ACPE REPORT
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This is the 72nd annual report of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE). This report summarizes ACPE’s activities covering the period January 13, 2002 to January 12, 2003, and is available to the profession and to the general public.

In 2002, the ACPE staff successfully undertook its responsibilities and advanced various aspects of our Strategic Plan. This report provides a summary of the activities of the ACPE staff in the implementation of Council policies, procedures and standards related to quality assurance and enhancement of professional degree and continuing education programs, and to the administration and management of these programs. The ACPE year was highlighted by the welcoming of three new Council appointees, saying goodbye to three outgoing Council members because their terms had expired, new staff additions, the first Council meeting in the new office, growing accreditation activities based on the number of new colleges and schools of pharmacy and continuing education providers, the accreditation of the first non-US based professional degree program in pharmacy, growing interactions with international colleagues involved in assuring quality pharmacy education, receipt of a research grant from the Institute for the Advancement of Community Pharmacy, numerous activities to communicate ACPE activities to its constituencies and the receipt of a request from the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy to initiate a profession-wide dialog on quality assurance of pharmacy technician education and training.

MEETINGS


ACPE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Board of Directors and New Officers

The officers and members of the Board of Directors during this reporting period were: President-Dennis K. Helling, PharmD, FCCP, FASHP, Pharmacy Operations Director, Rocky Mountain Division, Kaiser Permanente, Aurora, Colorado; Vice-President-Mary Anne Koda-Kimble, PharmD, Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Dean of the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy, San Francisco, California; Secretary-Treasurer-Terry A. Short, RPh, Regional Vice President, Northeast, The Medicine Shoppe International, Inc., East Greenwich, Rhode Island; Paul G. Boisseau, RPh, ScD, Executive Secretary, New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy, Concord, New Hampshire; Barbara F. Brandt, PhD, Assistant Vice President for Education and Professor of Pharmaceutical Care and Health Systems, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Judith S. Christensen, PharmD, BCPS, RPh, Clinical Pharmacy Utilization Specialist, Munson Medical Cen-
Professional Staff

John R. Johannes, PhD, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania; Hewitt W. Matthews, PhD, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Dean of Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, Atlanta, Georgia (through June 30, 2002); Wm. Whitaker Moose, RPh, ScD, Community Pharmacy Practitioner, Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina; Robert J. Osterhaus, RPh, Community Pharmacy Practitioner and Owner, Osterhaus Pharmacy, Inc., Maquoketa, Iowa (through June 30, 2002); and S. William Zito, PhD, Professor Pharmaceutical Sciences, St. John's University, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions, Jamaica, New York (effective July 1, 2002).

Professional Staff

J. Gregory Boyer, PhD, joined the ACPE staff as Assistant Executive Director, Accreditation Evaluation and Research, on August 5, 2002. Greg's educational preparation includes a BS Pharm from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, an MBA from Eastern Illinois University, a PhD in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a fellowship in pharmaco-economic research. Greg comes to ACPE after a distinguished career in pharmaco-economic research in the pharmaceutical industry. He has held positions of national and international research and administrative responsibility for nine years with Glaxo and Glaxo Wellcome in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina and the last four years with Searle and then Pharmacia in Skokie, Illinois. Greg has held adjunct academic pharmacy appointments at the University of South Carolina, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and, most recently, the University of Illinois at Chicago. His initial pharmacy practice experience came in a number of community practice positions. Dr. Boyer is involved in both the professional degree program and continuing education provider accreditation activities.

In April 2002, Aimee Malinowski joined the ACPE staff in the position of receptionist/secretary. Prior to joining ACPE, Aimee had secretarial/administrative assistant experience at a law firm and at a country club.

