

## **Status Report of Research, Education and Scientific Affairs (RESA) Committee**

It is my pleasure to report that a 15-member RESA committee has been formed and majority of the invited members have accepted to serve on this committee. Most of these members have served on this committee in previous years and are aware of its requirements. All members hold senior faculty positions at prestigious US The main task for this committee is to oversee the various CME activities under the umbrella of APPNA. The committee helps the local CME committees in organizing the program that includes selection of speakers and the topic of their lectures. One important task of this committee is to make sure that Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education institutions. (ACCME) regulations are followed to maintain APPNA accreditation.

This year the RESA committee has already met twice and is actively working to develop a very informative CME programs at the spring and the annual meetings. The speaker selection is almost completed and an eblast was sent out to solicit speakers for the remaining spots. The RESA committee has been divided into several small groups based on member's expertise and are assigned the task to develop attractive CME sessions focused on subjects related to their expertise.

Besides regular CME sessions, RESA is working with local CME chairs to organize a couple of workshops in the field of dermatology and pain management.

The RESA committee is also developing a database for the researchers to promote interactions between them and for the guidance of young investigators who are embarking on research for the first time.

The RESA committee is interacting with other education committees of APPNA like the APPNA Merit, Medical Corps and Ad-hoc committee of Academic Physicians for starting several training opportunities for physicians both in USA and Pakistan.

One major task on hand for this committee is to satisfy the concerns of ACCME regarding the conflict of interest resolution during our CME programs. The Director of APPNA Nicholas Suh is diligently working to resolve these concerns and to regain regular accreditation from ACCME.

On behalf of RESA Committee

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