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President's Message

Paula T. Trzepacz, MD, FAPM

What an awesome time it is to be a member of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine! I have been a member since 1990 and I cannot recall a more exciting time for this organization. We are on the brink of major changes, brought about in large part related to our firmly established identity when the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology decided we were a *bona fide* subspecialty of psychiatry called Psychosomatic Medicine. For many years we struggled with questions about our worthiness to be a subspecialty, though we had considered ourselves a subspecialty for decades.

With that came our first official Board Review Course that occurred in conjunction with our 51st annual meeting November 17-21 on Marco Island. Although intended to assist those planning to take the ABPN board examination next June, there were a number of attendees who took the course just for fun. Many thanks to Doctor David Gitlin and his core working team who managed to pull off this review course despite multiple organizational complexities and unanticipated barriers along the way that make Monty Python's search for the Holy Grail seem uneventful. Not only was there a two-day review course taught by experts in our field, but also the production of a CD-ROM with extended versions of the course presentations (which is still available for purchase).

We were especially fortunate that Doctor James Levenson brought along ten answers for Module 1 of the subspecialty board examination to share during the APM business meeting. Here they are for those who either did not have a chance to attend the

meeting or forgot to take notes: C, E, A, B, B, C, D, A, D, A (not necessarily in that order).

Goodbye and thank you Doctor Stern!

With the passing of the gavel, we thanked Ted Stern, MD for his accomplishments as President of APM this past year. Under his able leadership APM began its trajectory toward a new course in its history—well-timed to begin our next semi-century to build upon our new milestone. An APM research team led by Research Committee chair Doctor Peter Shapiro met with Tom Insel at NIMH to discuss ways to achieve more NIH funding for psychosomatic medical topics. And our 2004 annual meeting theme emphasized the importance of translational research for our field.

There were also several key books for our field published just in time for the 2004 annual meeting: the *APPI Textbook of Psychosomatic Medicine* edited by James L. Levenson, MD (a Herculean effort with 40 chapters and 1092 pages, not to mention those procrastinating chapter authors—no names mentioned here to protect the innocent), the 5th edition of the classic *MGH Handbook of General Hospital Psychiatry* and companion review manual with 8000 self-test questions, and the *MGH Guide to Primary Care Psychiatry*. Ted's laryngitis at last year's APM annual meeting inspired his fingers and he helped to write the MGH tomes. He promised that his next venture will be entitled, *The MGH Guide to Great Golfing at APM Annual Meeting Sites*.

On the political front...

Doctor Phil Muskin is chairing the newly established Council on Psychosomatic Medicine at APA and opening the doors for an active interface between APM and APA. Doctor Michelle Riba, current President of APA, decided on a Psychosomatic Medicine theme for the 2005 annual APA meeting and invited us to submit a Presidential Symposium on a psychosomatic medicine topic. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2005, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and is titled, "The Interface of Psychiatry and Medicine: Disorders of Affect, Behavior, and Cognition." Presenters include Doctors Constantine Lyketos, Michael Popkin, David Rubinow, and Paula Trzepacz. Hope to see you there to cheer on our consultation-liaison psychiatrists!

News about our APM committees

We just began some changes in our committee structures this November that were ratified earlier in the year. The former Education Committee focused mostly on the annual scientific program and has been replaced by a Scientific Program subcommittee and an Education Committee. The newly formed Education Committee is chaired by Dr. Laura Roberts and has eight members, and its broad scope includes oversight and strategic planning around all educational missions for APM and ACCME. Reporting into the



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Education Committee are four subcommittees: Scientific Program, Review Course, Web Site, and Future Sites.

The Standard and Ethics Committee has three subcommittees: Bioethics, Fellowship Review, and Residency Training. They will interface closely with the Education Committee for some activities; for example, how to implement the revised ACCME guidelines. In addition, they anticipate a close working relationship with AADPRT regarding training issues for psychosomatic medicine. Everything we do at APM needs to be of high quality and accomplished with great integrity that we can all be proud of.

Many of our committees are gearing up to take greater ownership for taking APM to the next level as an organization. I believe we have been underutilizing all the expertise and talent of our members, perhaps being a bit on the "sleepy" side. We currently envision empowering these talented individuals and encouraging "thinking outside of the box."



Be advised that committee chairs will also be recruiting the gifts and skills of any APM member to participate in task forces to assist the committees in their work. If you have some ideas please share them with committee chairs and offer to volunteer for a task force!! It is a good way to get to know some of the committee members as well.

The Finance Committee will work more closely with the Treasurer and our new management group to improve our financial standing and even consider establishing an APM endowment. The Web Site subcommittee will consider a new members-only section to include educational material, which is a particularly helpful way for our international members to stay integrated with APM. The Scientific Program subcommittee is considering some modifications for the 2005 annual meeting, including one plenary speaker each day and "tracts" where certain subspecialty topic areas have offerings throughout the meeting noted in the program. The Membership Committee will try to increase membership in part by learning more about the reasons people cease their APM memberships and offer suggestions for

how APM can more consistently not only attract but also retain its members.

The Research Committee is undertaking a significant project to design and eventually implement a network of psychosomatic medicine research sites to collaborate on multi-center research projects. So often research is difficult to do in our "cottage industry" style. By identifying interested sites and assessing their current capabilities, we can then connect them with other sites that have more research infrastructure and experienced investigators. This enables the smaller sites to participate in studies and learn more about research and also increase the "n" of subjects so we can have a better chance of answering key and meaningful psychosomatic medicine research questions.

Get psyched about our 2005 annual meeting!

2005 annual meeting theme is "Answering Questions Together: Collaboration in Psychosomatic Medicine Research, Education, and Clinical Care." Doctor Donald Rosenstein is Scientific Program Chair and hopes to stretch the way we think about our many potential collaborations as an organization. This means how we can reach out to learn from other organizations as well as how we can reach out to impact them, for the betterment of psychosomatic medicine and our patients. This s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g also includes Lycra™ because Don is planning a race for those who enjoy running. In fact, the 2005 annual meeting theme was brainstormed during a run on the beach in San Diego during the 2003 annual meeting!

There will also be special sections to enable our members to learn more to prepare for participation in our future APM multicenter research network. We hope to leverage inputs from some of our members who have knowledge of this area—for example, from NIMH and industry.

Some modifications to the structure of the annual meeting will be attempts to address concerns some members have had on how to both accommodate the scientific needs for our various subspecialty-interested members and yet not further splinter APM into subgroups that might eventually want to spin off from APM. Balancing the need to offer many sessions of general interest with subspecialty topics is a challenge indeed.

Our international colleagues...

We are thrilled with the ever-growing participation of our international colleagues in APM, many of whom are APM members. We seek as

an organization to reach out to other psychosomatic medicine groups in other countries and interface more closely—for example, Europe and Canada—even to the extent of considering APM satellite meetings during the year outside of the US. APM appears to be the largest group and therefore we need to offer ways to leverage our expertise to our colleagues. Smaller countries are in more dire need of interfacing with our members; for example, Nigerian psychiatrists would appreciate ways we could support articles for their journal that pertain to psychosomatic medicine.

