

Liaison Officers Report December 2008**American Pharmacists Association (APhA)**

You Can Help With Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period : Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period lasts from November 15 to December 31.

National e-Prescribing Conference Online Presentations Available Now! Nine sessions offering up to 13.25 hours of free CE credit.

Petition to Recognize New Pharmacy Specialty The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) have jointly submitted a petition to the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) requesting recognition of Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice as a Specialty

The American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting and Exposition will be held April 3–6, 2009, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Early registration now open.

American College of Clinical Pharmacy(ACCP)

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Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)

AMCP 21st Annual Meeting & Showcase, April 15-18, 2009 in Orlando, Fla.

Get Involved!

Submissions are now being accepted for Board of Director nominations and AMCP committee service. Distinguished Service Award and Fellow of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy nominations are also being accepted. Click [here](#) for more information or to submit a committee application or board/award nomination.

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

Call for nominations for the ASCP Senior Care Pharmacist Award. Deadline: December 31, 2008.

Call for Nominations for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors. Deadline: December 31, 2008

American Society of Health System-Pharmacists (ASHP)

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting is December 7-11, 2008 in Orlando, FL
<http://www.ashp.org/midyear>

News Capsules

11/24/2008	Pharmacists Provide Academic Detailing to South Carolina Health Care Providers
11/25/2008	ASHP Talks Disaster Response with Pharmacy Stakeholders
11/18/2008	ASHP Suggests Broad Improvements to Proposed EPA Survey on Drug Disposal
11/18/2008	CMS Lowers 2009 Funding Rates for Outpatient Services
11/18/2008	ASHP Advises Quality Group to Emphasize Cultural Competency
11/6/2008	ASHP Waives Membership Dues for Members Affected by Hurricane Ike
11/5/2008	ASHP Congratulates President-Elect Obama
10/29/2008	ASHP to FDA: Keep Antivirals Out of Homes

Programs Calendar by Category**Awards**

- 1/7/2009 – Applications available for the [2009 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety](#)
- 1/30/2009 – Deadline for [ASHP Student Leadership Awards](#)
- 4/29/2009 – Deadline for [2009 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety](#) applications

Leadership Programs

- 1/21/2009 – Deadline for [Pharmacy Leadership Institute](#) applications

Research Grants

- 1/9/2009 – Deadline for [Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant](#) applications
- 2/13/2009 – Deadline for [Junior Investigator Research Grant](#) applications
- 4/1/2009 – Deadline for [Medication Safety Team Grant](#) applications

ASHP Foundation**ASHP Foundation Offers Flu Vaccinations at Midyear**

The ASHP Foundation and ASHP have joined forces to offer free flu shots to attendees at the 2008 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Visit the ASHP Foundation-ASHP Flu Shot Center in the Orange County Convention Center to get your free flu shot. More information about this vaccination program can be found on the ASHP Foundation web site.

ASHP Foundation Donor Matching Program Now Through December 31st!

The ASHP Foundation's Annual Donor Matching Program began November 1st and will continue through December 31st. Thanks to the generosity of the ASHP Foundation Board of Directors, this year's donor matching sponsor, all gifts made to the Foundation by individual donors now through the end of the calendar year will be matched dollar for dollar. This is a wonderful way to maximize your donor dollars and support your profession.

There are three ways to give:

1. Attend the ASHP Foundation's Donor Matching Reception during the 2008 Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando! The reception will take place on Sunday, December 7, from 5:30 – 7 p.m., in The Peabody Hotel, Orlando III.
2. Visit the ASHP Foundation's exhibit booth #1273 any time during the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting to make a donation.
3. If you are not attending the Midyear Clinical Meeting, complete a donation form and send it to the ASHP Foundation!

Foundation-funded researchers will also be on hand to share the results of the work that you have helped to support! Please stop by, join us for a drink, visit with the researchers and renew your commitment to the Foundation. All donations are tax deductible and assist the ASHP Foundation in achieving its mission.

ASHP Foundation Events at 2008 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

In addition to the Annual Donor Matching Reception, the ASHP Foundation will be hosting many activities during the 2008 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Visit our Web site to see a schedule of events!

