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2014 Roche Honoree: Dr. Michael Greenberg

Louis Roche was a founder member of the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) and one of the dominant, pioneering and fiery spirits of the APCC's early years. He was Professor of Forensic Medicine in Lyon, France, and he took a genuine interest in the work and development of Poisons Centres and their necessary strong links with forensic toxicology departments. He emphasized the importance of studying all aspects of the poisoning problem and also realized that international collaboration was vital for the then small units dedicated to poisons information work and clinical toxicology. With his enthusiasm he created the basis for founding the EAPCCT.

After his death in 1998 the EAPCCT, in recognition of Professor Roche's initiative and achievements instituted a special 'Louis Roche Lecture' to be presented during the annual congress in his memory. The honor of giving the dedicated lecture is given to members who are deemed to have contributed significantly to both the work and development of the Association and to the field of Clinical Toxicology in general. The invitees for the honor are given free reign to choose their presentation topic.



The Roche honoree for 2014 was former AACT President Michael Greenberg who presented the Roche lecture this year at the EAPCCT Congress in Brussels, Belgium. Dr. Greenberg's lecture was entitled "Sea-dumped chemical weapons: Environmental hazard/occupational risk".

Clinical Toxicology's (CTX) Impact Factor

The current Impact Factor for Clin Tox 3.12, a 20% increase over the previous year (2.59).

The IF of 3.12 is based on articles published in 2011-2012 that were cited in 2013. On average, a Clin Tox article published in 2011-2012 was cited more than 3 times in 2013.

This is the 4th year in a row that the IF has increased for the journal.

This metric means that the journal is publishing articles that are more important and valuable to the specialty each year.

AACT Toxicology Trainee Research Award

TeleTox: AACT Toxicology Trainee Research Award Given for Studies on Toxicology Training during Emergency Medicine Residencies

The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology is excited to announce this year's winner of the AACT Toxicology Trainee Research Award. JoAn Laes, MD, and her mentor, Samuel Stellpflug, MD, of HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research/Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN, were awarded \$3,750 for their project entitled "Toxicology Education in Emergency Medicine: A Formal Needs Assessment and Pilot Study." The project's goals are to survey ACGME-accredited emergency medicine programs to determine the status of access to board-certified toxicologists and the format in which they educate trainees on principles of medical toxicology. From the results of the survey, one emergency medicine residency program will be identified as the pilot site for a web-based toxicology curriculum administered by toxicology staff and fellows-in-training from the applicant's institution. Dr. Laes noted that "The project consists of a survey study on toxicology training in emergency medicine residencies, and then a pilot study of teleconference style toxicology curriculum at one of the residencies that participated in the survey. We coined the teleconference-based education as "TeleTox", which I hope is a term that catches on to become a part of the toxicology vernacular. The money will mainly go towards our institution's data collection center to assist with development of the survey and distribution. I think using



JoAn Laes, MD, Toxicology Fellow and Principal Investigator; Samuel Stellpflug, MD, Mentor, Toxicology Fellowship Director.

the expertise of the data collection center will go a long way towards improving our survey response rate, so I feel very grateful to have been awarded funding from AACT."

The AACT Toxicology Trainee Research Award is intended to support research by clinical/medical toxicology fellows in training. The AACT offers four different research awards that are awarded in alternating years. Announcements of these awards for 2014, along with the all-important deadline dates for submission (November 1 for the AACT Research Award and the AACT Junior Investigator Research Award), is posted on the AACT website. We hope to have many submissions for upcoming awards – you can do it and we hope to help.

The Society of Toxicology (SOT) AstraZeneca and the Society of Toxicology Endowment Fund...

...are very generously sponsoring ten travel fellowships for scientists to attend the SOT Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, USA, March 22–26, 2015. Applicants may be either junior or senior scientists, reside in countries where toxicology is underrepresented, and have an active research program or currently be active in the practice of toxicology.