Doctor Frits Huyse of the Netherlands is our international member of the Council and can be contacted with your ideas.

Farewell to the Editor-in-Chief of *General Hospital Psychiatry*

Doctor Don Lipsitt was given a fond retirement celebration in honor of his 26 years of dedicated service to Elsevier Press. Don has built the journal to include traditional consultation-liaison and also international and epidemiological articles.

He was teased about his Eagle-sharp editing skills and ability to immediately detect a punctuation error. However, the congratulations message on his cake mysteriously developed a misspelling—a missing “o”—which he promptly detected.

Farewell to our dedicated APM Executive Director...

How can we possibly describe the loss to APM of our dear Evelyne Hallberg who has served APM since 1979 with dedication, skill, creativity, excellence, integrity, thrift, merciless teasing, and chain-smoking! Evelyne wore many hats and is the glue that kept APM functioning over the years—some have designated her main role as being our “APM mother” and there is some truth to that.

Evelyne is retiring soon and will continue to serve APM to assist during the transition period to our new management firm. She will continue to live in her beloved Chicago, so feel free to mail her notes of appreciation as well as notes with general teasing.

Evelyne—know that you will be greatly missed! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

So long for now...

Thanks for reading this article—it is a mixture of official council and committee determinations and musings, announcements, as well as ideas and dreams from members mentioned to me during the course of the meeting. I share them with you now to inspire you to actively contribute your talents to APM and to simply enjoy participating in this wonderful and special organization—may this New Year bring us many blessings.

With warm regards from your President,
Paula T. Trzepacz, MD

NEW APM HEADQUARTERS OFFICE and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Evelyne Hallberg

Beginning January 2005, the APM will transition from its current location in Chicago to its new home in Bethesda, Maryland. After 26 years as your Executive Director, I will step down and Norman Wallis, PhD, will assume the helm.

I will greatly miss all my friends at the Academy and will always treasure my time with you. I am grateful for the kindness you've shown me; your warmth; your good humor; and all your hard work on the Academy's behalf during my tenure.

I'm certain that Norman Wallis and his staff will be a valuable asset in guiding the Academy to future success and that you will give him the same tremendous support I have received these many years.

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2005 Annual Meeting Submissions

Members are encouraged to submit abstracts on current research for consideration for papers and posters for the 2005 scientific meeting in New Mexico. Appropriate forms are included in this mailing, as well as forms for workshops/symposia. All forms are available on our Web site at www.apm.org.

Criteria for Poster/Paper Submissions

Proposals should be submitted by the principal author and must include information regarding the relevance of the presentation to Consultation-Liaison/Psychosomatic Medicine and literature references to support the research. All submissions are peer reviewed by the Education Committee and must meet the established criteria for all scientific investigations, giving background, methodology, results, and conclusions. Special attention will be given to submissions by young researchers and trainee abstracts, when so indicated to the reviewers.

Young investigators are encouraged to submit an abstract to become eligible for the

BEST TRAINEE POSTER AWARD. Just send in the abstract on the CALL FOR PAPERS and check the “Trainee Submission” box on page 2 of the form.

The Education Committee will base its reviews on the following criteria:

- Is the submission relevant to the field and to this year's meeting, and/or creatively original in concept?
- Does the clinical or basic science research use rigorous research methodology (e.g., sufficient numbers, double-blinded and controlled studies)?
- Do review papers comprehensively cover the literature and discuss basic science as well as clinical (e.g., biological, psychological, and social) factors?

Special Assistance

The APM Research Committee has volunteered to assist authors of paper/poster submissions with professional questions regarding their abstracts. Please contact the Academy office and a Research Committee member will be assigned to help.

2004 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD REVIEW COURSE

David F. Gitlin, MD, FAPM

The Academy held its first 1½-day Board Review Course in Psychosomatic Medicine in Marco Island, Florida, immediately prior to the annual meeting. This undertaking was in response to the approval of Psychosomatic Medicine as a new psychiatric subspecialty by the ABPN. The ABPN has scheduled the first Board examination in Psychosomatic Medicine for June 2005, for those psychiatrists who qualify to sit for the exam (those interested should go to the ABPN website, www.abpn.com, also linked on the APM website).

The course ran for 14 hours and covered a wide variety of topics important to C-L psychiatrists. A CD-ROM of enduring material, covering 35 topic areas, was produced and made available to attendees. The Course provided 24 hours of CME credit to participants and nearly 300 psychiatrists and other clinicians in the areas of Psychosomatic Medicine and Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry attended. Many of the leading experts in their fields participated or were available for questions. The early impression from many attendees was that the course was quite successful and will aid those preparing for the examination. Many others felt that the course was quite valuable as a review course regardless of the examination.

Thanks are in order to those who helped make the Review Course such a success. First of all, we owe our gratitude to the 35 presenters of material in the live course and on the CD-ROM, whose extra efforts on behalf of the field and the Academy were readily apparent. Second, Carol Alter, John Shuster, and Barbara Schindler participated in the program planning committee, spending endless hours on the little details that make an undertaking of this nature successful. Our production company, Custom Management Group of Charlottesville, VA, did a terrific job in organizing and producing the materials for the course. Lastly, the Academy office, headed by Evelyne Hallberg, outdid themselves in providing an excellent site and organiza-

tion which permitted the participants to be comfortable and focused. Evelyne, we can't thank you enough.

The Academy is exploring whether to offer a similar course next year prior to the annual meeting. Such a course would be primarily given as a one-day review course and would likely cover some of the same topics, with several new topics added. Those members who might be interested in such a course should contact the APM office to assist us in gauging interest. Those members interested in purchasing the CD-ROM from the course, with up to 24 hours of CME, can find an order form included in this newsletter. We look forward to any feedback on the course, or comments about future opportunities.

MEMBERS ELEVATED TO FELLOWSHIP

Ten Academy members were awarded fellowship status (FAPM) at the annual convocation luncheon in Marco Island, Florida:

David A. Beck, MD
James A. Bourgeois, MD
M. Cornelia Cremens, MD
James L. Griffith, MD
Richard E. Kennedy, MD
Maryland Pao, MD
Laura Roberts, MD
Bernard Vaccaro, MD
Elyse D. Weiner, MD
Joseph S. Weiner, MD, PhD

The added designation is bestowed on Academy members who have shown an active involvement in psychosomatic medicine education, research, or administration. In addition, candidates must be an APM member in good standing for at least three years; must have completed a training program three years prior to applying; must have attended a minimum of one APM Annual Meeting in the last three years; and must be sponsored by two Academy Fellows.

Eligible candidates are encouraged to contact the Academy office for an application and must complete the application process by August 1.

DIMSDALE, CHOCHINOV RECEIVE TOP HONORS

Highlighting this year's scientific meeting was the annual Awards Luncheon honoring individuals for research and scholarly endeavors in psychosomatic medicine. This year's honorees were:

JOEL DIMSDALE, MD, who received the 2004 Thomas P. Hackett Award for outstanding contributions to the field of psychosomatic medicine.

