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## **ACCAHC Tuesday Letter: August 23, 2011**

*Sent one or more Tuesdays of each month to ACCAHC leaders, friends and project participants.*

Hello ACCAHC Board Members, Working Group Members, Organizational Leaders, Advisers, Key Donors & Friends -- This is the **26th** Tuesday Letter. If you wish to communicate something with the whole group, please let us know. This letter is also attached.

### **Life University commits \$15,000 as an ACCAHC Sustaining Donor!**

[Life University](#) of Marietta, Georgia has chosen to become a member of the [ACCAHC Sustaining Donors Group](#) through a commitment of \$5000 per year for 3 years (\$15,000). The donations support ACCAHC basic operations. The contribution follows Life's exploration of ACCAHC via the participation of Gerald Clum, DC, presidential liaison for external affairs and past president of Life West, at the ACCAHC Biennial Meeting. According to Clum, the decision of Life president [Guy Riekeman, DC](#) to support ACCAHC is "a further extension of the University's mission to contribute to policy development in our nation's healthcare system." He adds: "We look forward to being part of ACCAHC." Life joins Bastyr University and the Leo S. Guthman Fund in the Sustaining Donors Group for 2011. Many thanks!

### **Definition of "Patient Centered Outcomes Research" - ACCAHC team works to respond to PCORI by August 31: Your input sought**

A subgroup of members of the ACCAHC Research Working Group met August 22, 2011 to begin crafting ACCAHC responses to two calls for public input on critical research matters. The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research institute (PCORI) seeks input on its Definition of Patient Centered Outcomes Research <http://www.pcori.org/pcorinput.html> and on its "Tier 1 projects" <http://www.pcori.org/provideinput/tier1input.html>. A draft response will be mailed to the RWG on August 24. The final must be approved by the ACCAHC Board for submission by August 31. If you are interested in input as an individual or organization, please follow the links. Thanks to **Carlo Calabrese, Jennifer Rioux, Greg Cramer, Jerrilyn Cambron** and **David O'Bryon** for initial participation. If you have ideas for the ACCAHC letter, please contact John Weeks directly and ASAP [jweeks@accahc.org](mailto:jweeks@accahc.org).

## **Westreich Foundation in \$7500 grant for ACCAHC general operations**

Those at the Biennial Meeting had an opportunity to meet participant Ruth Westreich, a Southern California-based philanthropist who is a member of the Bravewell Collaborative. Westreich, an artist, was drawn to the meeting in part by the historic connection of the creative arts therapy professions with the ACCAHC and integrative practice disciplines. She and her husband, Stanley Westreich, have also been significant contributors to [San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Care](#), a national leader in the integrative palliative care movement. At the meeting, Ruth presented ACCAHC with a \$7500 check from the Westreich Foundation to support ACCAHC general operations. Thank you Ruth & Stanley!

## **Participate in Top IPE/C Conference and Founding Organizational Meeting: Tucson, November 19-21, 2011**

Do you think the ACCAHC disciplines belong in the nation's interprofessional education/care movement? This November 19-21 conference and organizational meeting of the [American Interprofessional Health Collaborative](#) is the time to weave our disciplines into the fabric of this work. The conference is not only THE major IPE/Care meeting, held only every 2 years. It also is the founding organizational meeting of the AIHC. Working committees will be formed. Thus is a time to consider membership in these multidisciplinary teams. ACCAHC is committed to supporting you in this advance and has support in doing this thanks to donor Lucy Gonda.

- ACCAHC is sponsor. Our professions will be visible.
- Each attendee (over 500 are expected) we can reach will receive a CEDR copy.
- ACCAHC's Mike Wiles, DC, MEd and Liza Goldblatt, PhD, MPA/HA will present "Strategic Initiatives of an Interprofessional Collaboration of Licensed Complementary and Alternative Healthcare Professions Focused on Competencies for Optimal Integration."