For more information, criteria, and to complete the application, please visit <http://iutox.org/grants.asp>. Award applications must be received by October 9, 2014. Awardees will be announced in November 2014. You are urged to share this information with members of your society, colleagues in your workplace, and other interested parties. Since IUTOX is administering this awards program, candidates may direct their questions to iutoxhq@iutox.org.

Know Your New AACT Board Members

The AACT held an election for new leadership positions and a majority of active AACT members participated in electing new officers and Board members from an excellent slate of candidates. Robert Palmer was elected as the new President-Elect, S. Rutherford ("Ruddy") Rose was re-elected AACT Treasurer, Maria Mercurio-Zappala was re-elected as AACT Secretary, Christine Stork was re-elected to the Board of Trustees, and 2 new members of the Board (Kirk Cumpston and Sophie Gosselin) were elected. Get to know your two new representatives on the Board of Trustees from their brief biosketches:

Kirk Cumpston, DO, FACEP, FACMT

My graduate medical training was completed in Chicago, IL at the University of Illinois at Chicago in emergency medicine, and at the Toxikon Consortium in medical toxicology. After fellowship, I served as the Medical Director of the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center for three years. Currently at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, I am an Associate Professor in the Division of Clinical Toxicology, Department of Emergency Medicine, and have been the Medical Director of the Virginia Poison Center for seven years. At VCU, the majority of my time involves our inpatient and outpatient toxicology consult service, medical direction, medical toxicology fellowship, house staff and medical student rotations and research.

I have been active in the AACT for 13 years since I joined as a fellow in 2001. The AACT has been and will continue to be the core of my education, and reciprocally the forum of my lectures, platforms and abstracts at the NACCT. I have been a moderator of an AACT preliminary session, platform speaker, member of interest groups, published multiple abstracts and an abstract reviewer for 7 years. The Journal of Clinical Toxicology has also been my source for global research in toxicology. I have served the editors as a reviewer and contributed as an author with multiple publications. Most recently I was appointed Co-Chair of the AACT CME committee. This experience has been challenging and rewarding at the same time, but I have already benefitted greatly from interactions with the leadership of the AACT. Naturally, I intend to give back to the organization that has given me so much by becoming a member of the Board of Trustees.

As a member of the Board of Trustees my primary goal will be to promote our academic mission through quality education and research. The AACT can be innovative

in maximizing the academic opportunities it provides its members and others, and should incorporate our other medical colleagues to diversify membership. Inclusiveness has always been the strength of the AACT. I will be honored to represent you on the Board of Trustees.

Sophie Gosselin, MD, FRCPC

After training in emergency medicine, I completed a 2-year medical toxicology fellowship in 2005 with the Quebec Centre Antipoison and Newcastle Mater Misericordia Hospital, Australia. I then founded, and now direct, an inpatient Medical Toxicology consultation service in Montreal at McGill University Health Centre, where I am an Associate professor of Medicine and an emergency attending. Our 4-week medical toxicology elective and 2-year clinical pharmacology and toxicology fellowship train residents from many different specialties. As a consultant to the Quebec and Alberta Poison Control centers and to an addiction medicine clinic, I measure how we can participate in preventive health. These interdisciplinary contacts constantly remind me why our subspecialty needs to actively share our knowledge with the medical community.

With over 15 years experience in professional organizations, I have been active either as scientific chair, congress organizer, speaker or toxicology roadshow faculty with AMUQ and CAEP since 2006. I have been attending NACCT since 2001, EAPCCT since 2005 and participated in APAMT symposium organizations.

As co-chair of EXTRIP and chair of an AACT committee (lipid emulsion in acute poisoning), the value of interdisciplinary collaboration is a focus of mine. When moderating these groups' discussions, I strive to engage all participants to share their expertise and reach a consensus.