Doctor Dimsdale is Professor of Psychiatry and co-leader of the Cancer Symptom Control Research Program at UCSD. His clinical subspecialty is consultation psychiatry. He is an active investigator, a former career awardee of the American Heart Association, and is past-president of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, the American Psychosomatic Society, and the Society of Behavioral Medicine. He is on numerous editorial boards, is editor-in-chief emeritus of *Psychosomatic Medicine*, and is a previous guest editor of *Circulation*. He has been a consultant to the President's Commission on Mental Health, the Institute of Medicine, and is a long-time reviewer for NIH. Doctor Dimsdale is the former Chair of the UCSD Academic Senate. His major research interests include sympathetic nervous system physiology as it relates to stress, blood pressure, and sleep; cultural factors in illness; and quality of life. He is the author of more than 350 publications as well as the editor of four books.

HARVEY M. CHOCHINOV, MD, PHD, FRCP(C), FAPM the 2004 Research Award Recipient. Doctor Chochinov is Professor of Psychiatry, Community Health Sciences, and Family Medicine (Division of Palliative Care), University of Manitoba, and Director of the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit, Cancer Care Manitoba. He did his undergraduate medical training and Psychiatric Residency at the University of Manitoba and completed a Fellowship in Psychiatric Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York. In 1998, he completed a PhD in the Faculty of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba.

Doctor Chochinov has been doing palliative care research since 1990. This research served as the basis for his testimony to the Senate of Canada's Special Committee on Euthanasia and Assisted-Suicide in October 1994 and again in February 2000. His research was also cited in many of the amicus briefs presented to the Supreme Court of the United States, in their prior deliberations regarding the constitutionality of physician-assisted suicide. He is on the Board of the Palliative Care Foundation of Canada, and the Co-Chair for the Canadian Virtual Hospice. Doctor Chochinov is the only psychiatrist in Canada to be designated as a Soros Faculty Scholar, Project on Death in America, and the Past-President of the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology. He holds the only Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care, is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, and was recently selected to receive his provinces' highest honor, the Order of Manitoba, for his work in palliative care. In addition to many other publications, he is the co-editor of the *Handbook of Psychiatry in Palliative Medicine*, published by Oxford University Press, and the journal *Palliative and Support Care*, published by Cambridge University Press.

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Other awards presented during the annual Awards Luncheon included:

DLIN/FISCHER CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

Postoperative Sedation Can Dramatically Alter the Development of Delirium After Cardiac Surgery

J. R. Maldonado, MD, FAPM; A. Wysong, MS; P. J. van der Starre, MD; T. Block, MD; B. Reitz, MD

AWARDS OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION
to: William S. Breitbart, MD, FAPM and David F. Gitlin, MD, FAPM

APM VISITING PROFESSOR AWARD
Andrew J. Roth, MD, FAPM

POSTER AWARDS

Best Poster: *The Distinction Between Demoralization and Anhedonia in People with Terminal Illness*—D.M. Clarke, MBBX, PhD, MAPM; D. Kissane, MD; G.C. Smith, MD, FAPM; T. Trauer, PhD

Best Trainee Poster: *The Impact of Attachment Style and the Physician-Patient Relationship on Adherence to Medication Treatment in HIV Disease*—J.D. Maggi, MD; S.B. Rourke, PhD; G. Devins, PhD; G. Rodin, MD

2nd Place Poster: *Gender Differences in Social Support Following Coronary Revascularization*—C. L. Woodman, MD; J. Spertus; S. Mallemala; H. House; M. Garg

3rd Place Poster: *Comparison of the Performance of Four Cancer-Related Fatigue Instruments: Validation Study of the Japanese Version of the Brief Fatigue Inventory*—T. Okuyama, MD, PhD; X.S. Wang, MD; T. Akechi, MD, PhD; T.R. Mendoza, PhD; T. Hosaka, MD, PhD, FAPM; C.S. Cleeland, PhD; Y. Uchitomi, MD, PhD

WILLIAM L. WEBB FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Felicia A. Smith, MD, and David A. Straker, DO

DORFMAN JOURNAL PAPER AWARDS

Best Case Report: *The Use of DBT Skills in the Treatment of Difficult Patients in the General Hospital*—J. C. Huffman, MD; T. A. Stern, MD; R. M. Harley, PhD; N. A. Lundy, EdD

Best Review Article: *Pharmacokinetic Drug Interactions of Morphine, Codeine, and Their Derivatives: Theory and Clinical Reality, Parts I & II*—S. C. Armstrong, MD; K. L. Cozza, MD

Best Article for Original Research: *Effects of Religiosity on Patients' Perceptions of Do-Not-Resuscitate Status*—M. A. Sullivan, MD, PhD; P. R. Muskin, MD; S. A. Feldman, BA; E. Haase, MD

ALAN STOUDEMIRE AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN C-L EDUCATION

Avery D. Weisman, M.D. Psychiatric Consultation Service of Massachusetts General Hospital

Thanks to Doctor Michelle Riba for her laudatory comments in the December 2004 issue of *Psychiatric News* about the Academy, the Review Course, and the field of Psychosomatic Medicine.

New Organization of AIDS Psychiatry

Mary Ann Cohen, MD, FAPM

Over the course of the past year, I have been developing a network of AIDS Psychiatrists and an Organization of AIDS Psychiatry. Until now, there has been no organization of C-L psychiatrists that is dedicated to the special field of AIDS. Nevertheless, there are many psychiatrists who are devoting their professional lives to providing care for persons with HIV and AIDS. Some are trained in C-L psychiatry and have completed fellowships, and some have not. There is a need for a national organization to provide networking and support. I am delighted to report that in November 2004, the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine agreed to establish a new special section of AIDS Psychiatry.

I have approached east-coast psychiatrists who have been, or are, leaders or researchers, or who are actively practicing in the field; several have agreed to lend their support and/or direction to this new organization. Doctors Ken Ashley, Philip Bialer, Bill Breitbart, Francine Cournos, Frank Fernandez, Steve Ferrando, Jack Gorman, Jim Grimaldi, Rosalind Hoffman, Jimmie Holland, Kostas Lyketsos, Maryland Pao, Glenn Treisman and others have all expressed interest. As AIDS Psychiatrists I believe that we really need a network, an organization to share knowledge, to present work, and to collaborate in the areas of education and research.

I would like to invite all of our APM members with an interest in AIDS Psychiatry to contact me and join our new organization. I hope to attract both APM members and other C-L psychiatrists who are working in AIDS, and I would also appreciate receiving names of any other AIDS psychiatrists who would be interested in joining the Organization of AIDS Psychiatry. Our first meeting will be at the next APM annual meeting in November 2005. Contact

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Canadian PM Academy Formed

**Louis T. van Zyl, MD, FAPM
Fabien Gagnon, MD, FAPM
Co-founders of CAPM**

The founding meeting of the new Canadian Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine was held in October 2004 in Montreal during the annual scientific conference of the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA). For more than 25 years the CPA has had an active psychosomatic section providing a limited forum to Canadian psychiatrists interested in psychosomatic medicine/consultation-liaison psychiatry. The goal of this CPA section was to give psychiatrists (general psychiatrists as well as C-L psychiatrists) an opportunity to discuss topics related to their common interest in this field and try to establish collaboration all across the country.

