, 2010
Honolulu, HI
http://pacifichem.org/