

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Benefits of Service to ICEP



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"A person only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people."

— Will Rogers

The Illinois College of Emergency Physicians has always had good participation and great leadership from its members. When I look

at the various ICEP committees, I am struck by the names of the participants. They range from the founders of emergency medicine here in Illinois, to current directors and leaders in the specialty, to young, up-and-coming physicians who are beginning to establish themselves as the new leaders in our profession.

ICEP, like all professional associations, provides for the convening of members to learn about each other, exchange best practices, improve practice environments; all leading to the ultimate goal of optimizing the care of the patients we care for.

To really unlock the "power to convene" that an association provides, however, active participation is needed. One of the most rewarding ways to participate — besides attending educational programs or donating to the PAC — is to be a member of one of the many ICEP committees.

ICEP committee membership lets emergency physicians learn from each other, the second half of the folksy Will Rogers quote. While the work of the committees advance the knowledge and practice of emergency medicine, those who serve on committees also increase their own knowledge and skills, often many-fold compared to the effort they put into the endeavor. Here is a highlight of a few of the important committees run by our state chapter:

The Educational Meetings Committee,



chaired by Marc Dorfman, MD, FACEP develops, implements and evaluates the myriad of ICEP educational programs targeted to emergency physicians. Some of the ICEP offerings include:

- **Oral Board Review Course:** This is one of the largest courses in the nation, with over 300 students a year.
- **APLS/PALS Course:** This annual course updates the knowledge base of participants in the treatment of the critically ill child.
- **EM4LIFE LLSA:** Allows the practicing physician to get maximum benefit from the Life-long Learning and Self Assessment process. The CME provided in the course is applicable for pediatrics, trauma and stroke to meet regulatory standards.
- **Spring Symposium & NEXT Forum:** This is the largest gathering of ICEP

members, bringing together residents and practicing physicians for the annual business meeting of the college and CME presentations on both clinical and public health topics.

- **Downstate Emergency Medicine Conference:** An emergency medicine educational conference that is traditionally well attended by EM physicians, nurses and paramedics from central and southern Illinois. The 2011 conference was in Peoria, and planning for the 2012 conference in Springfield is underway.
- **Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab:** This sim-based program updates the critical procedure skills needed for the critical-care environment. Many of the procedures that we learned in residency are low-incidence/high-risk procedures. Periodic updates via simulation technology is a great way for the practicing professional to be ready for anything that rolls through the door of the emergency department.

The **EM|MOREinFOUR Committee** is co-chaired by Linda Herman, MD, FACEP and



Brian Donahue, MD, FACEP. The charge of this committee is to ready physicians

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ICEP's Newest Smiley Award Recipient Looks Back on Growth of EM Specialty

George Hossfeld, MD, FACEP, of Wilmette, was honored with the Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award at the 2011 Spring Symposium on May 12.

The Bill B. Smiley award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of emergency medicine in Illinois. It is ICEP's highest honor.

When accepting his award, Dr. Hossfeld took a few minutes to reflect on the growth and development of emergency medicine as a specialty. Video of his speech will soon be available online at ICEP.org and Facebook.

An excerpt from his commentary is printed here for those who were unable to attend:

I'm honored to be the recipient of this award. I've had the benefit of working with a number of giants in Illinois EM, including Harold Jayne, Vera Morkovin, and more recently, Gary Strange, and I'm proud just to be mentioned in the same conversation with them.

First, I would like to introduce and thank my family that has come to share this moment of pride with me. ... My wife, Bernie, is an emergency nurse of more years than I am allowed to say. We were married in Lutheran General's ED (true story!) which says a lot about what EM has meant to us. Try and beat that!

