

Liaison Officers Report for May 2008

1. **American Pharmacists Association (APhA)**

Expanded Technician Role frees pharmacists for patient care

A pilot program at a North Carolina hospital is proof that by enhancing the role of the pharmacy technician, a practice can free its clinical pharmacists to spend more time in patient care activities. Two months after pharmacy technician roles were expanded at Broughton Hospital, a regional state psychiatric hospital in Morganton, N.C., clinical pharmacists were estimated to have saved 10 hours per month- time they could use to spend on clinical activities.

[Read more about how Broughton Hospital's program is enhancing patient care in Pharmacy Today.](#)

21st Century Care in a 19th Century Pharmacy

Established in 1867 just four blocks from the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC, Grubb's Pharmacy and Medical Supplies forms the end of a row of Victorian townhouses fronted by a brick sidewalk and iron fence. Most passersby would probably not guess that inside the tranquil setting, fronted by a tall oak and birdbath, is a bustling pharmacy with one of the District's most unusual mixes of products and services.

[Read more about how Grubb's Pharmacy's innovations provide cutting-edge care to the residents of Washington, DC in Pharmacy Today.](#)

MTM Tip of the Month: Keeping Up With the Literature

As pharmacists, we are called not only to be purveyors of medications and medication therapy management (MTM) services, but also to be recommenders of evidence-based medicine (EBM). However, if you want to "harvest" the fields of medical knowledge and evaluate all of the literature, you would have to read 6,000 articles per day. Given these daunting numbers, you may ask, "How can I keep up?"

[Read the rest of this month's MTM tip on keeping up with the medical literature in Pharmacy Today.](#)

Prescription Drug Importation: The Silent Threat

Prescription drug importation remains an issue of interest to many Members of Congress. Some steps have already been taken to legalize personal importation. The 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations Act authorized persons to bring into the United States a 90-day supply of FDA-approved drug products from Canada. Current legislative proposals are far more comprehensive, and would legalize commercial and personal importation from not only Canada but any other country that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines to meet certain requirements.

[Read more about the dangers of prescription drug importation and why APhA opposes it in Pharmacy Today.](#)

April

»	<u>APhA Urges Congress to Enact Legislation Ensuring Prompt Payment to Pharmacists</u>
»	<u>2008 APhA Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management Presentation Merit Award Announced</u>
»	<u>Patients Encouraged to Consult Healthcare Professionals Before Discontinuing Medications</u>
March	
»	<u>APhA Members Receive Guidance from President on Achieving Success in Practice</u>
»	<u>APhA Releases New Pocket Reference on Pharmacy Practice Experiences</u>
»	<u>APhA Announces Plans for Executive Leadership Transition</u>
»	<u>Part D Vaccine Coverage</u>
»	<u>Medicine Disposal Partnership Will Encourage Public to Flush Less, Crush More</u>
»	<u>Version 2.0 of Medication Therapy Management Core Elements Service Model Launched</u>
»	<u>Pharmacy Groups Unveil Findings, Future of "Project Destiny"</u>

American College of Clinical Pharmacy(ACCP)

ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum Phoenix, AZ
 October 19-22, 2008 ACCP Annual Meeting Louisville, KY

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)

04/22/2008

» [**Submit your CE and CME for the AMCP 20th Annual Meeting & Showcase**](#)

In order to submit your CE and CME for the AMCP 20th Annual Meeting & Showcase just click on the orange CE/CME icon.

04/08/2008

» [**Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Elects New Presidential Officers and Directors**](#)

Two new directors to the Academy's Board of Directors will be seated at AMCP's 20th Annual Meeting & Showcase in San Francisco, CA on April 18, 2008, along with a new president and president-elect.

04/08/2008

» [**AMCP and FMCP Confer Awards**](#)

Individuals who have contributed their time and talent to the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy will be recognized at an awards ceremony Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the San Francisco Marriott. In addition, the prestigious Steven G. Avey Award will be conferred by the Foundation upon Dr. David Eddy for his ground-breaking work in evidence-based medicine.