I am an efficient and collegial team member, either as a leader or participant. I am thorough, complete tasks on time and duly follow-up on issues, with enough flexibility to be productive and accommodating to life's surprises. I believe in the benefits of collaborative work, understanding that many of us participate voluntarily to our association's initiatives above and beyond our regular activities.

I would like to bring to the Academy a renewed focus on interdisciplinary collaboration and translation of evidence-based knowledge.

NACCT Masked Ball & Dinner Cruise

Sold Out!



Monday, October 20 • 7:00-9:00 pm

Savor the beauty and romance of New Orleans from the decks of the Steamboat Natchez. Cruise along the Mississippi River while enjoying live jazz music, a buffet dinner and watching the lights come up over the city. This authentic paddle-wheel steamboat is one of only six still operating on the Mississippi River. As the Natchez glides past the French Quarter and through one of the world's most active ports, you begin to understand the magic of the experience. For all its history and romance, the excitement of riding a steamboat is as real and rich and genuine now as it was a century ago.

Highlights of the Evening:

- Special designated area on board for attendees of the "North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology" conference to enhance networking opportunities.

- A casual buffet dinner featuring the special flavors of New Orleans.
- Live jazz music performed by the Grammy-nominated "Dukes of Dixieland."
- Incredible views of the skyline and the city lighting up throughout the evening.
- Transportation will be provided to and from the Sheraton Hotel for those wishing not to walk, if you wish to walk and observe the beautiful scenery the walk is a short 15 min stroll to the dock.

Cost of this event \$30 if you are a conference attendee or guest. Space is limited to 190 so register early.

Join your colleagues and friends for a relaxing evening savoring all that is New Orleans!

NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS OF CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY 2014

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OCTOBER 17- 21, 2014**

Continuing Education Sessions

Session	ACPE Program Number	MD	RN	RPH
October 17, 2014				
ACMT Pre Meeting Symposium: At the precipice of quality health care: The role of the toxicologist in enhancing patient and medication safety	0225-9999-14-200-L05-P (K)	7.25	8.7	7.25
October 18, 2014				
AACT Pre Meeting Symposium: Critical Care Update for the Toxicologist	0225-9999-14-201-L05-P (K)	7.75	9.3	7.75
ACMT Clinical Pathophysiology (CPC)	0225-9999-14-204-L04-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
October 19, 2014				
Keynote Presentation	0225-9999-14-205-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
ACMT Ellenhorn Lecture: Whole Bowel Irrigation: Conception, Development, Acceptance and Application	0225-9999-14-222-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
How to Teach Tox SIM	0225-9999-14-206-L04-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
AAPCC Updates	0225-9999-14-207-L04-P (K)	0.5	.06	0.5
EAPCCT Symposium: New recreational drugs of abuse - Developments in Europe and North America. How can we improve collaborations to detect these sooner?	0225-9999-14-208-L04-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
PEC: A Harm Reduction Approach to Injury Prevention: Naloxone Rescue Kits in the Community	0225-9999-14-209-L05-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
PEC Poison Myth vs. Fact: Internet, Folklore, and Other Remedies	0225-9999-14-210-L05-P (K)	1.0	1.5	1.0
Platform Session I	0225-9999-14-211-L05-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
PEC: When the Water Isn't Safe to Drink: Inside the West Virginia Water Crisis	0225-9999-14-212-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
PEC: The Art of Presentation: How to Address Education Barriers and Audience Segmentation	0225-9999-14-213-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
ACMT Practice Symposium: The Creation and Preservation of a Medical Toxicology Service	0225-9999-14-214-L05-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
ABAT Symposium: Clinically relevant herb-drug interactions: Past, present, future	0225-9999-14-215-L05-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
PEC: Poisons in Pop Culture VI: 2014 NACCT Team Trivia	0225-9999-14-216-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
ACMT Fellows-in-Training Roundtable Symposium: Evaluation of Job Options	0225-9999-14-217-L04-P (K)	1.0		1.0

