



RESIDENT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Scientific Assembly 2009: Phoenix, March 2-4

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What I love most about the AAEM Scientific Assembly is its size. It's large enough to provide a forum for outstanding, internationally recognized speakers in the field of emergency medicine. Yet, it's small enough to make connections, talk to presenters and speakers, socialize with residents and other medical students and meet fellowship and program directors. This year, especially, shouldn't be missed. The preliminary program is available at: <http://www.aaem.org/education/scientificassembly/>.

Also this year, like every year, registration is free to all AAEM members. The deposit for residents and medical students is refunded, unless you choose to donate it to the AAEM Foundation. The AAEM Foundation is a fund established for education and advocacy of physician practice rights in support of their patients.

For residents, there are several must-attend events. If your schedule doesn't allow you to be there for the entire conference, one particular high-yield day is Tuesday, March 3rd. The resident track will be held Tuesday morning, with several excellent speakers in the main forum Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday will also feature an "open mic" session throughout the day, in which new speakers have the opportunity to present a 25 minute lecture on the topic of their choosing. Two of these slots will be reserved for resident speakers. The resident social event will be held Tuesday evening.

Other important events at the assembly include the opening reception and the AAEM/JEM Research Competition on Monday, March 2nd, and the medical student track on Sunday, March 1st.

If you want one more reason to go: Phoenix is probably warmer than wherever you are right now.

RSA Updates

Shortly after the Scientific Assembly, the AAEM/RSA board of director elections will be held. There are positions for both residents and medical students. The resident positions include

AAEM/RSA president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and five at-large board member positions. The Medical Student Council has the president, vice president and regional representative positions open (two from each region – northeast, midwest, south and west). I encourage you to become involved in AAEM/RSA and run for one of these positions for the coming year. Graduating medical students may run for resident positions.

Recently, AAEM/RSA has published a review book for the emergency medicine qualifying examination ("written boards"). *Emergency Medicine – A Focused Review of the Core Curriculum* is a 22 chapter text with color images and a 225 question practice in-service examination created by Drs. Joel Schofer, Amal Mattu, James Colletti, Elizabeth Gray, Robert Rogers and Richard Shih. AAEM/RSA has sponsored this book so that it can be available at a reduced rate to our members. More information about this textbook can be found at www.aaemrsa.org

I look forward to seeing you at the Scientific Assembly, and I look forward to your involvement in AAEM/RSA next year.

Adopt-A-Program & Adopt-A-Resident

Are you interested in furthering the careers of future emergency medicine residents? "Adopt" an emergency medicine residency program or an individual resident, by paying their AAEM/RSA dues. A membership in AAEM/RSA will provide residents with the opportunities to network with physicians, residents and students interested in emergency medicine. Each resident will receive the membership benefits listed at www.aaemrsa.org/membership/benefits.php.

An individual who decides to Adopt-A-Program or Adopt-A-Resident will automatically be entered into a drawing to receive two nights at the Sheraton Hotel in Phoenix, AZ, for AAEM's 15th Annual Scientific Assembly. This gift is valued at \$500!

Membership for a resident costs just \$50 per year, or \$120 for three years. However, by signing up a residency program as a group, a 10% discount will be applied. This is a great opportunity to further the careers of emergency medicine residents across the country! Please contact info@aaemrsa.org if you are interested in our Adopt-A-Program offer.

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Chair, AAEM/RSA Membership Committee

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University of Iowa

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