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

[Attend ASCP Workshops: Clinical Update for the Geriatric Pharmacist \(April 24/Foxwoods, May 13/Midyear\); Geriatric Assessment for the Senior Care Pharmacist and Delivering MTM Services in the Community at Midyear Conference](#)

[ASCP's Capitol Fund fundraising event at Geriatrics '08 is The Beatles Love show by Cirque du Soleil](#)

[NOMINATION DEADLINE-May 31st: George F. Archambault Award and Richard S. Berman Service Award](#)

[In Search of Member Feedback: send your thoughts and ideas on the future of the Society to ASCP leaders](#)

[New - Insomnia in the Elderly clinical reference card](#)

[Get started in Consultant and Senior Care Pharmacy by clicking here to learn more about this exciting profession!](#)

American Society of Health System-Pharmacists (ASHP)

ASHP Liaison Report May 2008:

1) **Weigh in on Proposed Policies for ASHP House of Delegates**

ASHP's professional policies serve as the foundation for the Society's advocacy efforts and are used by our frontline advocates to articulate our positions on important issues. You can offer feedback on the proposals up for review by ASHP's House of Delegates before their session during the Summer Meeting. Review the policies and share your thoughts using the "[Virtual Talk](#)" [message board](#) at www.ashp.org.

[Click here](#) to go to the message board. **Please include your name and professional affiliation with any message you post.**

[Council on Education and Workforce Development](#) [PDF]

[Council on Pharmacy Management](#) [PDF]

[Council on Pharmacy Practice](#) [PDF]

[Council on Public Policy](#) [PDF]

[Council on Therapeutics](#) [PDF]

2) ASHP is looking for Abstract Reviewer – Please see attached documents: Deadline is June 1, 2008 for the application.

Abstract Reviewers

[Poster Reviewer Application](#) [DOC]

[Management Case Study Reviewer Application Form](#) [DOC]

ASHP Foundation

1) The Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant Program supports research efforts critical to

the study of medication adherence and persistence in older patients who receive care through the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Public Health Service. These medication adherence and persistence studies should focus on individuals with either autoimmune diseases, dyslipidemia, HIV/AIDS, psychiatric disorders, or stages 3 and 4 renal disease. A secondary goal of the program is to develop and strengthen the skills of newer researchers in the federal services and foster mentoring of these researchers by more experienced senior investigators.

Application Available: May 15, 2008 at <http://www.ashpfoundation.org>

Application Deadline: January 9, 2009

Press Releases

4/23/2008	ASHP Steps in to Resolve Member Concerns about Proposed Standard
4/23/2008	Summer Meeting Networking Session to Show Off Patient Safety Strategies
4/18/2008	ASHP, South Carolina Affiliate Oppose South Carolina Pharmacy Technician Legislation
4/18/2008	ASHP to Distribute Weekday News E-mail to Members' Electronic Doorsteps
4/18/2008	ASHP Comments on AHRQ Proposed Rule for Medical Error Reporting System
4/11/2008	New ASHP Statement Points to Pharmacists' Role in Eliminating Health Disparities
4/11/2008	ASHP Reaccredited as Provider of Continuing Medical Education
4/9/2008	AHRQ Chief Champions Use of Pharmacists in Emergency Departments
4/9/2008	CMS Panel Recommends Agency Investigate New Sources to Fund Pharmacy Services
4/9/2008	ASHP to TJC: Prospective Order Review in EDs Protects Patient Safety

Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course

The Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course is offered annually. This course is designed to help Oncology Pharmacy practitioners prepare for the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Certification Examination.

Offered live in Tampa, Florida, May 1-3, 2008

Offered as a CD-ROM product beginning 7/1/08

Offered on-line beginning 7/1/08

ASHP 2008 Summer Meeting & Exhibition Registration

Save \$50 if you register between May 1 and May 29.