Many Canadian C-L psychiatrists have been long-time members of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, viewing the APM as the lead organization for promoting interest in, and development of, psychosomatic medicine at every level, including the search for recognition of Psychosomatic Medicine as a formal subspecialty of psychiatry. For many years, some members of the psychosomatic section of the CPA have discussed the eventual creation of a Canadian Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, or a Canadian branch of the APM, but the idea was never realized.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) does not recognize any subspecialty in psychiatry. Accreditation requirements are such that Canadian training programs in psychiatry focus on the *General Psychiatrist* training model. However, over the last five years, influenced by the recognition of subspecialties in psychiatry in the U.S., three Canadian academies (the Canadian Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry) have worked through the CPA toward RCPSC recognition of subspecialties in psychiatry. The first attempts at subspecialty recognition of those Academies were refused. However, this led to the creation of a National Strategy Group of Postgraduate Education (NSGPE) in Canada, a group funded by the CPA that includes representatives of the CPA, the three academies mentioned earlier, and ed-

ucators attached to the Royal College Specialty Committee in Psychiatry. Currently, the NSPGE is looking at the *core competencies* in the training of General Psychiatrists. This process should help not only to define the requirements for training of General Psychiatrists but also to define requirements for advanced training in various specific areas in psychiatry.

The co-occurring events of Canada reviewing the "General Psychiatrist model" and the announcement of the recognition of Psychosomatic Medicine as a subspecialty in the USA were seen as an opportunity and an incentive for the Canadian psychiatrists interested in the recognition of Psychosomatic Medicine as a subspecialty of psychiatry to move forward. Under the initiative of Dr. Louis van Zyl (Queen's University, Kingston), and Dr. Fabien Gagnon (Laval University, Quebec City), the "founding meeting" of the Canadian Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine (CAPM) was held in October 2004. Drs. van Zyl and Gagnon prepared and submitted to the NSGPE guidelines for proficiencies in Psychosomatic Medicine for general psychiatrists as well as for more advanced training, adapting (with permission) the APM guidelines. The by-laws of the CAPM have been written, and the new CAPM should obtain legal incorporation status by early January 2005. CAPM should then be able to officially recruit and accept member registration from January 2005, and should be in a position to join the Council of Academies of the CPA by spring. CAPM intends to play an active role in the development and recognition of psychosomatic medicine in collaboration with the APM, CPA, and the RCPSC. We also intend to approach the APM on the issue of possible affiliation.

We wanted to share this occasion with you since the APM has been very supportive all along and would like to take this opportunity to thank our American colleagues.

APM 52nd ANNUAL MEETING

November 17-20, 2005

**Hyatt Tamaya Resort
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Answering Questions Together:
Collaboration in
Psychosomatic Medicine Research,
Education, and Clinical Care**

NETWORKS SOUGHT FOR MULTICENTER CLINICAL RESEARCH

**Peter A. Shapiro, MD, FAPM
Chair, APM Research Committee**

The APM Research Committee seeks interested Academy members to join networks for multicenter clinical research in Psychosomatic Medicine. Our intent is to develop evidence-based treatment for the wide variety of psychiatric problems affecting and affected by medical comorbidity. We believe that clinical trials and epidemiological and translational research in large, representative samples, with rigorous methods and robust statistical analyses, are needed to develop this evidence base. Members of the APM should play a leading role in developing and conducting these studies.

We recognize that most Academy members have had limited opportunity to participate in clinical research but many have interest in developing this aspect of their careers. Therefore, APM-sponsored research networks are likely to offer opportunities for training as well as participating in research. We need to know what you know and what you need to know more about, in order to plan.

Please help us to organize these networks by contacting my office. Please furnish your name, e-mail, work address, phone, areas of research interest, clinical trials experience and other research experience.

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MICROCARES UPDATE

James J. Strain, MD, FAPM

The MICROCARES program for documenting consultation-liaison patients has now been upgraded to accommodate data entry through the PalmPilot (PDA). This permits data recording at the bedside with Hotsynch capacity to the archive computer for a data repository. This major breakthrough allows hardware for about \$150 to be used by consultants with direct data entry by a click. The program is available in English and Spanish. Academy members may receive a 25% discount in the purchase of this program. For further information or a demonstration CD contact: jim_strain@hotmail.com

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CALIFORNIA

C-L Fellowship. UC Davis Medical Center is recruiting a full-time PGY-V C-L fellow for July 2005–June 2006 academic year. Fellowship will prepare psychiatrists to provide expert medical/surgical care to patients in a wide variety of clinical settings. Inpatient consults will be seen at the 528-bed UC Davis Medical Center, a Level I Trauma Center and the major tertiary care medical center for inland northern California. In addition, the fellow may be assigned to the Bioethics consult service. Outpatient consult experience available at the UCDCM Cancer Center, Sacramento County Primary Care Clinic, and the UCDCM departments of Internal Medicine, Transplant, Gastric Bypass, and Family & Community Medicine. Extensive opportunities to evaluate patients in various rural clinics via telepsychiatry; and regular opportunities to teach psychiatry and neurology residents and medical students. Formal education program consists of seminars, directed readings, and protected time for individual academic development. Candidates should send CV and letter of interest to: James A Bourgeois, OD, MD, Director, Psychiatry C-L Service, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Univ. of CA-Davis, 2230 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817. (916) 734-4941; Fax: (916) 734-3384; E-mail: james.bourgeois@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

C-L Fellowship. University of CA, San Francisco (UCSF) announces a one-year fellowship position available for PGY-V level or higher at the San Francisco VA Medical Center starting July 2005. Exciting opportunity to gain expertise in inpatient and outpatient C-L, acquire advanced teaching and leadership skills, and develop clinical research interests in an academic setting. Responsibilities include: consult and liaison in primary care clinics; supervising psychiatry residents and medical students; teaching medicine residents and staff; assisting in leadership of in- and outpatient C-L teams. Opportunity to develop liaison focus with such specialty areas as geriatrics, oncology, infectious disease, and women's health. Supervision available for group and individual psychotherapy in consult setting. Contact: Kewchang Lee, MD, Chief of Psychiatry Consultation, San Francisco VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement St., #116N, San Francisco,

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APM Ventures Into New Era For C-L Research

Paula T. Trzepacz, M.D.

President-Elect

Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine

The Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine (APM) just celebrated two key events—its 50th anniversary as an organization for consultation-liaison (C-L) psychiatry and the new American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) subspecialty certification status with the related June 2005 board certification examination in Psychosomatic Medicine.