In 2002, the ACPE staff consisted of Peter H. Vlasses, PharmD, BCPS, Executive Director; Jeffrey W. Wadelin, PhD, Associate Executive Director and Director, Professional Degree Program Accreditation; Dimitra V. Travlos, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Executive Director and Director, Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Provider Accreditation; J. Gregory Boyer, PhD, Assistant Executive Director, Accreditation Evaluation and Research; Ulric K. Chung, PhD, Assistant Executive Director, Accreditation Evaluation and Research; Dawn G. Zarembski, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Executive Director, Accreditation Evaluation and Research; Michael J. Rouse, BPharm, MPS, Assistant Executive Director, International and Professional Affairs; Sharon L. Hudson, Assistant Executive Director, Administrative Services; Genevieve M. DiCola, Program Assistant, Professional Degree Program Accreditation; Melissa M. Blan carte, Program Assistant, Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Provider Accreditation; and, Aimee Malinowski, Receptionist/Secretary.

Public Interest Panel

The ACPE Public Interest Panel met on June 17, 2002, and January 3, 2003, to discuss the professional programs scheduled for review by the ACPE Board of Directors during its June 2002 and January 2003 meetings. Evaluation team reports and other materials associated with the evaluation of the professional degree programs were duly considered. The comments and recommendations of the Panel were considered by the Board. Panel members are Sandra J. Branda, BS, JD, LLM; Stephen K. Dome, BA in Economics and MBA in International Finance, and Joal Marie Hill, JD, MPH.

Practitioner Advisory Committee. To broaden the input of pharmacists from various practice settings, ACPE approached pharmacy organizations to provide ACPE assistance in on-site reviews of professional degree programs (consistent with U.S. Department of Education recognition requirements for ACPE), field review of CE provider accreditation petitions and general advice on ACPE activities. The members of this committee and their affiliations are: Jannet Carmichael, (American College of Clinical Pharmacy), Veterans Administration Medical Center, Reno, Nevada; Jeff Carson, (National Community Pharmacists Association), San Antonio, Texas; Judith Sommers Hanson, (National Association of Chain Drug Stores), Sean Jeffery, (American Society of Consultant Pharmacists), Connecticut VA Healthcare System, West Haven, Connecticut; Sharon Jones, (The National Pharmaceutical Association), Clinical Pharmacist Consultant, Chicago, Illinois; James R. Knight, (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists), Vanderbilt University
Health Systems, Nashville, Tennessee; Paul W. Lofholm, (American College of Apothecaries), Ross Valley Pharmacy, Kentfield, California; Darlene M. Mednick, (Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy), Merck-Medco Managed Care, L.L.C., Franklin Lakes, New Jersey; Rebecca Rogers Prevost, (American College of Clinical Pharmacy), Florida Hospital-Celebration Health, Celebration, Florida; Anthony Provenzano, (National Association of Chain Drug Stores), Franklin Park, Illinois; John Sherrer, (National Community Pharmacists Association), Marietta, Georgia; Donna L. Soflin, (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists), Tri-County Hospital, Lexington, Nebraska; and Robert Treitline, (National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives), North Dakota Pharmacies, Inc., Dickinson, North Dakota.

Regulatory Advisory Committee Luncheon. To gain further input from state board representatives on ACPE activities, a luncheon was held at the annual NABP meeting. Feedback was obtained on a number of issues.

CE Provider Advisory Committee. The Committee, with representatives from various types and sizes of CE providers, advises ACPE on matters related to the CE Provider accreditation process. The members are: James Appleby, American Pharmaceutical Association; William Feinberg, W-F Professional Associates, Inc.; Maureen Garrity, Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc.; Barbara Hammonds, American Society of Health System Pharmacists; Alan Hanson, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy, Extension Services in Pharmacy; Kristin Janke, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy; Peggy Kuehl, American College of Clinical Pharmacy; James Magrann, Wolters Kluwer Health; Terri McEntaffer, Illinois Pharmacy Association; Dana McCormick, VHA, Inc; Jennifer Moulton, Iowa Pharmacy Association; Linda Norton, University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Gordon VanScoy, University Pharmacotherapy Associates, LLC; and Bob Williams, Kansas Pharmacy Association.

Strategic Planning Process

The Board further developed the strategic plan and will continue to review, act on and modify it at future ACPE Board meetings. The strategic plan is posted on the ACPE website (www.acpe-accredit.org). Critical issue teams composed of Board and staff members continue to evolve the needed strategic actions. Critical issue teams gave reports of progress since the last board meeting. The teams will continue to evolve the needed strategic actions. A progress report on the strategic plan will be distributed in 2003 to ACPE constituents.