We are urging as many ACCAHC-related organizations as possible to attend and participate. This will be a great place to both learn and to make a major difference for the ACCAHC disciplines, for health professions and ultimately for health care. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can best organize our involvement. <http://www.cabarizona2011.org/>

## **PAINS Update: DeBono represents ACCAHC disciplines in 2-day strategic conference**

On August 15-16, 2011, ACCAHC Education Working Group member Vince DeBono, DC, vice president at National University of Health Sciences (NUHS), represented the ACCAHC disciplines at a planning meeting of the PAINS project of the Center for Practical Bioethics. DeBono's focus is on integrating our disciplines into a national response to advance implementation of the Institute of Medicine's report, [Relieving Pain in America: A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education and Research](#) that was published in June. That report included numerous inclusions of "CAM" – in part through ACCAHC's

education of the IOM staff and successful nomination of Rick Marinelli, ND, LAc to the IOM committee that produced the report. More soon on next steps. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this project. Thanks to NUHS for supporting DeBono's involvement.

## ACCAHC-Related Presentations

- **ACCAHC work with NCCAM featured at ND research meeting** The subject of 1 of the 3 keynotes at the August 16, 2011 [Science and Policy Summit](#) sponsored by ACCAHC-member Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) and 2 other naturopathic organizations was "Research Priorities Set Via a Multidisciplinary Collaboration." Slides of the presentation by John Weeks, ACCAHC executive director, followed segments on the role of research in the evolution of chiropractic and nurse anesthetists. Slides are available by request. Thanks to Research Working Group member Carlo Calabrese, ND, MPH, director of the [Naturopathic Physicians Research Institute](#), for the invitation.
- **Schwartz presents on ACCAHC at Alliance meeting** "The Role of Massage Therapy Education in Complementary Health Care" is the title of a presentation ACCAHC Board secretary Jan Schwartz, MA recently gave at the Alliance of Massage Therapy Educators (AfMTE). Jan offered an introduction to the mission and goals of ACCAHC and highlighted ways that massage schools and educators can build bridges that facilitate collaboration with other health professions, and increase utilization of massage therapy services. She also discussed some of the challenges of integrating massage therapy with other CAM fields and mainstream health care.
- **ACCAHC-NCCAM "operationalizing the vis" at NMSA** At the [Naturopathic Medical Students Association](#) (NMSA) annual conference August 21, 2011, ACCAHC exec Weeks spoke and moderated a panel relative to naturopathic philosophy and integrative medicine. He briefly presented the ACCAHC-NCCAM work as an example of "operationalizing the *vis medicatrix naturae*" (healing power of nature). Stimulating this healing power is one of the ND's core principles. Thanks to ACCAHC executive committee member Pamela Snider, ND, executive editor of the [Foundations for Naturopathic Medicine Project](#), for the invitation.

## Inside ACCAHC Notes

- **ACAOM joins as ACCAHC Affiliate Member; now full contingency of AA members** The [Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine](#) (ACAOM) has joined ACCAHC as an Affiliate Member. At present, ACAOM is represented on ACCAHC lists by William Goding, MEd, RRT, interim executive director. The ACAOM decision creates a full contingent of accrediting agency (AA) members. The others are CCE, CNME, MEAC, and COMTA.
- **Anne Nedrow, MD, MBA on ACCAHC's Council of Advisers** Nedrow, director of integrative medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University is the driving force behind the Oregon Collaborative for Integrative medicine (OCIM – pronounced "awesome") a long-time leader of the Consortium of Academic health Centers for Integrative medicine. She has been involved with ACCAHC since the National Education Dialogue (2005) and recently participated in the Biennial Meeting. Thank you Anne!

- **Florida College of Integrative Medicine (FCIM) orders 25 CEDR copies** Lynn Thames, LAc, AP dean of Oriental medicine at FCIM, ordered 25 copies of the *Clinicians and Educator's Desk Reference* for student coursework.