APM has increased its research focus during the past two decades, concentrating on psychiatric disorders that occur in medical and surgical populations. Over the years there has been a significant increase in research of greater scientific rigor presented at APM annual meetings and more investigators with funded research projects have become interested in C-L topics. APM has an active research committee, an annual research workshop, an annual Research Award for mid-career C-L researchers, as well as both a dedicated annual meeting symposium and APM research mentors assigned to our early career Webb Fellow awardees.

Research topics in Psychosomatic Medicine include understanding the relationship between physiological and biochemical perturbations or mechanisms throughout various organ systems of the body with the occurrence of psychiatric symptoms, an important example of so-called “translational research” endeavors. While the endocrine and central nervous systems are of special importance to C-L research, other general medical areas, including the immune system, are key to understanding the complex relationship between brain and the rest of the body in the production of psychiatric morbidity. Intervention studies, where medical comorbidities complicate the interpretation of both efficacy and safety data, are also a significant, but lagging, aspect of the research agenda; “real life” patients are usually excluded from pharmaceutical industry research.

The APM leadership recognizes several barriers to furthering the needed psychosomatic research agenda. This article describes some of these barriers and focuses on the steps we are taking to address these challenges.

Michelle Riba, MD, current President of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), recently stated that we are facing a serious shortage of psychiatrist researchers as well as a variety of challenges in training our next generation of patient-oriented psychiatrist investigators. NIMH and APA, through the APA Council on

Research, have been working for several years to address these shortages. The Institute on Medicine was commissioned by NIMH to study the issues, and a report was published in 2003 with proposed solutions. These problems not only exist for C-L research but the shortages may be as severe for C-L as for all other areas of psychiatry. Consequently, a workshop entitled “Enhancing Research Training in Psychosomatic Medicine” is scheduled for the APM annual meeting in Ft. Myers, FL, November 18–21, 2004, to discuss ways to improve psychosomatic medicine research training. (Pre-registration for the APM annual meeting ends October 29. Please see the APM Web site, www.apm.org, for additional information and preliminary program.

Many C-L topics have great public health impact (delirium, depression with cardiovascular disorder, depression and cancer, obesity, palliative care, etc). By their very nature, however, C-L research topics include comorbidities that address the interface between medical and psychiatric disorders. Determining the best review and funding routes through the NIH, therefore, can be daunting. Traditionally, funding at NIH has been segregated by disease areas into fairly autonomous institutes. This arrangement makes it quite difficult to achieve the necessary collaboration among program officers in different institutes and to carry out the required scientific review with scientists whose expertise straddles more than one specialty area. Current structures and policies, therefore, often result in good proposals that “fall through the cracks” and thereby discourage potential psychosomatic researchers. In April 2004, Peter Shapiro, MD, Chair of the APM Research Committee, as well as several other representatives from APM, met with NIMH Director Thomas Insel, MD, to discuss ways to promote greater successes for NIH funding of psychosomatic research. Dr. Insel encouraged us to explore the opportunities offered through the NIMH Comorbid Disorders Program, headed by Peter R. Muehrer, PhD. This program supports research on the interactions between general medical illnesses and mental disorders. Emphasis is on assessment, pre-intervention, and early intervention studies to assess the effects of treatment, prevention and rehabilitation on comorbid conditions. APM is grateful for Dr. Insel’s support and recommendations.

A variety of issues face investigators seeking to recruit subjects and to carry out C-L research. C-

L services are small and clinical consultations are unpredictably timed, thereby offering a limited and fluctuating pool of potential subjects; the consulting psychiatrists do not have primary responsibility for inpatients of interest, adding a layer of coordination to subject recruitment; for residents or junior investigators interested in pursuing research, it is often a difficult task to find a seasoned C-L research mentor; and, as in other areas of care, the teaching burden often leaves limited time to pursue research. These factors have combined to produce a dearth of large-scale, randomized, controlled studies in C-L psychiatry.

Donald Rosenstein, MD, Scientific Program Chair for the 2005 APM annual meeting, and I are working closely together with the APM Research Committee to raise awareness of the need for a new paradigm in psychosomatic medicine research—multicenter research trials. Instead of the current “cottage industry” approach, a better way to address important topics would be to develop a national consortium of C-L research sites across the country to implement protocols written by experienced research subteams. Only by increasing sample sizes and collaborating to share research expertise can psychosomatic medicine jettison itself into the new millennium.

Dr. Rosenstein and I would like to leverage the experience with multicenter trials we have gained at NIMH and in industry, respectively. We therefore encourage the submission of many research training and methods related workshops and symposia for the November 2005 APM annual meeting that will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Researchable topics are broad and include phenomenology, pathophysiology, treatment, ethics, and so on. The deadline for submission of proposals to the APM Program Committee will be Spring 2005; the APM Web site will post a date for the submission deadline early in 2005.

The American Psychiatric Association has also taken steps to address the unmet needs in C-L psychiatry. Dr. Riba has announced that her theme for the 2005 APA Annual Meeting will be “Psychosomatic Medicine: Integrating Psychiatry and Medicine.” The association has also taken the rare step of forming a new council, the Council on Psychosomatic Medicine, chaired by Philip R. Muskin, MD. Dr. Riba has appointed one of the Council members, Constantine G. Lyketsos, MD, to serve as a liaison to the APA Council on Research, in an effort to link and strengthen the research base of the new Psychosomatic Medicine subspecialty. We at APM anticipate mutual collaborations with both the new Council on Psychosomatic Medicine and with the Council on Research to enable further progress in psychosomatic medicine research. ■

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CA 94121. (415) 221-4810 ext. 3141; Fax: (415) 750-6648; E-mail: kewlee@itsa.ucsf.edu

CANADA

C-L Transplant Psychiatry Fellowship. Multi-Organ Transplant Program (MOTP) of Toronto General Hospital and the University of Toronto care for patients with all types of solid-organ transplants from assessment through transplant, posttransplant, and end of life care. MOTP performs approximately 300 new transplants and care for over 2,500 posttransplant recipients. Fellowship offers opportunity for fellow to design a learning program that meets their own needs in terms of direct clinical exposure, supervision of multidisciplinary psychosocial team and variety of educational and scholarly pursuits including research. Variety of funding options available. Contact: Susan Abbey, MD, Toronto General Hospital, 585 University Ave., 11NCSB-11C-1114, Toronto, Ontario CANADA M5G 2N2

CONNECTICUT

C-L Fellowship/Chief Residency. Two positions available at the PGY-IV level or beyond, starting July 1, 2005 at Yale-New Haven Hospital, a 600-bed tertiary referral medical center and the primary teaching hospital of Yale University. Our C-L service handles a wide variety of consultation requests for services ranging from general internal medicine to transplantation surgery. Outpatient C-L experience in primary care and in specialized clinics is available. Scholarly work is encouraged and research opportunities are available. Contact: Paul Desan, MD, PhD, Yale-New Haven Hospital, 20 York St., Room CB2039 CB, New Haven, CT 06504-8900. (203) 785-2618; Fax: (203) 737-2221; E-mail: paul.desan@yale.edu

FLORIDA

Director, Pain/Palliative Care Service. Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology in the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute seeking a physician with residency training in Psychiatry, Neurology, Internal Medicine, or Anesthesiology. Must be FL licensed/eligible. Preference given to applicants with clinical and research experience in oncology settings. Primary duties are to coordinate and provide pain and symptom management services through outpatient Palliative Care Clinic and inpatient PC consultation service; to engage in clinical research in conjunction with the delivery of clinical services; and supervision of medical students, residents, and fellows in Psychiatry and Neurology. Appointment at Associate/Full Professor level requires minimum of five years experience at the Assis-

tant/Associate level. May be tenure earning and salary negotiable. Refer to position #12854 and send current CV to: S. Clifford Schold, Jr., MD, Professor & Chair, c/o Kathy Jordan, MBA, Faculty Recruitment Specialist, Dept. of Interdisciplinary Oncology, 12902 Magnolia Dr., Tampa, FL 33612.