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)**Register Now for the PPRa Consensus Development Conference-Enhancing the Rigor and Utility of Medication Use Research** [AACP Web site](#)

Registration is now open for the [PPRA Conference](#), which will critically examine methodological issues associated with the conduct of practice relevant medication use research and the translation of such work into more effective and safer patient care. **There is no registration fee for attending the meeting.** It is recommended that any medication use researchers from pharmacy, medicine, public health, and other disciplines; association and foundation staff members interested in medication use research; corporate research and policy staff; or graduate students and fellows should consider attending this meeting to strengthen this important body of research on practice. Click <http://ems.intellor.com/index.cgi?p=202184&t=12&do=register&s=&riD=310&edID=> to register for this event.

New AACP Award for Excellence in Assessment [11/18/08]

AACP invites applications for the [2009 Award for Excellence in Pharm.D. Program-Level Assessment](#). This award recognizes outstanding Doctor of Pharmacy assessment programs for their progress in developing and applying evidence of outcomes as part of the ongoing evaluation and improvement of pharmacy professional education. Application priority areas will be established each year, however, submissions in other areas of programmatic assessment are welcome. For the 2009 Award, priority will be given to submissions in milestone/progress exams, faculty development and admission plans. In milestone/progress exams, faculty development and admission plans. Winners of this competition will present at the 2009 AACP Meeting and Conference in Boston, Mass. For Award eligibility and criteria visit the [AACP Web site](#).

2009 Innovations in Teaching Competition

AACP invites applications from active and affiliate individual AACP members in the form of course portfolios describing innovative approaches to the teaching/learning or assessment processes in a course, a component of a course, or continuing professional education. The program description and criteria for the Competition is now posted on the [AACP Web site](#).

Collaborating Across Borders II—Call for Abstracts [AACP Web site](#)

Collaborating Across Borders II (CAB II) is the second Canada-United States joint conference focusing on an exploration of common issues around interprofessional education and practice. CAB II will facilitate a discussion of interprofessional education, practice and policy in an international context. It will feature best practices, provide evidence that supports efforts, showcase outcomes, describe lessons learned, and provide a venue for scholarly dialogue and productive networking. The meeting will be held in Halifax, Canada, May 20-22, 2009 and will involve numerous concurrent sessions and poster presentations over the three days. Click http://www.cabhalifax2009.dal.ca/Conference_Abstracts/Online_Abstract_Subm.php to view the Call for Abstracts; the deadline for submission is Dec. 8, 2008.

American Public Health Association (APHA) :

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Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)

The next AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from November 15-20, 2009. All information regarding the 2009 Annual Meeting will be available in Spring 2009.

Officers who attended the AMSUS 114th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, with lodging accommodations, you can now download the Tax Exempt Form (PDF) and may be able to obtain a refund or credit. Go to <http://www.amsus.org/convention/2008HotelTaxExemptForm.pdf>

To obtain a receipt of attendance at the AMSUS 114th Annual Meeting, call Customer Service at 1-866-229-3691 and request for a confirmation.

Questions in obtaining the Pharmacy CEUs offered at the AMSUS conference, please contact LCDR Diem-Kieu Ngo at diem.ngo@fda.hhs.gov.

To become a member go to www.amsus.org/membership starting rate is from \$55/year to a full time life membership of \$1000.

Drug Topics:

[Hurricanes Gustav and Ike: Pharmacists were vital to relief efforts](#)

Wal-Mart pharmacy opens in West Virginia University as part of its for-credit program

Pharmacy Technicians must register with Florida's Board of Pharmacy by Jan. 1, 2010

The sunshine state's new requirements include registration with the state Board of Pharmacy by Jan. 1, 2010. By Jan. 1, 2011, all techs working in the state must have completed a board-approved training program that includes at least 1,500 hours of work under the supervision of a Florida-licensed pharmacist, or they must have obtained PTCB certification offered by either the PTCB or the competing Institute of Certified Pharmacy Technicians (ICPT).

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