

As promised during the meeting in the Galapagos, we will continue to discuss issues and challenges that face Chairs. It was clear from the 2009 meeting and the feedback, that the most useful parts of our meetings have involved sharing, networking and a flow of information about “what works” in the running of our departments. The program for the 2010 meeting is therefore developed with this in mind.

Here is a summary of the program:

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday January 20, 2010, we will gather for a reception by the beach. As folks may be arriving and settling in, we will not have a speaker that night. However, we hope that networking can begin.

Thursday, Jan 21, 2010

Thursday a.m. we will begin a session designed to look at how a basic science department bridges to translational research programs.

Keynote speaker: Dr. William F. Crowley, Jr.

*Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
Chief of the Reproductive Endocrine Unit, Dept of Medicine
Massachusetts General Hospital*

Title: New Paradigms for Translational Research: Examples from Endocrinology

Dr. Crowley has led a U54 Center grant for a number of years and has mentored many physician scientists. His talk will show how discoveries in infertile patients with genetic problems have led to significant basic science research and discoveries of basic mechanisms behind infertility. His lecture is entertaining and inspiring, showing what patients can teach us. You can learn more about Dr. Crowley at:

<http://www.massgeneral.org/reproductiveendocrine/faculty/crowley.aspx>

Speaker: Edgar Garcia-Rill, Ph.D.

*Professor and Director
Center for Translational Neurosciences
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, AR*

Title: The Center for Translational Neuroscience, from bench to bedside and back

Dr. Garcia-Rill will present the view from the bench in a basic science department. In 2004, he developed a unique Center of Biomedical Research Excellence program, which set up laboratories and mentors designed to assist Clinician Scientists in getting funding. By its 4th year, it had generated 13.2 million in funds directly to clinical science departments and a community based telemedicine core in pediatrics, which literally saves lives throughout the state and beyond. It has just been renewed. Some of the achievements helped UAMS receive its CTSA this July. This is the story of how a basic science department can bridge the gap and add significantly to discoveries, treatments and cures in clinical departments. You can learn more about Dr. Garcia-Rill and the CTN at <http://www.uams.edu/ctn/>

Speaker: Joan Lakoski, Ph.D.

*Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Career Development
Executive Director of the Office of Academic Career Development
University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Center
Pittsburgh, PA.*

Title: Educating CTSA Leaders and Participants—the role of basic scientists.

Dr. Lakoski will be speaking to us from her role as Director of Mentoring and Faculty Development for the Clinical Translational Service Award (CTSA) at the University of Pittsburgh.

She also plays a role in the educational programs for ongoing CTSA's and will talk about roles for basic science department contributions to the CTSA. If your department has been involved in your CTSA, we will welcome your story and input as well. Learn more about Dr. Lakoski at <http://www.oacd.health.pitt.edu/bios/lakoski.html>

Thursday, Jan 21, 2010 PM

After lunch on your own, we will hold a panel session discussing issues that may be valuable to Chairs who are just starting or in the first 5 years. However, we want the rest of you there to help with the discussion. We hope that this session will bring out some key issues that might eventually go in a monograph we could provide for new Chairs. This session should finish by mid-afternoon to allow some exploration and dinner on your own on Thursday.

Panel Organizer: Sally Atherton, Ph.D.

*Regents Professor and Chair
Anatomy and Cell Biology
Medical College of Georgia
Council, AACBNC*

Title: Things I wish I had known when I became chair

Sally was an interim chair in Texas before she became a Chair in Georgia, so she sees this position from a unique perspective. She is also one of our Councilors and you can learn more about her at <http://www.mcq.edu/som/cba/faculty/atherton.htm>

Friday January 22, 2010 AM

The theme on Friday will continue our discussion of issues involving department and faculty development and include even more nuggets for chair development.

Speaker: Kevin Grigsby, DSW

*Senior Director
Organizational Leadership and Development
Association of American Medical Colleges*

Title: The Future Oriented Chair

Dr. Grigsby was Vice Dean for Faculty and Administrative Affairs at Penn State, Hershey, PA. Before Dr. Grigsby joined AAMC, he was responsible for filling 20 department chair vacancies and thus, he is very interested in recruitment and Chair development. His stated ongoing interest has been to help chairs to be more "future oriented". He authored an article titled, "The Future Oriented Department Chair" that was published in *Academic Medicine*. We hope that his relatively new position at the AAMC will add a unique perspective. Find out more about Dr. Grigsby at

http://journals.lww.com/acphysci/Fulltext/2009/05000/R_Kevin_Grigsby,_DSW_Senior_Director_of.4.aspx

Speaker: Dr. Joan Lakoski

See above for credentials

Title: Mentoring and Faculty Development.

Dr. Lakoski will focus on her other role, that of mentoring faculty and leaders. They have a well structured and documented mentoring program at Pittsburgh that may be useful to many.

Panel Discussion on Mentoring & Faculty Development: Speakers & AACBNC members

Friday AM will close with a panel discussion led by our speakers, each of whom have had significant success and experience in mentoring faculty.

Friday afternoon will be free so you can enjoy the sights of lovely Willemstad. **Our banquet will begin with a Reception at 6:30 followed by dinner poolside at 7:30.**

Saturday, Jan 23, 2010 AM.

Saturday will focus on development of educational programs in our departments.

Panel Organizer: Dr. Richard Drake

*Director of Anatomy and Professor of Surgery
Cleveland Clinic*

Title: Challenges and Successes in Basic Science Education

Rick will lead a panel from the membership to discuss and share some of the challenges and successes in medical and graduate education. Dr. Drake is one of the Authors of Gray's Anatomy and has also co-authored papers that discuss trends and surveys in anatomical education. You can learn more about Rick at

http://my.clevelandclinic.org/staff_directory/6/staff_5226.aspx

After a brief break that AM, we will have a business meeting, which will be another opportunity for you to speak up about new directions and issues important to our organization. Please set aside time for this important contribution to the well-being and future of our Association.

The meeting will adjourn about noon on Saturday.

Finally, whereas I hope that you will find the venue both relaxing and enjoyable, this information may help in your decision to come. In these uncertain economic times, we are obligated to support events that bring value to the development of our departments and our role as a chair. I hope that this information will both motivate you to come and also provide any justifications needed for travel outside the country. I look forward to seeing you in Curaçao and continuing the stimulating discussions and networking that were began in the Galapagos. Best wishes for a wonderful beginning of your school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. (childsgwenv@uams.edu or gvchilds@me.com)