



UPDATE

Assuring and Advancing Quality in Pharmacy Education

ACPE Launches Newly Redesigned Website

After months of hard work and dedication, ACPE is delighted to officially announce the launch of our newly designed website in early November. The site has a fresh, streamlined look, with a structure that makes important information easy to access and will ensure a positive user experience in accessing information. In addition to the changed design and layout of the pages, new functions include an enhanced search feature and an organized repository of key ACPE communications across all functional areas.

ACPE's goal with this new website design is to provide our stakeholders with an easier and more efficient way to access information, tools and resources that are relevant to their needs. The revamped site provides direct access to content in four main program areas, including PharmD Program Accreditation, Continuing Education Provider Accreditation, International Services Program (ISP), and the Pharmacy Technician Education Accreditation Collaboration through portals with the main page of the site. ACPE will also continually update content on timely news and information, program area newsletters, press releases, and event notifications.

Although all ACPE staff members supported the revision of the website, we would like to specifically recognize **Cynthia Avery** and **Lauren Donnelly** who devoted significant effort and enthusiasm to ensuring that the revised website meets the needs of ACPE's diverse stakeholders. We hope you enjoy the upgrades to the website! ■

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ACPE to Co-Sponsor Pharmacy Technician Stakeholder Consensus Conference

For pharmacists to be able to provide enhanced patient care services, they undoubtedly depend on working with well-qualified pharmacy technicians. Today, there is great movement toward obtaining provider status for pharmacists at the state level as well as federal legislative

initiatives. However, regulatory expectations for pharmacy technician education, training, certification, registration and licensure vary greatly among the boards of pharmacy in the U.S.

To stimulate important, profession-wide dialog about the state of pharmacy technician qualifications, ACPE, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) are jointly planning and sponsoring the *Pharmacy Technician Stakeholder Consensus Conference*, scheduled for February 14–16, 2017, at the Omni Mandalay Hotel Las Colinas in Irvine, Texas. This invitational conference will involve approximately 100 participants from all aspects of pharmacy, including pharmacists and technicians from various practice settings, non-pharmacists, patients, public representatives, organizational leaders, educators, and regulators.

The purpose of the conference, in the face of tremendous variation across states and practice sites, is to recommend how pharmacy technicians can be adequately prepared and competent to enter practice, regardless of the setting, and perform their occupational responsibilities in a safe and effective manner.

The specific aim of this invitational conference is to achieve consensus for the profession of pharmacy regarding six specific goals:

Conference Goals

As a profession, we aim to come together to affirm or determine:

1. The necessity of public confidence in pharmacy's process for ensuring the competency of pharmacy technicians.
2. The entry-level ("generalist") knowledge, skills, and abilities that all pharmacy technicians must have regardless of practice site.
3. The definition of entry-level ("generalist") pharmacy technician practice with respect to (a) legally recognized scope of practice; (b) educational requirements; (c) training requirements; (d) certification requirements; and (e) state board of pharmacy registration or licensure.



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4. The desirability and feasibility of developing a process for recognizing competencies of pharmacy technicians beyond entry-level practice.
5. The desirability and feasibility of minimizing variability among the states in the definition and regulation of pharmacy technicians.
6. The entities that optimally should take responsibility for any changes in pharmacy's process for ensuring the competency of pharmacy technicians.

These goals were developed with input from the conference's Advisory Committee. Members of the Advisory Committee, selected to provide broad perspectives from the profession, include:

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Director, Pharmacy Affairs
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Malcolm Broussard, RPh

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If you have thoughts on issues you believe need to be carefully considered as part of the Conference agenda, please let me know (pvlases@acpe-accredit.org). The spring 2017 issue of the *ACPE UPDATE* will provide a summary of the Conference proceedings and recommendations. **STAY TUNED!** ■

UPCOMING ACPE ACTIVITIES**OCTOBER 18–19, 2016****CPE Administrators Workshop** Chicago, Illinois

Registration for the CPE Administrators Workshop is now closed. ACPE offers webinars on the Continuing Pharmacy Education Standards that are designed to provide a working knowledge of the ACPE accreditation process as it relates to continuing pharmacy education, including training and activities on the ACPE Standards for Continuing Pharmacy Education and Policies and Procedures. To access these webinar programs, please go to webinars.acpe-accredit.org.

