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Dear Colleagues:

The American College of Clinical Pharmacology (ACCP), a leading professional and non-profit organization, is promoting important initiatives aimed toward the scientific, educational and career advancement of its members and their dedication to improving therapeutics. In addition to its regular membership, the College's graduate student/post-doctoral fellow membership base has been growing rapidly in the past 3 years. Accordingly, in an effort to assist with the academic and professional development of graduate student and/or post doctoral fellows, and to provide them with multifaceted educational opportunities, *ACCP is pleased to announce the launch of a new and unique educational initiative intended especially for graduate and post-doctoral fellows who are members of ACCP.*

Over the next several months, ACCP will be initiating numerous and exciting student related endeavors which will include:

- **Internships to Learn Drug Development Science and Practices:** This initiative is primarily designed to provide graduate students and post-doctoral fellows with internship opportunities to learn critical skills that are essential to drug development. During the internship, the "intern" will closely work with a "mentor" in an academic/industrial/regulatory setting related to drug development, and should develop expertise in a variety of scientific, drug development related disciplines as well as the practice of drug development. As an integral part of a multidisciplinary drug development team, the "intern" will get ample opportunities to learn and apply new skills and make a positive impact on the process of developing drugs.

The College has recently polled several pharmaceutical companies, and the Food and Drug Administration, to determine interest levels, and identify exciting, challenging and, professionally rewarding drug development internships. *A number of companies have already expressed enthusiasm and a strong desire to participate in this unique, thorough and systematic program to align the academic interests of dedicated and talented students with the mission and goals of pharmaceutical companies.*

- **Visiting Scientist Program (VSP):** The primary focus of this initiative will be to provide graduate students and post-doctoral fellows with an opportunity to interact with experienced scientists who have made exemplary strides in their professional careers. This initiative will involve members of ACCP with academic, industry or regulatory affiliations who will visit various graduate pharmacy schools or medical schools around the country in order to share their knowledge, ideas and expertise in different areas of drug development and regulatory sciences. This will be a unique opportunity for students to engage in stimulating discussions which will help to broaden their vision and further advance their understanding of the drug development process.
- **Student Newsletter:** The College plans to develop a 2-3 page electronic newsletter (published quarterly) as one of the mechanisms to keep the student members of the College abreast with the latest information on initiatives and volunteer opportunities of most interest to students. The student members of the College will be invited to contribute innovative ideas and suggestions to the newsletter.
- **Student Website:** The College intends to develop a comprehensive and user friendly website which will provide the latest information on the various student related initiatives and web links to presentations of general interest to their education and profession. In addition, ACCP student members, using a unique login and password, will have the option to post resumes and search for various drug development internship

opportunities and contact pharmaceutical companies. This website is envisioned to serve as a "one stop student center" for its student members and will play a pivotal role in unraveling all the exciting student oriented initiatives for which the College constantly strives.

- **Student Outreach Committee:** To streamline the process of coordinating the various events at the annual meeting and throughout the year, the College has created a Student Outreach Committee (SOC). The SOC will be comprised of ACCP members (full members and student members) and will be the primary point of contact within the College for all the student related endeavors. In addition, the SOC will play the lead role in organizing student related activities at the annual meeting such as industrial tours to a pharmaceutical company in the area where the annual meeting is organized, round table discussions, and most importantly, reviewing feedback from the student members of the College.

If you have questions on any of the initiatives outlined above or would like to receive more information, please don't hesitate to contact the student outreach committee (soc@ACCP1.org).

I wish you the best for all your future career endeavors and look forward to your active participation in ACCP.

Sincerely,
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President