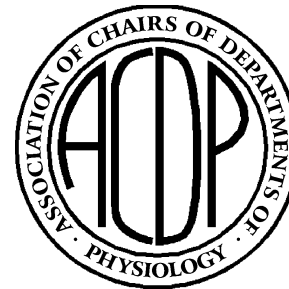


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Dear members of ACDP:

As President of ACDP for 2010, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our annual ACDP Retreat December 2-5, 2010. Our meeting will be held in Bonita Springs, FL at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com. Having visited this location, I can guarantee that this is a delightful site with something to appeal to all tastes. The resort offers several half-day and full day excursions to area attractions such as Everglades National Park, fishing tours, Edison/Ford Winter Estates and an eco tour. There is also golf and shopping nearby.

This year, our meeting will begin with a presentation from Dr. Kevin Grigsby, Senior Director, Organizational Leadership Development, Association of American Medical Colleges. He will cover the issues of the changing landscape for the basic science departments, the unsustainability of the current financial model for funding academic medical centers, developing an orientation toward the future rather than toward the past, why it is an imperative to recruit and retain top talent, and how not to fail as a leader in academic medicine and science

In response to growing concerns about departmental mergers and how to handle them, I have asked JR Haywood from Michigan State University and Barbara Sanborn from Colorado State University to provide insight into how to squeeze intellect into an administrative model that works for everyone.

And we are delighted that our Distinguished Service Awardee this year is John A. Williams, University of Michigan.

I look forward to seeing you all in Bonita Springs!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

R. Clinton Webb, Ph.D.
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