NOVEMBER 14–15, 2016**CPD Steering Committee Meeting** Chicago, Illinois**NOVEMBER 15–17, 2016****CPE Commission Meeting** Chicago, Illinois**NOVEMBER 21–22, 2016****International Commission Meeting** Chicago, Illinois**JANUARY 18–21, 2017****ACPE January Board Meeting** Chicago, Illinois**Scholarship of CPE Award goes to Arijana Meštrović and Mike Rouse**

ACPE proudly shares that the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Continuing Professional Development Section recognized ACPE Director of International Services, Mike Rouse, and Arijana Meštrović as this year's recipients of the AACP **Innovation in CPE Award**. The award, presented in July at the AACP Annual Meeting, recognizes the article *Pillars and Foundations of Quality for Continuing Education in Pharmacy*, authored by Rouse and Meštrović and published last year in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. The selection committee highlighted key contributions of this article to advancing innovation in CPE, stating their work "helps expand understanding of continuing education (CE) and continuing professional development (CPD); defines elements that comprise quality continuing education and how we as pharmacists can evaluate the potential value of individual CE/CPD programs." The article also guides providers to self-evaluate the activities they currently offer and how to improve and enhance offerings. Peter Vlasses added, "Peer recognition of excellence is among the highest honors one can receive. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Mike and Arijana for their scholarly contribution to the CE/CPD field!" ■



Mike Rouse and Arijana Meštrović receive the AACP Innovation in CPE Award

Congratulations!

Highlights of June Board Meeting

The ACPE Board of Directors met on June 23–25, 2016, to discuss accreditation actions for professional programs, providers of continuing pharmacy education, for Joint Accreditation for Inter-professional Continuing Education™, and in collaboration with ASHP, pharmacy technician education and training programs. The Board also considered actions for professional degree programs based outside of the U.S. The complete proceedings for the June Board of Directors meeting can be found at www.acpe-accredit.org.

During this meeting, ACPE installed four new board members, **Marie A. Chisholm-Burns**, **Sharon Hahs**, **LuGina Mendez-Harper**, and **Martha M. Rumore**. These Board members will serve from 2016–2022. ACPE would like to express its deep appreciation to the outgoing Board members, **Barbara G. Burch**, **Bruce Canaday**,

Stephanie Gardner, and **Dennis McAllister** for their service on the ACPE Board, providing immeasurable leadership and guidance during their terms in office.

The ACPE Board met with representatives from its organizational sponsors, the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACPh), and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to discuss matters of common interest.

Members of the ACPE Public Interest Panel also met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the professional degree programs scheduled for review. These individuals do not have a pharmacy connection and serve as advisors to the ACPE Board of Directors to bring a public perspective to Board deliberations. ■

Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Council (PTAC) Holds Biannual Meeting

The Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Council held its biannual meeting May 4–5, 2016, in Bethesda, Maryland. The Commission reviewed site survey visit reports for 16 new programs and 11 previously accredited programs seeking reaccreditation. Midterm reports and special case reports were also reviewed along with 44 applications for new program directors. As of the date of the meeting, 272 programs are in the accreditation process, which includes

accredited programs and programs in candidate status.

In addition, members also discussed key issues related to program growth, collaborations, potential opportunities for underserved populations, ongoing updates to the guidance document, and communication of accreditation decisions. The next PTAC meeting will be held October 24–25, 2016, at ASHP headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. ■



Members of PTAC, along with staff members from ACPE and ASHP, gather for their bi-annual meeting.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

ACPE's ISP Team Attends FIP

ACPE was pleased to participate in the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Annual Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina. ACPE hosted a booth in the exhibit hall, participated in the Dean's Forum, academic section meetings and the FIP Council Meeting. ACPE also held informal meetings with several Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partners. At ACPE's welcome reception, representatives from ISP leadership, sponsor organizations, MOU partners and other stakeholders engaged in networking and conversation. Mr. Luc Besançon, FIP CEO, brought greetings to the attendees of the ACPE reception.

ACPE staff have made significant contributions to the FIP Education Initiative (FIPEd) and the development of education and workforce-related tools and resources, notably FIP's Global Framework for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education and FIP's Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Education Global Report. FIPEd was a major focus of the Congress. These valuable FIP education and workforce publications can be accessed at fip.org/educationreports.