## ACCAHC Community Notes

- **NCCAM grants \$30,000 to International Association of Yoga Therapists** for a research meeting. The scientific meeting will be held September 23-25, 2011 in Lennox, MA. The grant is a milestone in IAYT's scientific work. A note from IAYT exec John Kepner states that the grant follows the acceptance earlier this year the IAYT's International Journal of Yoga Therapy into Pubmed.
- **ACCAHC Board's Khalsa leaves Bridgeport for Boucher presidency; EWG's Pimentel promoted at Bridgeport** ACCAHC board member Guru Sandesh Khalsa, DC is leaving his role as dean of the U Bridgeport (UB) College of Naturopathic Medicine to take the presidency of the Boucher Institute, an ND school in British Columbia. ACCAHC Education Working Group member Beth Pimentel, ND has take over an acting dean role at UB.
- **ACCAHC adviser Perlman takes helm at Duke Integrative Medicine** ACCAHC Council of Advisers member Adam Perlman, MD, MPH begins a new position as director of integrative medicine at Duke in September 2011.
- **Sustaining Donor Bastyr to open San Diego-area campus** Dan Church, PhD, Bastyr University president [has announced](#) that a thorough examination of possible location led to a decision to locate in the San Diego area near a life sciences corridor. The first class of ND students is scheduled for the Fall of 2012.

## News from the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM)

These news items are typically from the CAHCIM newsletter. ACCAHC and CAHCIM routinely share newsletters.

- **International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health opens website** CAHCIM's conferences in 2006 and 2009 are exceptional international and interdisciplinary scientific gatherings. This May 15-18 meeting in Portland, Oregon is expected to draw over 1,000. The website is open here: <http://imconsortium-congress2012.org/>
- **University of Arizona Medical School Adds Distinction Track in Integrative Medicine** Medical students in the new Distinction Track in Integrative Medicine. Participants will "learn healing-oriented and preventive medicine techniques during an intensive four-year program." The [Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine](#) and the University of Arizona [College of Medicine](#) combined to develop the program. The track is "an intensive four-year study program, in addition to the standard curriculum. Students who complete the requirements will graduate

with distinction, as recognized by the college's dean." To read the rest of the article please click [here](#).

- **Articles due October 1 on "integrity in integrative medicine"** The *European Journal of Integrative Medicine* is soliciting articles on "integrity in integrative medicine":

This theme relates both to integrity in practice itself and integrity in terms of "walking the talk", and integrity in terms of bioethics, e.g., the AMA deems it unethical for MDs to sell prescription medications in their offices due to perceived conflicts of interest. Some integrative physicians sell supplements. Is this a conflict of interest? What other issues are unique to integrity and ethics in integrative medicine?

For information and instructions for Authors, please click [here](#). Questions about format, length, etc. to Dr Ava Lorenc, Research fellow, Editorial co-ordinator, European Journal of Integrative Medicine [www.elsevier.com/eujim](http://www.elsevier.com/eujim); [avalorenc@hotmail.com](mailto:avalorenc@hotmail.com)

## EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- **Research Symposium October 26 in Los Angeles** The Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM) sends an invitation to the inaugural *One-Day Research Symposium in Integrative Medicine and Health*. The symposium will be held in Los Angeles, California on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. The goal is "to facilitate a gathering where researchers from a variety of disciplines, at all levels of training, will be able to share their work and connect." NCCAM's Josephine Briggs, MD, keynotes. See <http://www.imconsortium.org/researchday/index.htm> If you have any questions please contact CAHCIM at [cahcim@umn.edu](mailto:cahcim@umn.edu). "
- **[Collaborating Across the Borders III](#), November 19-21, 2011.** The Center for Interprofessional Education and the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative are pleased to announce Collaborating Across Borders III. This major conference on interprofessional education will take place on November 19-21, 2011 in Tucson, AZ. Check with [jweeks@accahc.org](mailto:jweeks@accahc.org) for information on ACCAHC's planned role at this meeting. <http://www.cabarizona2011.org/>
- **International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health (formerly NARCCIM – sponsored by CAHCIM): [May 15-18, 2012](#)**

Here's hoping you find this efficient and useful. Let me know if you have information to report or ideas for how the Tuesday Letter might better serve you.

John

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