Publications and Distribution

ACPE publications included the Annual Directory of Professional Programs of Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy (5000 copies distributed) and the Directory of Accredited Providers of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education (3500 copies distributed). The pharmacy press was invited to reproduce this Directory in their publications. These publications provide both program/provider accreditation information and public information regarding the ACPE accreditation processes. In the future, the annual directories will be published only on the ACPE web site, which will include a downloadable and printable version. ACPE Report of the Proceedings was published twice during the year, in February and July. The July 2002 Report included a listing of the programs of Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy to be considered for accreditation/preaccreditation during the 2002-2003 academic year. Opportunity was given for the submission of written third party comments concerning qualifications for accreditation or preaccreditation. No comments were received.

Staff Communication and Outreach Activities

A fundamental aspect of the staff communications and outreach activities involves ACPE’s founding organizations, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA), and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). With the assistance of Council members, ongoing interactions exist with these organizations and staff. A summary of specific activities is presented as follows:

AACP. President Milap Nahata, Executive Vice President Richard P. Penna and Executive Vice President designee Lucinda Maine met with the Council during the June 2002 meeting and joined the Council and staff for dinner. A predetermined agenda was followed, which provided for an exchange of information. Board members Drs. Brandt, Koda-Kimble, and Zito and staff members Drs. Travlos, Wadelin and Vlasses and Mr. Rouse attended the AACP Board of Directors meeting on July 12, 2002 and discussed matters of common interest. Both boards received the report of the AACP-ACPE Task Force on Assessment and Accreditation and its activities were approved for another year.

APhA. At the APhA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 15, 2002, President Hel- ling, Council members Osterhaus and Short, and Drs. Travlos, Wadelin and Vlasses and Mr. Rouse met with
the APhA Board and discussed matters of mutual concern. APhA President Janet Engel and Executive Vice President John A. Gans met with the Council during the June 2002 meeting and joined the Council and staff for dinner. A predetermined agenda was followed, which provided for an exchange of information.

NABP. Council members Boisseau, Christensen and Moose, and Drs. Travlos, Wadelin and Vlasses and Mr. Rouse met with the NABP Executive Committee at the NABP Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, on May 17, 2002. Topics of mutual interest from a predetermined agenda were discussed. CEO Carmen Catizone and President John Fiacco met with the Council during the June 2002 meeting and joined the Council for dinner. In addition, CEO Carmen Catizone and Dr. Vlasses met quarterly to discuss matters of mutual concern to NABP and ACPE.

In the fall of 2002, based on mutual consent, regular communication meetings including Dr. Maine (AACP), Dr. Gans (APhA), Mr. Catizone (NABP), and Dr. Vlasses (ACPE) were initiated.

In addition, efforts have also been made to maintain effective relationships with all constituents at the national and state level. Meetings were held or presentations were made at meetings of, American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE), American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy (CCP), Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP), National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAE), National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA), and Pharmacy Technicians Educators Council (PTEC).

Dr. Dawn Zarembski, Assistant Executive Director, Accreditation Evaluation and Research, received funding from The Institute for the Advancement of Community Pharmacy for a grant entitled "Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice Experiences in Accredited Doctor of Pharmacy Programs." The project will be conducted in 2003. Data will be managed by a third party, Consulting Dynamics, Inc., and will be blinded to ACPE by the institution and preceptors submitting the information.

During the year ACPE welcomed a number of international visitors (from England, Japan, Portugal, South Africa and South Korea) wanting to learn more about ACPE’s accreditation programs. ACPE also hosted Dr. Yumi Koyama from Nihon University, Japan, for a 4-month "sabbatical" to study the US systems of education and accreditation for pharmacists. The education system for pharmacists in Japan is undergoing major changes and ACPE has been working with colleagues in Japan to assist them in this process.

In August 2002, Dr. Vlasses and Mr. Rouse convened a meeting of the "International Forum for the Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education" in Nice, France, in conjunction with the annual FIP Congress. Thirty-four people from eighteen countries and a number of international and regional organizations participated in the meeting. The Forum, while still an informal grouping, now includes 130 individuals from over 30 countries.

