

Subject: Increasing cardiac fellow participation

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In an effort to promote the participation of fellows, we had a NJ chapter research symposium earlier this year, and have been appointing fellow representatives to the NJ chapter council. I have been asked by program directors if the ACC could support them with the following:

1. A copy of IScience that could be provided to each fellowship program - this would help get out the information to fellows that were unable to attend the national ACC meeting

2. Support for 1 fellow from each program to attend the national ACC meeting - free registration with supplement for expenses (?500/fellow). This would make for great prizes for the research symposium and help increase participation.

I think that the above measures would be a good way for national ACC to help reach out to fellows to ensure increased future participation in ACC.

Joel

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KellyAnn Light-McGroary, MD, FACC (kellyann-light-mcgroary@uiowa.edu)

That would be incredibly helpful as I am working to help fellows understand the relevance of ACC to them and their future careers.

KellyAnn

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Daniel Humiston, MD, FACC (dhumiston@utahcardiology.com)

I think that's an excellent idea. We send a fellow from the University of Utah to the Leadership Forum, but I suspect interest in the ACC Annual Scientific Sessions would be greater.

Dan

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Michael Solomon, MD, FACC (msolomon@cc.nih.gov)

Many Chapters currently have an FIT poster contest as part of their annual meeting. It would be great if ACC could sponsor a forum at the National meeting for the winners of ACC chapter/regional poster contests. This might be a fair way of selecting who gets the free registration. Several years ago ACC did have such a session, but it was discontinued.

Michael

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Andrew Kates, MD, FACC (akates@dom.wustl.edu)

I think that is a great idea.

In Missouri we have had a competition the last 4 years where one fellow from each program in the state presents an oral abstract and the best one is chosen (monetary awards given).

We also give \$1000 scholarship to two fellows who are presenting at the ACC Annual Scientific Session; send fellows to the Legislative Conference and to the CV Summit - they love it.

All these are great ways to get fellows engaged.

I would think that working with the FIT Council is a good way to promote these at the national level.

I like the idea of encouraging each state to provide these opportunities to their FITs. This can be done in many different ways: the BOG, the FIT Council, the Program Directors' list serve.

From the standpoint of longer term FIT involvement, having these initiatives start at the state level is an important way to retain their interest at the state level after fellowship.

Andy

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Pat Miyamoto, ACC Staff (pmiyamot@acc.org)

Dr. Landzberg, thank you for your suggestions that align well with key initiatives in the ACC Strategic Plan and particularly those targeting Fellows in Training. There are a number of ongoing and new initiatives engaging FITs nationally and certainly at the Chapter level, and such efforts are encouraged.

* In relation to iScience: We are always looking for ways to add value for our cardiology training programs, so thanks for the great suggestion about iScience. iScience is part of ACC's educational curriculum, which is governed by the Lifelong Learning Oversight Committee. This group is responsible for ensuring that the overall curriculum is balanced, aligns with our strategic plan, etc. and is scheduled to meet in July. We'll add this item to their agenda and get back to you with a response later this summer.

* In relation to supporting FITs to attend ACC Annual Scientific Sessions: There is the highly discounted FIT registration as a baseline and through which we see about 1,200 FIT registrants in each of the last three years. To further recognize selected FITs, 70 annual meeting travel awards and subsidies were offered this year from ACC national (40), Chapters (19), NCDR (5), and 2 each from the Interventional, Surgeons, and Adult Congenital & Pediatric Cardiology Sections. The Chapter ones would be promoted at the Chapter level and all the others are promoted via ACC communications and especially targeting our FIT membership. Note the Chapters with such programs are: AL, FL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MI, MO, OH, PA, SC, RI, TN, TX, UT, WV.

There are 230 CVD training programs, 100 in cardiothoracic surgery, and 65 in pediatric cardiology, so a total of 395 programs -- these numbers include Canadian programs that we recognize and from whom we welcome FIT members as well. Funding for one FIT annual meeting travel award per program could be at \$1000 each for a total of \$395,000. As part of ongoing assessments of all the FIT engagement programs and budget planning, we can add this proposal to our budget preparation discussions.

I see in a follow-up note from Dr. Light-McGroary the always essential piece of helping FITs to understand the ACC/Chapters' relevance to them and their future careers. We work closely and continuously with the FIT Section Leadership Council to understand FIT needs and perspectives, develop opportunities to meet those needs, and communicate the resources available to them. Efforts by members of the BOG and Chapters to continually address these issues is welcome. Attached is a document that had

been compiled by the ACC FIT Council based on information provided by Chapters. The information will be the basis of a more extensive FIT toolkit that the FIT Council is planning. The BOG extranet includes an Early Career engagement toolkit at this time with some relevant pieces that can be used as an idea source applied to FITs.

Once again, thank you for your suggestions and for the efforts of all the BOG members and Chapters to reach out to our FITs and Early Career Members as well.

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