NACCT Continuing Education Sessions, continued from page 7

October 20, 2014				
AAPCC/CDC Joint Symposium: Utilizing PPC Data for Public Health Surveillance	0225-9999-14-218-L04-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
How to Teach Tox SIM	0225-9999-14-219-L04-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
HRSA Updates	0225-9999-14-220-L04-P (K)	0.5	0.6	0.5
PEC Drug Recognition Experts and the Drug-Impaired Driver	0225-9999-14-221-L04-P (K)	2.0	2.4	2.0
AACT Career Lectureship	0225-9999-14-248-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
AACT Scientific Symposium: Increasing Naloxone availability as a harm reduction measure for opioid poisoning	0225-9999-14-223-L03-P (K)	1.5	1.8	1.5
PEC: Key Messages and Core Functions of U.S. Poison Centers:Survey Results	0225-9999-14-224-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
ACMT Fellows-in-Training Luncheon		1.0		
CAPCC Symposium: Poison Centers and Public Health-Disaster Preparedness	0225-9999-14-225-L04-P (K)	1.5	1.8	1.5
SIM Teaching Lab	0225-9999-14-226-L04-P (A)	3.0	3.6	3.0
AACT Fellow's Abstract Platform Session	0225-9999-14-227-L04-P (K)	1.5	1.8	1.5
PEC: Unlocking the Silent Support of Poison Centers in a Funding Crisis	0225-9999-14-228-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
Platform Session II	0225-9999-14-229-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
AACT Occupational Interactive Studies in Public Health Symposium	0225-9999-14-230-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
PEC: Educator Research Award: Outreach to School Nurses	0225-9999-14-231-L04-P (K)	0.5	.6	0.5
PEC: Swap & Share	0225-9999-14-232-L04-P (K)	1.5	1.8	1.5
October 21, 2014				
ACMT Scientific Symposium: Frontiers in Pain Pharmacotherapy	0225-9999-14-233-L01-P (K)	1.5	1.8	1.5
PEC: Distance Learning Nuts and Bolts: How to Conduct a Webinar	0225-9999-14-234-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
APAMT Symposium: Drug Abuse and Complications in Asia	0225-9999-14-235-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
AACT Articles You May Have Missed	0225-9999-14-236-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
AAPCCC Veterinary Symposium: Marijuana Exposures in Animals	0225-9999-14-237-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
PEC: MADD Using Proven Education Methods to Reduce Underage Alcohol Use	0225-9999-14-238-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
Toxicological Historical Society	0225-9999-14-239-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
Public Educators Symposium: Promoting Food Safety: Surveillance, Partnerships, and Education	0225-9999-14-240-L04-P (K)	1.5	1.8	1.5
AACT SIG Radiation Safety/WMD Symposium: Assessment of Internal contamination: What every toxicologist should know	0225-9999-14-241-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
SPI Clinical Symposium: Emerging Drugs of Abuse: Finding the Reality Beneath the Headline	0225-9999-14-242-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
AACT Acute and Intensive Care Symposium	0225-9999-14-243-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
PEC: The Art of Presentation: How to Address Education Barriers and Audience Segmentation	0225-9999-14-244-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0

SPI Best Practices Symposium: NACCT 2014 Button Battery Ingestion	0225-9999-14-245-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
Platform Session III	0225-9999-14-246-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
SPI Roundtable: Colchicine: Treatment Fit for a King	0225-9999-14-247-L04-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
Toxicology News hour	0225-9999-14-249-L03-P (K)	1.0	1.2	1.0
	Maximum Hours	43.5	50.4	42.5

“K” denotes knowledge-based activity; “A” denotes application-based activity

TAKE YOUR SIM TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

LEARN HOW INCORPORATE SIM INTO YOUR TOX CURRICULUM.

Simulation in medical education is increasing for all disciplines and levels. Whether you are a nurse, physician or pharmacist there is a good chance that you have had the opportunity to learn via the use of a simulation lab. Time to take the next step!