In response to a November 2002 request from the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy (CCP), the ACPE Board of Directors agreed at its January 2003 meeting to initiate a profession-wide dialog concerning the possible development of national standards and an accreditation process for pharmacy technician education and training. During 2003, ACPE will convene a number of open hearings and invite comments on the issue.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OF PHARMACY

U.S. Department Of Education: Review Of ACPE

The U.S. Department of Education National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity reviewed and accepted the ACPE Interim Report at its December 3, 2002 meeting. The Committee requested that ACPE increase its review of student complaint procedures and audit the complaint files during future on-site visits to colleges and schools of pharmacy. The changes implemented by ACPE, including the request of all accredited programs to establish individually the needed complaint policy and file, were found acceptable by the Committee.

ACPE Recognition of Accreditation Actions by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP)

At its June 2002 meeting, the ACPE Board voted to recognize the accreditation decisions of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs, with respect to professional programs leading to the baccalaureate degree in pharmacy taken subsequent to the establishment of CCAPP in 1993 through June 30, 2004. The ACPE standards for the baccalaureate in pharmacy...
degree programs expire on June 30, 2004. Dr. David S. Hill, then Associate Executive Director of CCAPP, attended the meeting as an observer.

Following resolutions by their respective boards of directors, ACPE and CCAPP signed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 1, 2002. The Memorandum signifies the commitment of the two agencies to future collaboration and the promotion of high standards for pharmacy education quality in both countries.

ACCREDITATION ACTIONS TAKEN

On the basis of comprehensive, focused, and staff consultation evaluations conducted during the reporting year, communications received from the institutions, ongoing review of first-time NAPLEX® passing rates and entry class size and comments of the Public Interest Panel, the Board of Directors determined the accreditation status along with specified terms and conditions of 33 professional programs, representing 32 Colleges or Schools of Pharmacy. (Note: A list of accredited professional degree programs of colleges and schools of pharmacy, which designates the respective accreditation status of the programs and the academic year for the next currently scheduled evaluation, is posted on the ACPE web site at www.acpe-accredit.org.) An action to "affirm" implies that a previously established accreditation term has been confirmed. An action to "continue" implies that the accreditation date has been extended to the customary six-year cycle. The accreditation actions taken are as follows:

Consideration of Application for Accreditation Status

Lebanese American University, Byblos, Lebanon
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation status was granted.
Note: This represents the first non-U.S. based program accredited by ACPE.

Continued Accreditation Status

Long Island University Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

St. Louis College of Pharmacy,
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

University of Washington School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

Washington State University College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

Interim Monitoring Based on Focused On-site Evaluation Visit

Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

Howard University College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.
Midwestern University College of Pharmacy-Glendale
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was continued.

University of Florida College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

West Virginia University School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation was affirmed.

Advancement from Candidate to Accreditation Status
Hampton University School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation status was granted.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: accreditation status was granted.

Advancement from Precandidate to Candidate Accreditation Status
Palm Beach Atlantic College School of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: candidate accreditation status was granted.

Consideration of Applications for Preaccreditation (Precandidate or Candidate) Status
The following requests for precandidate or candidate status of a Doctor of Pharmacy program were considered on the basis of an application and presentation. It should be noted that authorization of an on-site evaluation neither implies nor infers full accreditation or complete acceptance of the planning presented in the application, to date, but rather represents a companion element in the fact finding process necessary to the decision-making of the Board. Moreover, it should be understood that ACPE may grant or deny Preaccreditation status based upon the evaluation process set forth.

Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy
An on-site evaluation was authorized to be conducted during fall 2002, so as to provide the basis for the Council's consideration of candidate accreditation of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at its January 2003 meeting; application is under review pending receipt of additional information.

Nevada College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy program: candidate accreditation status was granted

South University School of Pharmacy
At the June 2002 meeting, an on-site evaluation was authorized to be conducted during fall 2002, so as to provide the basis for the Council's consideration of pre-candidate accreditation of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at its January 2003 meeting. After discussion at the January 2003 meeting, the Doctor of Pharmacy program was granted precandidate accreditation status.