There are many, many in this crowd that Bernie and I have seen as students, interns and residents over the years. You could say we watched EM "grow up," from its first appearance as a specialty in 1979 to recognition as arguably the most highly respected specialty in the house of medicine today. Along with our many ED teammates, including pre-hospital, nursing, and



Dr. George Hossfeld (center) accepts the Bill B. Smiley Award from ICEP's outgoing president Dr. Dino Rumoro (right) and Dr. Carolynn Zonia (left), who presented the award to Dr. Hossfeld and spoke about his many accomplishments as an emergency physician.

all the rest, we fought the battles of acceptance, upon which today's EM is built.

Increasingly, EM is finally being acknowledged as what we have always known; that is, that at 2% of all health expenditures, EM provides the biggest bang for the buck in all of medicine. It has taken some others a while to come to that same conclusion. Some of the slower learners in medicine, the media, and politics still need convincing.

In 1980, when I joined ACEP and ICEP, our state chapter staff consisted of Jeanine Helms and Colette Mackey. We were quartered in a small condo on the banks of the lovely Des Plaines River, which every few years rose over its banks and flooded our office. The office then moved to Jeanine's dining room table for a few weeks. Ginny Kennedy came around that same time as our Executive Director.

The expansion of our staff that we see today has

reflected the various educational programs, advocacy efforts, publications, and other member benefits they now perform so well. There is an important mission that we entrust to them. They make sure that there is always someone who "has our back."

There have been numerous important changes in EM in Illinois that ICEP has affected, but probably none more important to each of us than reimbursement.

You might find this hard to believe, but in 1980, Illinois Medicaid payments for emergency department visits started and ended at \$17 — for everything up to and including resuscitation from cardiogenic shock. When we started going down to

Springfield to meet with IDPA staff in the 1980s, they had no idea what an emergency physician even was. They commented how we "seemed like nice young doctors" and wondered when we would be "opening our own practices." That was where we started with many of our payers, and legislators, for that matter.

There is no question that the lobbying efforts ICEP has made have led to many dollars of reimbursement for Illinois EPs from Medicaid and other payers. Another way to look at that is that our reimbursement lobbying has meant literally thousands of dollars in increased income in every one of our pockets — enough to justify your dues dollars many times over.

ICEP now sponsors the No. 1 Oral Board prep course in the country and a Written Board prep course that is not far behind. Our legislative staff has their ear to Springfield and Washington and

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Results of Board of Directors Elections Announced: Welcome to New Members

Dino P. Rumoro, DO, FACEP turned over the gavel to incoming President Michael Wahl, MD, FACEP, FACMT at the Annual Business Meeting that took place during the Spring Symposium on May 12, 2011 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Wahl will serve as President for the 2011-2012 term. Dr. Rumoro will serve as Past President.



The members of the ICEP Board of Directors pose together after elections results were announced at the 2011 Spring Symposium at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

The results of the Board elections were also announced at the meeting. Incumbents re-elected to the Board of Directors were Helene Connolly, MD, FACEP, Marc Dorfman, MD, FACEP and Heather Prendergast, MD, MPH, FACEP. Elected to his first term on the Board was Chad Kessler, MD, MHPE, FACEP, of Chicago. Mi-

chael Paddock, DO, of the John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County residency program, joined the Board as its Resident Member.

Councillor Elections

Councillors to represent the Illinois chapter at the ACEP Council meeting in the fall have

also been selected by the Board. ICEP was allocated 13 councillors for 2011 due to an increase in membership.

Representing ICEP as Councillors will be:

- E. Bradshaw Bunney, MD, FACEP
- Shu B. Chan, MD, MS, FACEP
- Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP
- Marc Dorfman, MD, FACEP
- Cai Glushak, MD, FACEP
- John Hafner, Jr., MD, FACEP
- George Z. Hevesy, MD, FACEP
- Chad Kessler, MD, MHPE, FACEP
- Heather Prendergast, MD, MPH, FACEP
- Dino P. Rumoro, DO, FACEP
- Edward P. Sloan, MD, FACEP
- Michael Wahl, MD, FACEP, FACMT
- Edward J. Ward, MD, FACEP

Selected as Alternates were:

- Don B. Cohen, MD, FACEP
- Mark L. Mackey, MD, FACEP
- Howard Mell, MD, FACEP
- William P. Sullivan, DO, JD, FACEP
- Deborah Weber, MD, FACEP
- Carolynn L. Zonia, DO, FACEP
- Leslie S. Zun, MD, FACEP

ICEP, Coalition of Specialists Taking Steps to Challenge Out-of-Network Act in Court

The Illinois General Assembly adjourned without taking any action to amend the out of network bill HB 5085, now Public Act 96-1523, which went into effect June 1.

