Scholarship & Funding

APGO Development Committee Update

The APGO Development Committee met in March and held a conference call in October to review the budget for APGO grant funded programs, investments and the potential for future funding. The committee discussed the 2011 APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program. It was decided that the topics of focus for the 2012 endowment awards would be:

- Fourth Year Transition from Student to Doctor: Preparations for Residency
- Innovations in the Academic Setting: Resources for Educators and Learners in Ob-Gyn Education
- Open Category for Best in Women's Health Education

The committee also considered recommendations for future projects that will be supported by the Board Designated Fund, including the Academic Scholars and Leaders Program, Resident Scholars Award Program, and the Clerkship Directors’ School. Three new online educational modules were discussed: interactions with Industry, A Medical Student Guide, Electroscopy, and Nausea and Vomiting of Pregnancy. The committee also approved two fundraising events: APGO will host its 2nd Annual SK Fun Run Walk at the 2012 Faculty Development Seminar; and an outdoor networking party at the 2012 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting.

2011 APGO Development Committee Members

Susan M. Cox, MD, CHS
Amy Shu-Yee Kung, MD, APGO Secretary-Treasurer
John R. Fischer, MD
Robert F. Posa, MD, MBA, MPH, APGO Secretary-Treasurer-Elect
John G. Gianopoulos, MD, APGO President
Bruce A. Meyers, MD, MBA
Steven E. Roth, MD, MBA
Amy E. Young, MD, APGO President-Elect

Grant-Funded Programs

APGO Resident Scholars Award Program

The APGO Resident Scholars Award Program introduces residents who have expressed an interest in medical education to the activities and benefits of APGO at an early stage in their careers. Since its inception, the award has inspired numerous residents to choose a career in women’s health education.

The 2011 APGO Resident Scholar Award recipients were each given $1,000 in travel funds to attend the 2011 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting. The recipients of the 2011 APGO Resident Scholars Awards were:

- Mallory Ann B. Smith, MD, New York Medical College
- Shalini S. Sridhara, MD, University of California, San Francisco
- Soumya D. Srinivasan, MD, University of Michigan
- Lauren L. Williams, MD, University of Pennsylvania

Thank You to Our Partners

Corporate Liaison Council (CLC) Update

APGO leaders and industry representatives participated in a meeting and networking program led by CLC chair and APGO President-Elect Amy E. Young, MD, at their spring meeting in March. After an update of recent APGO programs and activities, the group discussed next steps in a project to develop a policy statement on interactions between medical professionals and industry representatives, a policy which APGO strongly supports. Doctor Young solicited volunteers for a task force that convened in May and worked throughout the summer on the industry relations project. Due to weather, the regularly scheduled August meeting was rescheduled for January 2012.

CLC Mission

To foster a collegial partnership between industry and the medical education community, the CLC consists of corporate representatives and industry representatives, a policy which APGO strongly supports. Doctor Young solicited volunteers for a task force that convened in May and worked throughout the summer on the industry relations project. Due to weather, the regularly scheduled August meeting was rescheduled for January 2012.

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APGO in Review

A message from APGO President John G. Gianopoulos, MD

At the end of my two-year term draws to a close, I am once again grateful for the opportunity to serve as APGO’s leader and focus on APGO’s activities of the past year in the annual report. Since 1963, APGO has provided optimal resources and support to the educators who inspire, instruct, develop and empower women’s health care providers of tomorrow. Over the past 48 years, the organization has made great strides in improving the quality of care available to women and setting the educational standards for medical students in the United States and Canada. This year was no different, thanks to the boundless efforts and achievements of APGO’s leadership, staff, and most importantly, our valued members.

As you may recall, my presidential agenda focuses upon two primary strategies: restructuring the relationship between industry and women’s health care providers and improving patient safety across the continuum. The past year has not only brought to fruition many new member programs and resources within these areas and beyond, but also saw the inception of future improvements to industry-physics collaboration and medical student education.

A new online learning module, Interactions with Industry: A Medical Student Guide, was launched in March of this year. This resource is designed to offer medical students didactic instruction for ethical and professional interactions with industry, new and throughout their careers. I invite you to read more about this resource within this report.

During the past few months, the APGO Board of Directors has developed a draft “Position Statement on Ob-Gyn Educators’ Interaction with Industry” at a meeting scheduled for January 2012, representatives from the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG) and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) will join us in developing this position statement. Our goal is to finalize the statement and publish it in early 2012.

Finally, in March, I will have the honor of welcoming Amy E. Young, MD, as she is sworn in as the next APGO President. Doctor Young is the Abe McKey Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Louisiana State University, and I am confident that she will lead the organization toward new horizons in women’s health education during her tenure.

Sincerely,

John G. Gianopoulos, MD
APGO President
A Message from the UMEC Chair

Nadine T. Katz, MD

Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

I am happy to report that 2011 was another busy and productive year for UMEC. It was, however, bittersweet since it was my last year to serve on the committee and as the UMEC chair. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a member of the committee for the past eight years, the last two as chair, and continue to be amazed by the talent of individual members and collective achievements of the committee as a whole. I am certainly going to miss my fellow UMEC members and the honor of serving on a committee so vital to the fulfillment of APGO’s mission.

In March 2012, I will have the honor of transitioning the UMEC leadership to Nancy Poelge, MD, MSc, as the next UMEC chair. Doctor Hooephon is an Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of Obstetrics at Hopkins University, and has been instrumental to the accomplishments of the committee since becoming a member in 2008. Also in 2012 we will welcome three new UMEC members: Brittany Star Hampton, MD, Brown University/Women & Infants Hospital; Sarah M. Page, MD, Uniformed Services University; and Samantha Buyer-Joyner, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University/Farleigh Dickinson University.

This year included breakout sessions for the first time.

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