Monitoring During the Accreditation Period
Interim reports for 30 professional programs of the following Colleges or Schools were reviewed. Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn University, Alabama; Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Ferris State University College of Pharmacy, Big Rapids, Michigan; Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tallahassee, Florida; Lake Erie Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy, Erie, Pennsylvania; Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Pharmacy, Worcester, Massachusetts; Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Charleston, South Carolina; Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, Glendale, Arizona; Nevada College of Pharmacy, Las Vegas, Nevada; Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Oregon State University College of Pharmacy, Corvallis, Oregon; Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Piscataway, New Jersey; Shenandoah University Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy, Winchester, Virginia; Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Houston, Texas; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy, Little Rock, Arkansas; University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, Storrs, Connecticut; University of Houston College of Pharmacy, Houston, Texas; University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, Lawrence, Kansas; University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, Lexington, Kentucky; University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy, Monroe, Louisiana; University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore, Maryland; University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy, Omaha, Nebraska; University-
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Charleston, South Carolina; University of Toledo College of Pharmacy, Toledo, Ohio; University of Utah College of Pharmacy, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy, Pomona, California.

Staff Consultations Requested

Staff Consultations were requested from: University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus School of Pharmacy, University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Ferris State University College of Pharmacy, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences-Boston Campus, and University of Montreal, Canada.

Annual Monitoring

In addition to the monitoring presented above, all programs are monitored through statistical analysis of enrollment and other information provided by AACP documents and review of graduates' performance on NAPLEX® examinations. Review of the data required the sending of a letter of concern to several colleges or schools of pharmacy, in accord with established monitoring criteria.

Evaluation Team Member Training

Review of the accreditation process, with a special focus on the role and responsibilities of evaluation team members was conducted during the ACPE Evaluation Team Training Sessions at AACP meetings on March 2, 2002 in Houston, Texas, and July 16, 2002 in Kansas City, Missouri. The agenda provided opportunity for discussion of the accreditation process generally, discussion of the on-site visit, including guidelines for team members and development of the evaluation team report, case studies with a focus on self-study analysis and interview skills. Evaluation and outcomes measures were discussed. Specific guidance is also provided to evaluation team members during pre-visit telephone conferences and during the orientation session of the on-site evaluation.

Evaluation Team Members

The success of the on-site evaluation depends upon the substantial efforts and dedication of many individuals (in addition to Council members and staff) who serve voluntarily as evaluation team members. Both academic and practice oriented individuals served during the year. These are: Ralph J. Altieri, Associate Dean, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy; Wayne K. Anderson, Dean, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Heidi M. Anderson-Harper, Assistant Dean for Education Innovation, University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy; Joseph A. Barone, Associate Professor, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey; Douglas J. Bricker, Associate Dean/Associate Professor, Duquesne University, Mylan School of Pharmacy; Jannet Mari Carmichael, Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator, Veterans Administration Medical Center; Barry L. Carter, Professor, University of Iowa College of Pharmacy; Rodney A. Carter, Professor, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy; John M. Cassidy, Dean, Ohio State University College of Pharmacy; Timothy M. Chan, Dean, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy; Patricia Chase, Dean, Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Renae Chesnut, Assistant Dean, Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Bruce L. Currie, Professor, South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy; Patrick J. Davis, Associate Dean, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Texas College of Pharmacy; George E. Downs, Dean, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; R. Lee Evans, Jr., Dean, Auburn University, Harrison School of Pharmacy; David Forbes, Dean, University of Montana School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences; George E. Francisco, Jr., Associate Dean/Associate Professor, The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy; Michael C. Gerald, Dean, University of Connecticut, School of Pharmacy; Stephen G. Hoag, Dean, Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Sharon E. Jones, Clinical Pharmacist Consultant, NPhA; Kenneth W. Kirk, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, St. Louis College of Pharmacy; Anne Y.F. Lin, Chair and Professor, Pharmacy Practice, Wilkes University, Nesbitt School of Pharmacy; Paul W. Lofholm, Ross Valley Pharmacy; Ronald W. Maddox, Dean, Campbell University School of Pharmacy; Michael S. Maddux, Professor/Assistant Dean, St. Louis College of Pharmacy; Alan B. McKay, Dean, Shenandoah University, Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy; Darlene Mednick, Vice President, Pharmacy Relations, Merck-Medco Managed Care, L.L.C; Gary M. Oderda, Professor, University of Utah College of Pharmacy; Rebecca R. Prevost, Director of Pharmacy, Florida Hospital-Celebration Health; Anthony Provenzano, Manager, Clinical Programs, Albertson's Inc; John R. Reynolds, Chair and Profes-
Continuing Education Program