The new law has a significant adverse effect on the fair payment of many of our members when they provide emergency services to patients who are out of network. For additional details about Public Act 96-1523, please see Page 8 and refer to the section on the Government and Public Affairs Committee.

ICEP and its coalition partners (Illinois chapters of the College of American Pathologists, American College of Radiology, American Society of Anesthesiologists; Illinois State Medi-

cal Society) lobbied hard for an amendment to make the legislation more palatable to physicians or delay its implementation date so that its potential impact could be studied.

ICEP and its coalition of facility-based specialties named specifically in the new law are not ready to give up the fight on behalf of our members. The coalition plans to continue advocating for fair payment by taking legal action to challenge Public Act 96-1523 in court.

The ICEP Board of Directors voted to join its coalition partners in support of undertaking a legal challenge to overturn Public Act 96-1523.

To support this initiative, ICEP has applied for

a Chapter Public Policy Grant from ACEP. The ACEP Board will select the recipients at its June Board meeting.

The first phase of legal action as directed by the coalition is a feasibility study, which is in process now. A Chicago-based law firm has been retained to analyze the likelihood of whether the new law could withstand a legal challenge. If it is concluded that a challenge could be successful, a second phase to mount the challenge would then be planned and implemented by the coalition.

ICEP will continue to keep its members' interests in the forefront as we negotiate this critical issue. Watch your email for updates.

Spring Symposium Brings ICEP Members Together

More than 200 emergency physicians, residents and medical students joined ICEP for its largest annual member event, the Spring Symposium on May 12 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

The program opened with the Statewide Research Showcase, moderated by Research Committee Chair Shu Chan, MD, MS, FACEP. The 2011 Showcase included 4 oral presentations as well as 10 research posters on display throughout the meeting.

At the Annual Business Meeting that followed, one ICEP member and one long-time advocate for pediatric emergency services were honored with ICEP's annual awards. For profiles of award winners George Hossfeld, MD, FACEP and Evelyn Lyons, RN, BSN, MPH, see Pages 2 and 9.

The Symposium's educational program continued after the Business Meeting with nationally recognized speakers Sandra Schneider, MD, FACEP, President of ACEP, and Diane Birnbaumer, MD, FACEP on the agenda.

Dr. Schneider analyzed the impact of health care reform issues that affect emergency medicine.

Dr. Birnbaumer discussed best practices for providing optimal care for elderly patients.



Dr. Chad Kessler (center), one of the Spring Symposium course directors, greets speakers Dr. Diane Birnbaumer (left), of California, and ACEP President Dr. Sandra Schneider (right), of New York, before their lectures at the Symposium.

Tarlan Hedayati, MD, FACEP, last year's NEXT Forum winner, closed the Symposium with a clinical presentation on syncope in young adults.

[More photos from Spring Symposium:](#)

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BELOW LEFT: Three "generations" of ICEP President at the Spring Symposium, from left, Dr. Michael Wahl, Dr. Dino Rumoro, and Dr. Mark Cichon. BELOW RIGHT: The NEXT Forum presenters pose with the panel of judges.



NEXT Forum Puts Young Physicians in the Spotlight

Eleven of ICEP's young physicians took the podium after the Spring Symposium and competed in the 2011 NEXT Forum for a guest lecture spot at next year's Spring Symposium.

