

Out-going President's Letter

Dear colleagues and friends,

It has been my privilege and honor to work with you during the past 2 years as the president of. It was also my great pleasure to work with Drs. Lisa Eng (In-coming President), Calvin Pan (Vice President) and my fellow board members. I appreciate the guidance, wisdom and support from ACAP Advisory Board (the past presidents of ACAP), especially, Dr. Bing Lu (2002-2004), Dr. Huachen Wei (2004-2006) and Dr. Henry Chen (2006-2008).

With the tireless efforts of the executive committee and all of the board members, ACAP has made great progress in the past year. I also welcome you to the 2010 ACAP Annual conference and hope you enjoy the gala dinner and performance.

Thanks to Dr. Lisa Eng and ACAP staff, we had two very successful symposiums in 2009 and 2010 (Fall Clinical Symposium at the Battery Park and ACAP Annual Practice Management Conference at Lutheran Medical Center). The health fair at Flushing in September, 2009 was a successful event with the participation of many ACAP members, local community organizations, World Journal, NYHQ and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. As usual, we had a great turnout at the 2009 year-end party at Mudan Banquet Hall, Flushing, which was jointly sponsored by ECAP. I am sure you all enjoyed the excellent professional education programs and the opportunity to socialize with your colleagues.

The chairs of various ACAP committees actively participated in various ACAP activities and functions in the past year. The Conference Committee led by Dr. Calvin Pan (Chair) and Pauline Lau (Vice Chair) worked closely with Dr. Lisa Eng and Mr. Alex Chan (ACAP administrator) as well as chairs of each session to put together an excellent program for 2010 Annual Convention. The Fundraising Committee led by Dr. ZiLi He (Chair) and Dr. Jun Xu (Vice Chair) made a great effort in raising fund for ACAP in this time of economic downturn. The Community/Outreach Committee led Dr. Hanbin Zheng (Chair) and Dr. Wei Ning Liang (Vice Chair) participated in many community activities, including meeting with World Journal to clarify the report on malpractice issues and press conference on the FDA Black Box Warning on Plavix (together with the leaders from CAMS and CAIPA) as well as a press conference on Obama's healthcare reform. Through these activities, ACAP has become increasingly important to the Chinese community as a leader to turn to for health related matters.

The Student/Resident/Fellow (SRF) committee led by Dr. Lanjing Zhang (Chair) and Dr. Jian Jun Zhang (Vice Chair) with the help of Dr. Lisa Eng and Mr. Alex Chan, organized several events to help CMGs prepare for residency training in the USA. One of the events was a mock interview in October, 2009 which was extremely well received and organized with Dr. David Wlody, Chair of Anesthesiology at LICH, and with Dr. Joseph Chambers, Chair of Ob/Gyn, they graciously gave up a Saturday morning to conduct the interviews. In addition, Dr. Lanjing Zhang worked with the Chair of Internal Medicine at NYHQ and successfully placed several CMGs into the department for observership. We really appreciate Dr. Lanjing Zhang's tireless effort and great contribution to ACAP and to all CMGs.

The Research Committee led by Dr. Ruliang Xu (Chair) and Dr. Peng Lee (Vice Chair) together with Dr. Calvin Pan continue making progress on two projects: The Asian Breast Cancer (ABC) Project jointly sponsored by ACAP and NYHQ and The HONE (Hepatitis Outreach Network) jointly sponsored by ACAP and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. We thank their efforts and the support from many ACAP members.

I would like to make a special thanks to Dr. Lisa Eng, the in-coming president, who has made unparalleled contributions to the growth of ACAP. Dr. Eng reached out to many important organizations including the Medical Society of the State of New York, the Medical Society of the Counties of Queens, King and Richmond, office of Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes, Manhattan Borough President Stringer and Brooklyn Borough President Markowitz, to name a few. Because of her connections and effort, ACAP has received many awards including a Community Service Award from the Kings County District Attorney's office. In addition to her participation in ACAP, she also actively participates in many community activities and organizations for which she received numerous awards including Kings County District Attorney Hynes' "Extraordinary Woman Award"; Manhattan Borough President Stringer's Community Service Award, and the American College of Obstetrician/Gynecologists Community Service Award.

Finally, I would like to thanks the members of ACAP executive office, including Mr. Alex Chen, Ms. Jan Shi, Ms. Jacqueline Lee and Dr. Ming Zhu. Without their tireless work and great contribution, ACAP could not have achieved so much in 2009.

I am sure under the leadership of Dr. Lisa Eng and board members, ACAP will continue to grow and flourish.

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