Psychiatrist. Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology in the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute seeking a physician with residency training in Psychiatry at the assistant/associate professor level. Fellowship training in C-L psychiatry with experience in oncology settings is preferred. Applicants must be FL licensed or eligible. Primary duties are to provide psychiatric services through an outpatient clinic and an inpatient consultation service, and to engage in clinical research in conjunction with the delivery of clinical services. Additionally, there are responsibilities for supervision of medical students, residents, and fellows in Psychiatry and Neurology. May be tenure earning and academic rank beyond that of assistant professor will be commensurate with experience and scholarly activity. Appointment at Associate Professor level requires a minimum of five years experience at the Assistant Professor level. Salary is negotiable. Position is open until filled. Refer to position #12535 and send current CV to: S. Clifford Schold, Jr., MD, Professor & Chair, c/o Kathy Jordan, MBA, Faculty Recruitment Specialist, Dept. of Interdisciplinary Oncology, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612. Program contact is Paul Jacobsen, PhD, Program Leader, Psychosocial and Palliative Care Program, (813) 979-3862.

ILLINOIS

C-L Fellowship. Full-time PGY-V fellowship at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for advanced psychiatry resident at award-winning Northwestern Memorial Hospital with 92 ICU beds and over 700 inpatient beds. Applications are being accepted for July 2005. Core responsibilities and training will be centered in Psycho-Oncology care for inpatients/outpatients with hematological malignancies and solid tumors. Fellows will learn latest approaches to cancer-related distress and symptom management as well as extensive experience in neurology, neurosurgery, trauma surgery, cardiology and cardiac surgery, Ob-Gyn and HIV-AIDS, bone marrow and solid organ transplantation. Fellows are mentored in independent clinical research project suitable for publication. Fellows learn methods and skills for administration of large C-L service, including: quality improvement; risk management; ethics; correcting systems barriers; forensic psychiatry, guardianship and psychiatric commitment; billing, documentation and supervision of interdisciplinary

team. Extensive supervision from attendings to hone skills in psychopharmacology for complex medical patients, brief dynamic, supportive and cognitive-behavioral psychotherapy, hypnotherapy, family assessments, lab investigations, neuropsychological assessment and neuroimaging. Service provides over 1800 new consults and over 4000 separate patient contacts annually. Fellowship adheres to standards approved by ACGME towards added qualification in this specialty by the ABPN. Fellows provide limited teaching for general psychiatry residents and medical students. No scheduled call and weekends free, leaving ample time for independent study. Salaries and benefits highly competitive. Send CV, letter of interest and 3 letters of reference to: Joshua L. Straus, MD, Director, Div. of Psychosomatic Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 446 E. Huron St., Suite 7-250, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 926-8411; Fax: (312) 926-4840.

INDIANA

Psychiatrist. The Department of Psychiatry at Indiana University School of Medicine is seeking a full-time psychiatrist to provide leadership in clinical, educational, and research activities in the C-L psychiatry setting. Candidate will hold the rank of Assistant Professor or above of Clinical Psychiatry. BE/BC in Adult Psychiatry required. Consultation-Liaison/Psychosomatic Medicine fellowship or experience, or Internal or Family Medicine-Psychiatry joint training desirable. Duties include providing C-L services at Indiana University Hospital Adult Medical, Surgical, and ICU units. Other responsibilities will include participation on department committees, teaching and supervision of residents, medical students, and other learners; program development, and collaborative research. Position offers competitive salary commensurate with experience and strong benefits package. Interested applicants should send their CV, three letters of reference, and statement of clinical, teaching, and research interests to Caroline Carney Doebbeling, MD, Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Psychiatry, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1111 W. 10th Street, PB 304, Indianapolis, IN 46202-4800. (317) 274-1246; Fax: (317) 278-4821; departmental Web site: <http://www.iupui.edu/~psych/>

KENTUCKY

C-L Psychiatrist. King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland seeks psychiatrist for consultation-liaison and inpatient position. Salary close to \$200,000 plus benefits. For further information contact: Ellen Ufberg, MSW, at (888) 490-6570; E-mail: premonone@aol.com

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MARYLAND

ACGME-Accredited Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship. Available at the University of Maryland, Department of Psychiatry, for academic year beginning July 2005. Fellowship prepares psychiatrist to provide expert consultation on patients with medical illnesses in a wide variety of settings. Outpatient consult experiences available in primary care medical clinic, an HIV clinic, a vocational rehab center, and with a variety of specialty medical and surgical patients. Inpatient consult sites include the Cowley Shock-Trauma Center, the Greenebaum Cancer Center, and University Hospital with its multitude of specialty services including nephrology, organ transplant, HIV, neurology/neurosurgery, cardiology and ob/gyn. Fellow will have opportunity to participate in ambulatory psychiatry training program for internal medicine residents, as well as teach medical students and psychiatry residents. Educational program consists of seminars, case conferences, and individual supervision provided for all clinical activities. Completion of approved psychiatric residency program required. Contact: Mark J. Ehrenreich, MD, Director C-L Psychiatry, Dept. of Psychiatry, Box 349, University of Maryland Medical System, 22 S. Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21201. (410) 328-6090; E-mail: mehrenr@psych.umaryland.edu

Bioethics & C-L Psychiatry Fellowship. NIMH Psychiatry C-L Service in cooperation with the NIH Clinical Center Department of Clinical Bioethics is offering a unique two-year fellowship in C-L Psychiatry and clinical research bioethics. Applications being accepted for July 2005 from psychiatrists who have completed their residency or who will be entering their fourth year of psychiatric residency training. Fellowship is designed to train C-L psychiatrists to become future leaders in bioethics activities in an academic medical center. Fellows will receive clinical training on the NIMH Psychiatry C-L Service. Consultations are provided to NIH Clinical Center research subjects participating in a wide variety of clinical protocols (e.g., diagnostic and therapeutic genetics research, bone marrow and solid tissue transplantation, immunotherapy research protocols, and research on HIV/AIDS). Bioethics training involves a structured educational program (including a lecture series in psychiatric research bioethics and seminars conducted by the Department of Clinical Bioethics) and mentored research. Opportunities exist for research projects related to decisional capacity assessment, informed consent for research, and other questions at the interface of medicine, psychiatry and ethics. Contact: Donald L. Rosenstein, MD, Chief, Psychiatry C-L Service, NIH, 10 Center Dr., MSC 1277, Bethesda, MD 20892-