Nathan Allen, MD, of the University of Chicago, has been selected as the winner. Two runners-up were also named: Christopher Lloyd, DO from the University of Illinois and Jonathan dela Cruz, MD, from Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Allen's presentation focused on end-of-life care planning in the emergency department.

Presentations were judged by a panel that included Symposium lecturers Drs. Schneider, Birnbaumer, and Hedayati. All presenters received individualized feedback on their performance.

Also presenting at the NEXT Forum were: Teresa Davis, MD; Benjamin Kemp, MD; Samuel Lam, MD, FACEP; Jenny Lu, MD, MS; Christine Patte, DO; David Pinto, MD; and Emilie Powell, MD.

The NEXT Forum was moderated by Lisa Barker, MD, FACEP, Chad Kessler, MD, FACEP, and Christine Kulstad, MD, FACEP.



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ICEP Well-Represented at ACEP's 2011 Leadership and Advocacy Conference

ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference, held at the end of May in Washington, D.C., drew a diverse group of ICEP members who came together to attend sessions and represent the interests of all Illinois emergency physicians during their visits with legislators on Capitol Hill.

Representing ICEP were:

- ICEP President Michael Wahl, MD, FACEP
- ACEP Board Member Rebecca Parker, MD, FACEP
- ICEP Government and Public Affairs Committee member Mark Mackey, MD, FACEP
- EMRA President Nathan Deal, MD
- Jung Hwang, MD, FACEP
- Amber Sabbatini, MD
- Katie Watts, MD
- Rachel Gilbert



Jung Hwang, MD, FACEP, Katie Watts, MD, and Rachel Gilbert visit Senator Dick Durbin's office.



Rachel Gilbert, Rebecca Parker, MD, FACEP, and Amber Sabbatini, MD, visit Congressman Joe Walsh's office.

A link to a video featuring Dr. Deal discussing his visit to Capitol Hill is posted on the ICEP Facebook page, accessible at www.facebook.com/ICEPfan. A few photos from the conference are also posted, and more will be added as our representatives send them to ICEP.

If you don't already "Like" ICEP on Facebook, this is a great opportunity to do it now and get ICEP news on your news feed.



More from ACEP about the 2011 Leadership and Advocacy Conference

www.acep.org/advocacy/federalissues/

ICEP Honors Legacy of Longtime Member



Frank J. Baker II, MD, FACEP

ICEP honors the memory of Frank J. Baker II, MD, FACEP, a longtime member who served as ICEP President in 1979 and was recognized with the Bill B. Smiley Award in 1984.

Dr. Baker passed away May 13 in his Oak Brook home of complications related to diabetes. He was 65. Dr. Baker leaves behind a tremendous legacy of contributions to emergency medicine.

Dr. Baker was one of four founders of the Emergency Medical Service Systems for Chicago, created in the late 1970s to coordinate the services of paramedics and other medical emergency care professionals throughout the city.

Around the same time, Dr. Baker joined the

teaching faculty at the University of Chicago's medical school, where several years later he became chairman of the emergency medicine department.

He also co-founded the institution's medical helicopter program, the University of Chicago Aeromedical Network, known as UCAN. Created in 1984, UCAN operates 24 hours a day within a 200-mile radius of Chicago.

Dr. Baker left the U. of C. in 1987 and served as a senior emergency physician at several hospitals, including MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and St. Mary's Hospital in Streator. Most recently, he served on the staff at Porter Memorial Hospital in Portage, Ind.

In 1983, Dr. Baker co-edited what was considered the first definitive textbook on emergency medicine, "Rosen's Emergency Medicine: Con-

cepts and Clinical Practice," now in its seventh edition.

As a life fellow of ACEP, Dr. Baker remained committed to the Chapter over the past three decades, faithfully teaching at ICEP's Oral Board Review Courses twice a year through 2010.

Dr. Baker received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Elmhurst College and earned a medical degree from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in 1971. He later completed a master's of business administration from the University of Chicago.