Applications for Initial Accreditation as a Provider of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education

A total of 32 sets of application materials, submitted by organizations requesting ACPE-accreditation status as Providers of continuing education were evaluated for presentation to the Council this year. These sets of application materials included both preliminary Requests for Evaluation and the more detailed Application Questionnaires. The following organizations were evaluated for consideration of initial Accreditation: American Academy of Continuing Medical Education; American Health Resources; Apothecare Collaborative Services, Inc.; Bayfront Medical Center; Clinical Pharmacy Associates; Campbell County Memorial Hospital; The Cleveland Clinic Foundation; CME Consultants, Inc.; College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists; Continuing Education.com; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Drug Information Association; International Center for Postgraduate Medical Education; International Meetings and Science, Inc.; King's Daughters Medical Center; Learnsomething.com; Lee Memorial Health-System; North American College of Botanical Medicine; P*ceuics Institute@PCCA; Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center; PESI HealthCare, LLC; Pharmacy Business Development Services, Inc.; Pharmacy Healthcare Solutions; PTI International; Romaine Pierson Publishers, Inc./Pharmacy Times; TRINKA Publications; University of California, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Institute; VA Chicago Health Care System; VA New England Health Care System; Valley Care Health System; VCU School of Pharmacy, Office of Continuing Education; and WriteHealth, LLC.

Petitions for Continued Accreditation as a Provider of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education

A total of 37 Petitions for Continued Accreditation were reviewed. Each review entailed an evaluation of a variety of materials reflecting the Provider's activity, including example continuing pharmaceutical education programs, a self-assessment report, surveys of program participants and, when available, program reviews by State Board of Pharmacy members. Petitions for Continued Accreditation submitted by the following Providers in 2002 were evaluated for presentation to the Council: American Diabetes Association; American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Inc.; Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower; Cardinal Health Provider Pharmacy Services; Chicago College of Pharmacy, Midwestern University; Connecticut Pharmacists Association; Connecticut Society of Hospital Pharmacists; Convacare Services, Inc.; Eckerd Corporation; Florida Pharmacy Association; Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Inc.; Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc.; George Washington Hospital Center; GlaxoSmithKline; Ingenix Pharmaceutical Services; Institute for Natural Resources (INR); Lab Safety Corporation; Nebraska Council for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education, Inc.; New Jersey Pharmacists Association; New Mexico Society of Health-System Pharmacists; Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy; PDA Training and Research Institute; Rutgers University College of Pharmacy; Society of Nuclear Medicine Inc.; Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation, Inc.; St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions; St. Louis College of Pharmacy; University of California, San Francisco, School of Pharmacy; University of Cincinnati...
College of Pharmacy; University of Iowa College of Pharmacy; University of Michigan College of Pharmacy; University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy; University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy; University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy; University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy; and Washington Hospital Center.

Monitoring During the Accreditation Period Interim Reports

Based upon previous Council accreditation actions, 111 interim reports were received during the year. These reports were analyzed against the issues noted in the earlier accreditation actions, and were presented for the Council's consideration.

Progress Reports

Based upon previous Council accreditation actions, 18 progress reports were received during the year. These reports were analyzed against the issues noted in the earlier accreditation actions, and were presented for the Council's consideration.