1277. (301) 594-0859 or (301) 496-9675; Fax: (301) 402-2588; E-Mail: DonaldRosenstein@nih.gov

MASSACHUSETTS

Consultation Psychiatry Fellowships. Three fellowship positions at Massachusetts General Hospital will be available for the July 2005–June 2006 academic year. Now entering its 29th year, the MGH Fellowship is a one-year program open to Board-eligible psychiatrists and internists. The program's specific didactic experiences, led by emeritus director George B. Murray, MD, include Journal Club and Special Topics Seminar in Neuropsychiatry. Bedside rounding, individual supervision, and access to numerous departmental conferences and rounds also form the training experience. This advanced clinical training in consultation psychiatry offers exposure to every aspect of tertiary care medicine. With ready access to MGH's extensive basic science and clinical faculty, fellows are encouraged to participate in the rich academic and clinical environment of MGH and gain experience supervising MGH-McLean psychiatry residents and Harvard Medical School students. Eligibility: PGY-V as of July 1; CV; three letters of reference, one from department chair or training director. All fellows must have a full Massachusetts license to practice medicine and both Massachusetts and federal DEA certificate. Contact: Gregory L. Fricchione, MD, Department of Psychiatry, Warren 615, Massachusetts General Hospital, 55 Fruit Street, Boston, MA 02114. (617) 726-2984; Fax: (617) 726-5946; or e-mail Judy Byford (jbyford@partners.org) or Sara Nadelman (snadelman@partners.org). Web: www.massgeneral.org/allpsych/FellowshipProgram/PSYCHOSOMATICfellowship_home.htm

ACGME-Accredited Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship. Cambridge Health Alliance (formerly The Cambridge Hospital) offers a one year training program for a PGY-V psychiatrist. Position available July 2005–6. Emphasis on clinical and research training in both general hospital and primary care settings. Responsibilities include: direct care; supervision of psychiatry and primary care residents and medical students; and developing an academic project. Specialized geriatric, addiction, women's health, and behavioral medicine experience is available on an elective basis. Supervision and conferences will be provided at the hospital. Very attractive stipend. The Cambridge Health Alliance is a Harvard Medical School teaching site. Send CV, letter of interest, and 2-3 letters of reference (one preferably from C-L supervisor) to: Robert Joseph, MD, Director, C-L Service, 1493 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02139. (617) 665-1544; Fax: (617) 665-3449; E-mail: robert_joseph@hms.harvard.edu

Psychosocial Oncology Fellowships.

The Psychosocial Oncology Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is recruiting full-time PGY-V fellows in psychiatry to service the clinical needs of a growing academic psychosocial oncology service based at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital. (Fellowship period: July 2005–June 2006.) Responsibilities will include clinical services to cancer patients and their families, consultation and follow-up with inpatients, development of collaborative relationships with oncology subspecialty practices, and other disciplines. Mentored research and teaching opportunities are available. Clinical opportunities in palliative care are also offered. The fellow will be supervised by Psychosocial Oncology Program faculty. Interested candidates should send CV and letter describing their clinical interests to: John R. Peteet, MD, Division of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115.

NEW YORK

C-L Attending Position. Full- or part-time attending position available in a traditional C-L program starting July 2005. Customize the position to your area of interest. Liaison opportunities are available around the medical center. Teaching is done on site through the General Psychiatry Residency of Jamaica Hospital Medical Center. Salaries and benefits are competitive. Malpractice insurance is paid for full-time psychiatrists. C-L training or experience is a must. Contact: Adam Chester, D.O., Chief, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, Flushing Hospital Medical Center at achester.flushing@jhmc.org or (718) 670-4414.

C-L Fellowships. The C-L Psychiatry Service at Long Island Jewish Medical Center is offering five fellowships for 2005–2006 starting July 1–October 1 and running for 12 months from the start date. C-L Psychiatry Service at LIJ is now in its 32nd year of operation and is one of the largest services in the country in terms of faculty and clinical activity. The fellowship provides training in inpatient, and primary care C-L Psychiatry. Extensive opportunities for teaching and research are a part of the core program. The fellowship has no overnight or weekend call requirements. The size of the fellowship program creates a stimulating and collegial experience for fellows. For further information about the fellowship, contact: Maurice D. Steinberg, MD, (718) 470-7652, Fax: (516) 354-6491; E-mail: msteinbe@lij.edu; or visit www.lij.edu and click the C-L Psychiatry department.

AIDS Psychiatry Fellowship. Mount Sinai Medical Center invites applications for an APM-accredited fellowship in AIDS Psychiatry. Advanced training offered to psychiatrists

who have completed psychiatric residency training. Emphasis on both HIV and community psychiatry from the standpoint of transmission, prevention, clinical, and palliative care. Fellow teaches medical students, residents, and other AIDS clinicians. Fellow encouraged to participate in research projects as well as in community outreach program to assist homeless persons with HIV/AIDS. Program provides clinical, education, administrative, and research supervision as well as journal club, research conference, and community seminars. Fellow develops clinical expertise in AIDS care and skills to establish and maintain an AIDS Psychiatry service at other facilities. Fellowship is a one- or two-year program, with an option for two-year program that includes a research component leading to a MPH. Available: July 1, 2005. Send CV, letter of interest, and three letters of recommendation to: Mary Ann Cohen, MD, Director, AIDS Psychiatry, One Gustave L. Levy Place, Box #1009, New York, NY 10029. (212) 241-0959; E-mail: macohen@nyc.rr.com

C-L Psychiatrist. Mount Sinai School of Medicine is offering a full-time faculty position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in the Department of Psychiatry's Division of Behavioral Medicine and Consultation Psychiatry. Requirements include a commitment to training of psychiatry residents and medical students; providing direct care to patients in one or more subspecialty areas; and developing scholarly projects supporting a career in academic psychiatry. The Division is particularly interested in recruiting an individual with expertise in psychooncology and palliative care. Also encouraged to apply are psychiatrists with experience consulting to OB-GYN, organ transplantation, HIV, multiple sclerosis, and geriatrics. Salary and benefits are competitive with comparable positions in the New York City region. Contact: Martin Drooker, MD, Director, Behavioral Medicine and Consultation Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, One Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1230, New York, New York 10029. 212-659-8739; Fax: 212-369-6817; E-mail: martin.drooker@mssm.edu

C-L Fellowship. One-year fellowship at Mount Sinai Medical Center. Fellows will supervise psychiatry trainees and participate in patient care in a variety of medical and surgical settings. Unique opportunity to develop liaisons of their choice with particular subspecialty areas within the field of psychosomatic medicine including organ transplant, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, oncology and palliative care, geriatrics. Fellow will participate in the didactic, clinical, administrative, and supervisory activities of Division. Program includes individual faculty supervision, weekly didactic sessions, interdisciplinary case confer-

ences, walk rounds, and bimonthly journal club. Fellow encouraged to participate in a scholarly project within particular area of concentration. Applicants must have completed a four year of ACGME-approved psychiatric residency program and be board eligible. Contact: martin.drooker@mssm.edu (212-659-8739); kim.klipstein@mssm.edu (212-659-8712); or christopher.tulysewski@mssm.edu (212-659-8828).