"There was a time, and not that long ago, when emergency medicine physicians weren't given a lot of respect within our profession," former colleague David Howes, MD, FACEP, a professor of EM and pediatric EM at U. of C, told the Chicago Tribune. "Frank helped change all that. He was a fierce advocate of quality emergency medical care for patients."





JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FOR BOARD CERTIFIED EM PHYSICIANS

A new private EM physician group for top ER doctors has partnered with a new hospital on Chicago's south side. Metro South Medical Center, formerly known as St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island, has awarded Emergency Care Physician Services (ECPS) with a 10-year EM physician-staffing contract.

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for certification and re-certification exams; the committee have achieved great success in blending new learning technologies with traditional lectures to meet the needs of a great variety of learners.

- The traditional didactic courses review all the major concepts of the qualifying exam in 4 days with expert faculty that helps participants learn and remember more.
- The lectures are also recorded and available by webcast for asynchronous study. These webcasts are also available by topic such as Cardiology-Pulmonary, Pediatrics, or Trauma, fulfilling state or other regulatory requirements.
- There is also a proprietary online independent study tool. The program has 650 visual stimuli questions on EKG, x-ray, infectious disease, ENT, ophthalmology, dermatology, trauma and more. The questions are multiple choice format and based on the 7th edition of Rosen's and the 7th edition of Tintinalli's.

The members of ICEP's two educational committees are well-respected teachers, many from EM residency programs. They improve the skills and knowledge base of practicing physicians and ready new attendings for their board exams. They also share amongst themselves the best educational practices, tricks and tips which they can use to improve their own abilities as educators.



The Practice Management Committee is chaired by Mila Felder, MD, FACEP. This committee develops, supports and advocates for ICEP's positions on practice management issues. The committee members educate payors on the unique role emergency medicine plays in the health care environment and provides information and education to members on reimbursement, pension/retirement and other practice management issues.

Some of the other weighty issues that are tackled include: pilot projects to reduce ED utilization in Medicaid population, out-of-network balance billing, CMS rules on procedural seda-

tion, and the disposition of behavioral health patients in the ED. The Practice Management Committee works to safeguard and improve the environment that we all practice in.

The Research Committee, chaired by Shu Chan, MD, MS, FACEP, helps to promote emergency medicine research in Illinois. Members plan the scientific papers and posters presentation at the ICEP Spring Symposium, sponsor a resident research competition at the Academic Forum, and conducts surveys of EM departments on the research being conducted in Illinois.



The EMS Committee chaired by Scott French, MD, FACEP, supports and advocates for ICEP positions on EMS issues including paramedic licensure, medical control and SOPs, trauma center designation and leadership in EMS systems. Recent issues the committee has engaged STEMI protocols, stroke centers, and designation of new resource hospitals. This committee also coordinates the activities of the Illinois EMS Forum and the Illinois EMS Medical Directors group.



The Government and Public Affairs Committee is chaired by Mark Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP and is one of the most active ICEP committees. The committee identifies legislative issues and advocates on behalf of emergency physicians at the state level in order to ensure a positive practice environment for our specialty.



This committee creates the strategies and action plans for legislative action. It is our voice in the halls of government.

Much of the next year will be devoted to rescinding Public Act 96-1523. This newly enacted law will have an adverse effect on the fair payment of many emergency physicians when they provide emergency services to patients who are "out of network." Under the legislation:

- The physician provides service to an "out of network patient" and bills the insurer.
- The insurer can either pay the physician

bill or to negotiate a different reimbursement amount.

- If negotiation with the physician does not lead to an agreement on the bill within 30 days of receipt of the EOB, the insurer or physician may initiate binding arbitration.

The arbitration "solution" offered by the legislation would place an undue burden on physicians. The cost and administrative requirement of arbitrating each and every individual contested bill places physicians at a disadvantage as they do not have the resources of the insurance companies to continually go to arbitration. In addition, the law may lead to unfair business practices, as insurers will have little incentive to offer in-network contracts to facility-based physicians.