Michael J. Rouse, BPharm (Hons), MPS, Assistant Executive Director, Professional Affairs and Director, International Services at ACPE chaired the annual meeting of the Quality Assurance (QA) Domain of the FIPEd Education Development Team. Mr. Rouse also chaired two roundtable discussions at FIP. A session on FIPEd education and



During the FIP meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, ACPE officially engaged with the Montenegro Chamber of Pharmacists to launch a SMART Pharmacy Project that focuses on continuing education, quality assessment of pharmacy education and introduction of new services in pharmacy practice.

development tools consisted of a group discussion on ways to enhance and expand the use of FIP's Global Framework for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education by individuals, institutions, member organizations, and countries. The roundtable on the Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education discussed the Workforce Development Goal related to Quality Assurance and Accreditation. ■

COIMBATORE, INDIA

Indian Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Honors Mike Rouse

ACPE's Director of International Services, **Mike Rouse**, was honored by the Indian Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (IACP) with its Distinguished Service Award. The award honors individuals who have significantly contributed to Pharmacy education in India. Mike's selection for this honor reinforces the value of ACPE's International Services Program in helping other countries assure and advance the quality of their pharmacy education. Mike received the award during the IACP convention in Coimbatore, India, in April 2016.



Mike Rouse receives the Distinguished Service Award from IACP.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

SPLIT, CROATIA

Life Long Learning in Pharmacy Conference

ACPE was one of the sponsors of the 11th International Conference on Life Long Learning in Pharmacy (LLLLP) 2016. The conference, which focuses on advancing continuing education and continuing professional development of pharmacists globally, offered a variety of workshops, discussions, poster sessions and opportunities for participants to network. **Mike Rouse**, Director, International Services Program, and **Jennifer Baumgartner**, Assistant Director, Continuing Pharmacy Education Provider Accreditation Program, were in attendance at the conference and presented workshops and posters. ■



...and back in CHICAGO

ACPE Hosts Visitors from the Democratic Republic of Congo

ACPE was honored to host faculty members from the University of Kinshasa (UK) Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (FOPS), Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Representatives from UK met with leaders from Chicago State University College of Pharmacy, Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy, Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science College of Pharmacy and the University of Illinois–Chicago College of Pharmacy to discuss educational competencies, the CAPE Outcomes and ways that they may better align their pharmacy curriculum with the priorities of the DRC Ministries of Health and Education. International guests included, **Ruphin Mulongo**, Country Project Director–SIAPS, Management Sciences for Health, **Francine Nsuadi Manga**, Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kinshasa, **Gaston Tona Lutete**, Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kinshasa, **Robert Tuala Tuala**, Senior Technical Advisor/Provincial Coordinator–SIAPS, Management Sciences for Health, and **Pascal Takaisi Kikuni**, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kinshasa. The meeting was supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through ACPE's collaboration with Management Sciences for Health (MSH). ■



ACPE staff and leaders from U.S. schools and colleges meet with representatives from the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Dr. Vlasses participates in a workshop on the role of accreditation in enhancing quality in health professional education.

Vlasses Participates in Health Professional Workshop

April 21–22, 2016, **Peter Vlasses** participated on the planning committee of The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's 2-day public workshop on innovation in health professional education titled, "The Role of Accreditation in Enhancing Quality and Innovation in Health Professions Education: A Workshop." This workshop explored overall changes in society, health, health care, and education and their potential impact on program accreditation across the continuum of health professional education. During this workshop, Dr. Vlasses presented a breakout session titled, "Collaborating for harmonization of competency-based standards across professions." In this session, Dr. Vlasses facilitated discussion around competency-based accreditation standards and interprofessional collaborative practice. He also served on a panel session titled, "Core Competencies that Apply to All Health Professions." ■

ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION STATISTICS

- **140 Colleges and Schools with Accreditation Status**
 - 131 Colleges and Schools with Full Accreditation
 - 6 Colleges and Schools with Candidate Status
 - 3 Colleges and Schools with Precandidate Status
- **345 Continuing Education Providers with Accreditation Status**
- **1 Continuing Education Provider has Inactive Status**
- **1 Continuing Education Provider has Probation Status**
- **8 Pharmacy degree programs outside the USA with Certification**

Staff Highlight: Lauren Donnelly



Lauren Donnelly serves as the Administrative Coordinator/Receptionist. Lauren manages the Executive Director's calendar and travel arrangements, coordinates the logistics for ACPE meetings and workshops, assists with day-to-day operations, and has been instrumental in the revision of the ACPE website.

For eight years prior to joining ACPE, she worked as a professional event planner and fundraiser, which included organizing weddings, non-profit galas, golf events, professional meetings, and themed events for kids and families. New to the field of pharmacy education and accreditation, Lauren enjoys learning new things every day in the friendly work environment at ACPE.

Lauren earned a BS degree in Hospitality Management from Eastern Illinois University. She works out regularly and runs charity 5K's and obstacle course races. Lauren has also raised a million dollars for the American Cancer Society. Additionally, Lauren and her husband, Eric, bought their first house in May, and they are currently renovating it. ■

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