C-L/Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowships. Beth Israel Medical Center is currently accepting applications for two fellowship positions for the academic year beginning July 1, 2005. This well-established fellowship-training program is entering its 19th year and has recently been accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Fellows receive a broad clinical training experience working with patients and staff in a variety of medical/surgical settings including oncology, HIV/AIDS, intensive care, ob/gyn, cardiology, and ambulatory primary care. Educational activities include a weekly didactic course in C-L psychiatry, individual supervision, and journal club. Liaison experiences are tailored to the individual fellow's area of interest. Teaching and supervision of psychiatry residents and medical students is emphasized and independent research is encouraged. Interested parties may request an application packet by contacting: Philip A. Bialer, MD, Beth Israel Medical Center, First Avenue and 16th St., New York, NY 10003. (212) 420-4352; E-mail: pbialer@bethisraelny.org

Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship. Cabrini Medical Center, a Mount Sinai School of Medicine major teaching affiliate, located in the beautiful Gramercy Park section of Manhattan's East Side, is offering a one-year full-time fellowship beginning July 1, 2005, in Psychosomatic Medicine. The fellowship will emphasize both general C-L psychiatry and psychiatry in the primary care setting. This well-established fellowship will provide clinical assignments and supervision in a number of clinical settings including general inpatient medicine, surgery, intensive care, cardiology, geriatric inpatient medicine, nephrology, AIDS, oncology, ambulatory medicine and the medical-psychiatry clinic. The didactic curriculum will include readings, lectures, and case conferences with supervision by senior faculty. The Fellow will participate in the teaching programs for residents and Mt. Sinai medical students. Numerous opportunities for clinical research projects. Completion of an approved four-year residency in psychiatry and ability to obtain a New York State license are required. Position includes: salary of \$68,000, generous benefit package, full support to attend the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, academic appointment at Mt. Sinai

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School of Medicine and beautiful subsidized housing available. To apply, contact: Joel J. Wallack, MD, Director of Psychiatry, Cabrini Medical Center, 227 E. 19th St., New York, NY 10003. (212) 995-6762; Fax: (212) 979-3587; E-mail: jwallack@cabrininy.org

C-L/Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowships. Four full-time positions in well-respected program with tradition of excellence in the field. Opportunity for specialized experiences in pain/palliative care, HIV/AIDS, transplant, substance abuse. Other electives may be available to suit applicants' interests. Montefiore Medical Center, 111 E. 210th St., Bronx, NY 10467. Contact: Mary Alice O'Dowd, MD; (718) 920-4796; E-mail: maodowd@earthlink.net

ACGME-Accredited Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship. SUNY Upstate Medical University is offering two (2) one-year fellowships that provide in-depth balanced experience in didactic, clinical, and research in psychosomatic medicine at a PGY-V level beginning July 2005. Clinical experience directly supervised by five consult liaison psychiatrists and will involve inpatient and outpatient consultation-liaison practice. Training will be at a university teaching hospital and an academic affiliated VA hospital. Clinical rotations will involve liaison in primary care, medicine clinic, oncology HIV program, organ transplantation, pain clinic, etc. Send letter of interest with CV and three letters of reference to: Adekola O. Alao, MD, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210. (312) 464-5631; alaoa@upstate.edu

OHIO

Psychosomatic Medicine/C-L Psychiatry Fellowship. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has two PGY-V positions available beginning July 2005 for a one-year Psychosomatic Medicine fellowship. Advanced training is offered in our state-of-the-art, tertiary care setting consistently recognized as one of the nation's best hospitals. The fellows will rotate through various teams having opportunities to lecture and clinically supervise psychiatry, internal medicine, and neurology residents as well as medical students. Joint research projects abound with cardiology, oncology, internal medicine, neurology, gynecology, transplant services, and others. With over 2,500 consultations in the hospital and emergency department, exceptional patient care opportunities are guaranteed with excellent supervision. Contact: Kathleen Franco, MD, Cleveland Clinic Foun-

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dition, 9500 Euclid Avenue, P57, Cleveland, OH 44195-5001. (216) 445-2997; Fax: (216) 445-0127; E-mail: psyched@ccf.org

VERMONT

C-L Fellowship. One-year, full-time fellowship in consultation psychiatry is offered by Fletcher Allen Health Care to qualified physicians at the PGY-V level and requires that the candidate has completed psychiatric residency training and is eligible for medical licensure in Vermont. No on-call requirement. Service consults to all hospital medical and surgical services and performs 600 new consults each year. Also, large outpatient component with emphasis on patients with concurrent nonpsychiatric illness, those with HIV/AIDS, and those with terminal illnesses. Fellow is welcome to become an active participant in psychiatric consultation to one or more other services and to establish own outpatient clinical service, all under the supervision of the PCS director. Numerous teaching and research opportunities. Fellow expected to actively participate in the clinical and didactic teaching of all members of the PCS. The PCS is involved in several clinical investigations and the fellow is encouraged to join one of these investigations or choose a subject for investigation during the first three months of training and to follow through on the investigation such that a manuscript suitable for publication will be produced. Send letter of inquiry, CV, and three or more letters of recommendation to: Terry Rabinowitz, MD, PCS Director, Fletcher Allen Health Care—Patrick 4, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT 05401-1473.

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11th World Congress on Pain. International Association for the Study of Pain, Sydney, Australia. 909 NE 43rd St., Suite 306, Seattle, WA 98105. (206) 547-6409; 206-547-1703; E-mail: iapdesk@juno.com; Web: www.iasp-pain.org

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52nd Annual Meeting, Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, Hyatt Tamaya Resort, Albuquerque, NM. Contact: Executive Director, APM, 5272 River Road, Suite 630, Bethesda, MD 20816. (301) 718-6520; Fax: (301) 656-0989; E-mail: apm@apm.org

VIRGINIA

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Postdoctoral Fellowships in Advanced Rehabilitation Research (ARRT). Applications are currently being accepted from MDs and PhDs for two-year postdoctoral fellowships that provide advanced training in rehabilitation research at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center. The university has a well-established, integrated network of clinical research programs serving persons with traumatic brain injury and other neurological disorders. Neurobehavioral recovery and intervention will be the training focus. The program offers supervision by outstanding mentors, didactic experiences, and independent and collaborative research activities. To initiate an application, please send a CV, statement of interests, and names of three references to: Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, Ph.D., ABPP, Professor, Departments of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Neu-

rosurgery, and Psychiatry, VCU Box 980542, Richmond, VA 23298-0542. (804) 828-9055; Fax: (804) 828-2378; E-mail: jskreutz@vcu.edu

WASHINGTON

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