Over a decade ago, I became active in both emergency medicine and medical toxicology professional and trade associations. I was encouraged to participate as a way to "give back" to the specialties I belong to.

I have found, however, that service in ICEP and other organizations has been a slow, gradual life-changing event and process, both personally and professionally. I have met like-minded individuals who have become friends, thereby enriching my personal life. Through service, I have gained new knowledge and skills that have advanced my professional life and career.

While I was encouraged to "give" in the beginning, what I have received is much more than what I have given. I think most ICEP committee members would say the same.

If you would like to be a member of one of the ICEP committees, I would love to hear from you; drop me a line at mwahl@icep.org.

— **Michael Wahl, MD, FACEP, FACMT**
ICEP President

See who already sits on these Committees:
www.icep.org/directory/committees.htm



Two EM Advocates Honored for Service, Dedication with ICEP's Annual Awards

One ICEP member and one long-time advocate for pediatric emergency services were honored with the chapter's annual awards during the Annual Business Meeting at the Spring Symposium. George Hossfeld, MD, FACEP, and Evelyn Lyons, RN, BSN, MPH, were recognized for their commitment and enduring service.

Dr. Hossfeld, of Wilmette, is the recipient of the Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award, which honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of emergency medicine in Illinois. The Bill B. Smiley award is ICEP's highest honor.

Dr. Hossfeld is a Past President of ICEP, proudly serving two terms on the Board of Directors and as president in 1993. He was one of the first recipients of ICEP's Meritorious Service Award, in 1997. At the Symposium, Dr. Hossfeld took a few minutes to reflect on the growth of the specialty of emergency medicine



ICEP President Dr. Michael Wahl (left) and Past President Dr. Dino Rumoro (right) congratulate Evelyn Lyons (center) after she was presented with the ICEP Meritorious Service Award.

over the past several decades. Read his remarks on Page 2.

Ms. Lyons, of Oak Lawn, is the recipient of the ICEP Meritorious Service Award, honoring her

significant contributions to the advancement of emergency medicine by exemplary service.

Ms. Lyons coordinates the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, serving as Manager and Co-Principal Investigator of Illinois EMSC within the Division of Emergency Medical Services & Highway Safety, Illinois Department of Public Health.

In this position, which she has held since 1999, she is responsible for the implementation and administration of childhood emergency care and pediatric disaster preparedness initiatives within the state of Illinois.

Ms. Lyons has been involved in EMSC development in Illinois since the program began in 1994. Her background includes over 30 years experience in the areas of emergency nursing and emergency medical services.

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keeps us apprised of the many very real threats to the continuing practice of our specialty that arise.

We work with legislators, regulators, and other medical societies. I can tell you that over at the Illinois State Medical Society, where I now sit on a several committees, ICEP is one of the most important specialty societies they confer with for important policy decisions. That would have been laughable 30 years ago.

Over the years, I've been able to serve in many roles with ICEP. I've been fortunate to serve on the Board for some 15 years, on the Practice Management Committee for at least that long, and as President in 1993. Some of you may recall with a laugh, my inauguration as the incoming president when I came unshaven, looking like a vagrant with bilateral arm casts and facial fractures. Seeing me, a colleague offered to order a social service consult.

No matter what position I've been in with ICEP, I know I speak for many others that I have al-

ways felt like I took more than I gave from this fine organization.

Throughout all the changes over the decades, the one constant at ICEP has been that it is the most efficient, friendly, helpful, and rewarding organization that I have ever encountered. That doesn't just happen by accident. It happens because of strong leadership from above.

Certainly from our fine Executive Director Ginny Kennedy, but also from a string of fine EPs who have served as officers, board members, committee chairs, and committee members.

I count myself as lucky to have known and worked with so many of them, and feel more positive now than I ever have in my career of one certainty: That is that EPs are a very special breed.