Pre-meeting registration closes on May 29. All pre-registrations must be received by ASHP on or before that date. After May 29 you must register onsite.

Full Registration Fees

(includes sessions, Exhibit Program, Welcome Reception, and Wednesday lunch in the Exhibit Hall)

	ASHP Member	Non-Member*
May 1 - May 29	\$470	\$725
May 30- Onsite	\$525	\$775

2008 Summer Meeting and Exhibition
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
Seattle, WA
June 8-11, 2008

ASHP offers Web-Based CE Programs

Free online web-based programs for pharmacy or other health-care professionals; the program format may be audio-synched slide presentation or printed monographs. Earn pharmacy CE credit by either listening to the presentation or reading the content, and then take the online test.

Go to: http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/doc1cf.asp?CID=4&DID=6844

ASHP Foundation Highlights:

The following information can be found at: <http://www.ashpfoundation.org/>

Programs Calendar by Category

Awards

- 5/16/2008 – Deadline for [Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety](#) applications
- 6/2/2008 – Deadline for [ASHP Foundation Literature Awards](#) applications
- 7/1/2008 – Deadline for [Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards](#) applications

Leadership Programs

There are currently no leadership programs accepting applications.

Meetings & Events

- 6/8-11/2008 – [ASHP 2008 Summer Meeting, Seattle, WA](#) • 9/21/2008 – [2008 Walter Jones Golf Classic](#)
- 12/7-11/2008 – ASHP 2008 Midyear Clinical Meeting, Orlando, FL

Research Grants

- 4/15/2008 – Applications for [Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant](#) available (*Tentative Date*)
- 4/15/2008 – Applications for [Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Research Grant](#) available
- 6/1/2008 – Applications for [Junior Investigator Research Grant](#) available
- 7/1/2008 – Applications for [Hospital Pharmacist-Hospitalist Collaboration: Improving Glycemic Control in Hospitalized Patients](#) available (*Tentative Date*)
- 8/1/2008 – Applications for [Medication Safety Team Grant: Optimizing Bedside Technology Solutions](#) available (*Tentative Date*)
- 11/3/2008 – Deadline for [Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Research Grant](#) applications
- 1/9/2009 – Deadline for [Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant](#) applications (*Tentative Date*)
- 2/16/2009 – Deadline for [Junior Investigator Research Grant](#) applications
- 3/2/2009 – Deadline for [Hospital Pharmacist-Hospitalist Collaboration: Improving Glycemic Control in Hospitalized Patients](#) applications (*Tentative Date*)
- 4/1/2009 – Deadline for [Medication Safety Team Grant: Optimizing Bedside Technology Solutions](#) applications (*Tentative Date*)

Traineeships

- 6/1/2008 – Applications for [Oncology Patient Care Traineeship](#) available
- 9/2/2008 – Deadline for [Oncology Patient Care Traineeship](#) applications

2) Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety

Sponsored by a grant from Cardinal Health Foundation

Application Available: February 15, 2008

Application Deadline: May 16, 2008

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation created the Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety in 2004. This is the only award program to honor a pharmacist-led multidisciplinary team for its significant institution-wide system improvements relating to medication use. The \$50,000 award, which is sponsored by the Cardinal Health Foundation, recognizes on a national level pharmacy professionals who have assumed a leadership role in promoting safety in the medication-use process. The award also honors two finalists, who each receive \$10,000.

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

Calling 2008 Teacher of the Year Submissions [4/18/08]

Please submit your 2008 Teacher of the Year, new dean and In Memoriam information for announcement during the 2008 AACP/AFPC Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. **Submissions must be made by deans by Friday, May 23.** To access the submission form, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Richelle Wilkins at 703-739-2330 ext. 1040 or rwilkins@aacp.org.

AACP Web Site Is Getting a New Web Host! [4/3/08]

AACP is moving its host for our Web site, in anticipation of our new site that is expected to be online this summer. This host conversion will take place after 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3. Please do not attempt to make any changes to your membership profile as these changes will not be saved to our site. Please also be aware that the site may be temporarily unavailable for brief periods of time during this conversion. Thank you for your patience during our information technology growth period.