Join Jeffrey Holmes, MD, Director of Medical Simulation for the Department of Emergency Medicine at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME as he “trains the trainer”. Let Jeff help you figure out how to incorporate simulation teaching into a toxicology curriculum for your students, residents, and fellows. There will a general introductory session with an overview of simulation and the integration of toxicology. There will also be a second, experiential session for a limited number of participants, to get hands-on practice with the mannequin running tox scenarios.

Check the NACCT app or schedule for dates and times! Hope to see you at what will be a fun and useful session.

Meet the Keynote Speaker: Deborah Blum



Deborah Blum is the Pulitzer Prize–winning author of five books, most recently *The Poisoner’s Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York*, which was named as one of the top one hundred books of 2010 by Amazon. A highly acclaimed science journalist and former president of the National Association of Science Writers, Deborah is also co-editor of *A Field Guide for Science Writers*. Her work has been translated into more than a dozen languages, optioned for film, and has appeared in numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *Slate*, *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Guardian*, *Discover*, and *Health*. She also writes about chemistry and culture for the Public Library of Science at her blog, *Speakeasy Science*.

Deborah is the Helen Firstbrook Franklin Professor of Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she teaches science writing, creative nonfiction, and literary journalism.

NACCT 2014 Abstract Reviews

Submitted by Ziad Kazzi, MD

The AACT would like to acknowledge the following members of the NACCT 2014 Abstract Review Committee. Their dedication and expertise while reviewing the hundreds of submitted abstracts are invaluable and crucial to the success of the NACCT.

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You are Invited to the Annual AACT Members and Fellow Reception on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 7:45 pm. Come and congratulate the AACT Award Winners and the Newly Inducted Fellows!

Career Achievement Award

William Banner, MD, PhD, FAACT

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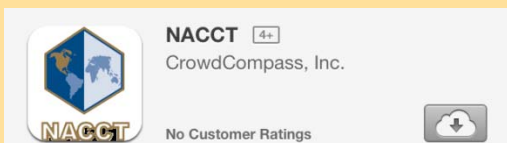
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3. Tap to open the event and enter event code NACCT2014 (note this is case-sensitive)

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Remembering Linda G. Allison, MD, MPH, FACEP

Submitted by John Benitez, MD and Michael Hodgman, MD

Linda G. Allison, MD, MPH, FACEP, passed away at her home in Arrington, TN, on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Linda was the daughter of Patricia and the late Harold Allison of Paris, IL. She was born on February 10, 1954 in Mattoon, IL. Surviving her is her husband (married in 1982) John G. Benitez, MD, MPH, FAACT, FACMT, FACOEM, FACPM, FAAEM, FACEP (and US Army Reserves Lieutenant Colonel, 332nd Medical Brigade).

She worked in various locations in central Illinois in Emergency Medicine (Havana, Astoria, Springfield, and Bloomington). She then moved and worked in emergency medicine in Nashville, TN, and then joined the emergency medical faculty at West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, WV. Linda joined the faculty of Chatham College in Pittsburgh in 1995 and became the director of the Physician Assistant training program there. Later, she moved to Le Moyne College in Syracuse NY and became the Chair of the program there and its first Professor before moving to TN



where she was faculty (Assoc. Professor) in the new School of Pharmacy at Belmont University in Nashville. She was also an adjunct associate professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the Pharmacology Department. She was a member of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology and had presentations at several NACCT meetings.

She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Franklin, TN. Singing in the choir there was one of her greater joys. She was an accomplished artist and musician, a kind and generous person, and passionate about helping those in need.

One may make a memorial contribution to the Linda G. Allison, MD, MPH Scholarship for the Medical Humanities at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (SIUF.org), Breast Cancer Organization (breastcancer.org), any

hospice program, UMCOR (UMCOR.org), Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org), Red Cross (redcross.org), UNICEF (unicef.org), Nature Conservancy (nature.org), or Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org); or the charity of your choice.