Who else works 24/7/365 seeing the patients others try to avoid? Who gives away more unreimbursed care than any other specialty or profession — except maybe the Salvation Army?

Who puts up with verbal threats, physical threats, infectious threats, and all the scourges of night shifts, weekend shifts and holiday shifts? Who does this all in the face of a terribly broken medical malpractice system that seeks to turn every patient into a potential plaintiff?

We really and truly are the guys and gals in the White Hats. What we do really and truly matters. At the end of the day, no matter what hour that is, it is great to go home, look at yourself in the mirror and realize that the world is a better place for what you have done today. Not many people can do that.

In closing, I want to thank all the fine EPs, emergency nurses, EMTs, and ICEP staff that I have had the pleasure to practice with over the past 31 years. It has been a genuine honor to know and work with you. You truly are the "Good Guys and Gals of medicine," and I am proud to be one of you. Thank you.

— **George Hossfeld, MD, FACEP**
Bill B. Smiley Award Recipient, 2011

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Photo Highlights of the Spring Symposium



TOP LEFT: Longtime ICEP members (from left to right) Drs. Jeffrey Graff, Jacek Franaszek, and Robert Anzinger catch up at the Symposium.



TOP RIGHT: Spring Symposium presenters (from left to right) Drs. Tarlan Hedayati, Sandra Schneider, and Diane Birnbaumer enjoy lunch before the NEXT Forum.



LEFT: Dr. Shu Chan (center) congratulates all of the 2011 Statewide Research Showcase oral and poster presenters on their research efforts.

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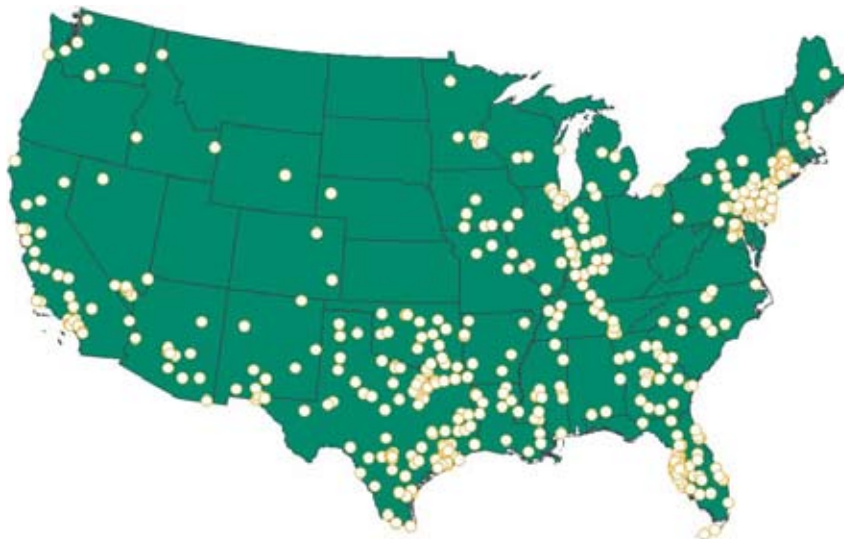
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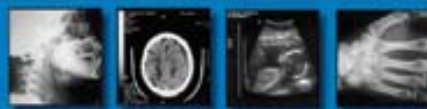
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June 27, 2011

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8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
ICEP Finance Committee
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
ICEP Board of Directors
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
ICEP Board Room
Downers Grove

July 4, 2011

Independence Day Holiday
ICEP Office Closed

July 19, 2011

**ICEP Government Affairs
Committee Conference Call**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

August 8, 2011

**ICEP Educational Meetings
Committee**
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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August 10, 2011

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September 20, 2011

ICEP EMS Committee
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ICEP EMS Forum
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
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September 21, 2011

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September 22-25, 2011

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September 30, 2011

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October 3-6, 2011

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October 13-14, 2011

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