Discontinued Providers

At the June 2002 and January 2003 meetings, 17 organizations were discontinued as ACPE-accredited providers of continuing pharmaceutical education based on their request for a voluntary withdrawal or lapse term. Voluntary withdrawal providers included: Bayer Institute for Health Care Communication; Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; Familymeds; Gentiva Health Services; Infusion Nurses Society; Orphan Medical, Inc.; ProHealth Care, Inc.; Promotions Unlimited, Provena Covenant Medical Center; Scientific Exchange, Inc.; and Virginia Council on Pharmaceutical Education. Lapsed Term providers included: Adis International, Inc., CEU4U, Detroit Department of Health, Education Alliance Associates, Lifescan, Inc., and Mississippi Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

On-going Monitoring

ACPE staff continued daily monitoring of accredited providers through review of Program Description Forms (PDFs) and Certificate Program Description Forms (CPDFs), responses to questions and requests for information from accredited providers, and follow-up to written complaints received regarding specific providers and/or continuing pharmaceutical education program offerings.

Provider Guidance

During 2002, ACPE professional staff provided extensive technical assistance, consultation, and other resources to accredited providers as well as others seeking assistance. The policy of inviting providers to meet with ACPE professional staff in Chicago or at other locations of mutual convenience continues to serve an effective educational and communication purpose, i.e., February 27 – Dr. Dawn Zarembski met with Roche Laboratories' Advisory Board in San Francisco, California to discuss ACPE's noncommercialism policies and criteria; July 9 – Dr. Dimitra Travlos met in Chicago, Illinois, with TAP Pharmaceutical's Speakers Bureau and Anita Young from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to discuss faculty guidance procedures; and September 25 – Dr. Dimitra Travlos met with the VA Employee Education System's Advisory Board in Las Vegas, Nevada to discuss the ACPE criteria.

Administrator workshops continue to be well received. These sessions include administrators from newly approved providers as well as administrators from established provider organizations and are designed to provide a working knowledge of the Criteria for Quality and Interpretive Guidelines and their application to providers' programs. Eight workshops were offered in Chicago in 2002 with a total attendance of 150 participants.

ACPE's 10th Conference on Continuing Pharmaceutical Education


Certificate Programs in Pharmacy

There are currently 36 CE Providers who have filed a Notification of Intent to offer Certificate Programs in Pharmacy and have received acknowledgement from ACPE.

Field Reviewers

During 2002, the following individuals contributed their time and effort in support of the Provider Accreditation Program by serving as a field reviewer in the Petition for Continued Accreditation process: George Alexis, VA Boston Healthcare System; Howard Anderson, Executive Director, North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy; Carol Balmer, Director of Continuing Education, University of Colorado HSC School of Pharmacy; Lorne Basskin, Chair, Pharmacy Practice Department, Nova Southeastern; Vincent Bernardi, President, Quest Educational Services, Inc.; Irby
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**Field Reviewer Training**

Dr. Dimitra V. Travlos and Dr. Dawn G. Zaremski conducted a series of field reviewer training sessions via conference call. The agenda included discussion of the accreditation process, case studies regarding the evaluation of the provider’s self-assessment report and an opportunity to answer questions.

**APPRECIATION**

ACPE wishes to thank wholeheartedly the tireless efforts of the many volunteers in all aspects of its activities who care for the quality of pharmaceutical education, and who contribute generously of their time.
Appendix 1. ACPE Publications


2. Accreditation Standards and Guidelines for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Adopted June 14, 1997

3. Annual Directory of Accredited Professional Programs of Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy, 2002-2003


Also available from ACPE is a status report on continuing pharmaceutical education, a synopsis from NABP of the requirements and related activities in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

To request a copy of any of these publications, please contact the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 2500, Chicago, Illinois 60602-5109 (312/664-3575) or through our web site, www.acpe-accredit.org.
Appendix 2. ACPE Professional Program Accreditation and Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Provider Accreditation, Operations for the Twelve Months ending 12/31/02

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<th>Receipts</th>
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<td>Professional program accreditation</td>
<td>962,843</td>
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<td>Continuing education provider accreditation</td>
<td>1,053,676</td>
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<td>Total receipts</td>
<td>$ 2,016,519</td>
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<tr>
<th>Expenses</th>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative professional services</td>
<td>465,352</td>
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<td>Meetings/travel</td>
<td>375,467</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salaries/services/benefits</td>
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<td>Disbursement to equity</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
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