New Issue of Academic Pharmacy Now available online! [4/2/08]

The March/April 2008 issue of [Academic Pharmacy Now](#) is currently available online! This new issue features: academic pharmacy's CERTs and DECIDE Centers and the revolutionary research taking place through these ground-breaking programs; innovative minority student recruitment and retention techniques one school is undertaking in their attempt to provide a more diverse pharmacy workforce for our diverse world; an illuminating interview with AACP Treasurer Dr. Keith N. Herist, as he completes his first of three years in this new position; the latest update on the tragic UIC College of Pharmacy fire; the 2008 Grants and Contracts Award rankings - find out where your college or school of pharmacy ranks among the list; and so much more!

Just a reminder that the AACP Communications Team is already hard at work on the May/June Issue of *Academic Pharmacy Now*! This upcoming edition will feature articles about academic pharmacy's global initiatives. Please feel free to [contact us](#) to share your institution's work in our global community!

AACP HAS MOVED!!!! [3/14/08]

After more than 20 years at our Prince Street offices, AACP has grown from a 9 person staff to a 22 person staff. To accommodate this growth and serve members even more effectively, AACP is relocating to new offices only two blocks from our Prince Street building. We are directly across from the King Street metro station. Contacting us will be easy since AACP staff have retained the same phone numbers, Web site and e-mail addresses. Only our mailing address has changed to [1727 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2700](#). Come visit when you come to DC!

2008-2009 AACP Call for Volunteers [3/12/08]

Victor A. Yanchick, AACP President-Elect, is seeking volunteers to serve on AACP committees. During his presidential year, Dr. Yanchick will be focusing AACP's efforts in the area of curricular reform that will include the Pharm.D. curriculum, and also look at interdisciplinary curricular efforts, combined degree programs and graduate curricular issues. His other area of emphasis is global pharmacy education.

ASHP Foundation Accepting Applications for 2008 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety [3/6/08]

The ASHP Foundation is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 2008 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety. This \$50,000 award, which is supported by the Cardinal Health Foundation, recognizes the efforts of a pharmacist-led multidisciplinary team that has made significant institution-wide improvements related to medication safety in its hospital or health system. More information can be found at www.excellenceinmeduse.org. The deadline to apply is May 16, 2008

2008 AACP Institute: Faculty Recruitment, Retention and Enrichment <http://www.aacp.org/>

AACP is offering a 4-day (3-night) Institute May 19-22, 2008 at The National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Va. and June 2-5, 2008 at the Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center in Scottsdale, Ariz. This year's Institute will focus on strategies that will help participants understand and respond to present and future challenges related to faculty recruitment, retention and enrichment. College- or school-based teams involved in the recruitment and development of faculty (including preceptors), staff and administrators, and those individuals responsible for the evaluation of their faculty development/enrichment activities are encouraged to participate. Additional information will be available at the Meetings portion of the AACP Web site.

2008 Annual Meeting and Seminars Prospectus Now Available!

Sponsorship packages are now available for the 2008 Annual Meeting and Seminars. Vendors, sponsors and advertisers: download AACP's [prospectus](#) http://www.aacp.org/Docs/AACPFunctions/Meetings/8815_AM08prospectus.pdf for rates, dates and times to promote your exciting services or products to the largest gathering of academic pharmacists in the world.

2008 Annual Meeting and Seminars

A Bold New World

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

Chicago, Illinois

July 19–23, 2008 **Registration is now open**

American Public Health Association (APHA) :

APHA is seeking nominations for its 2008 annual awards which are given in honor of exceptional achievements in public health. The awards will be presented during the Association's 136th Annual meeting in San Diego, to be held October 25th - 29th.

Awards criteria and nomination forms are online at <http://www.apha.org/about/awards/>. For more information, call (202) 777-2442 or email deborah.dillard@apha.org.