

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new CaJEM section and a call for your participation

You will all notice in this 4th issue of the CaJEM a new section titled "Legislative Update" which we hope to provide to our readers on a regular basis. This will be written by Paul Windham, MD, FAAEM, our CAL/AAEM official representative on the CAL/ACEP Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC). Dr. Windham has been diligently working to assist GAC in the development and implementation of its statewide legislative strategy. He also has assumed the role of developing a statewide legislative Key Contact network.

Since we distribute CaJEM to over 2,200 board-certified or -prepared EPs and residents in California, I felt that this update would relay to a wider audience the importance of the daunting task, the detail of our involvement in the process, and the degree of dedicated effort that is being exerted on behalf of all emergency physicians. It reflects the intensive level of activity and attention required to address a large number of important bills in Sacramento that can and will affect our patients, our communities and the well being of our workforce.

CAL/AAEM appreciates the opportunity that CAL/ACEP extended to us, to directly participate through our official representative in the GAC in the legislative process, strategy and activity. This is another landmark and proactive step to maintain unity and promote to all our members – particularly the ones who do not receive Lifeline - the critical importance of these issues and of their contribution to our EMPAC and to our California Legislative Key Contact Network. CAL/AAEM leaders also participate indirectly in this legislative process through our 4 AAEM leaders who are currently elected to the board or who chair CAL/ACEP committees. I can never adequately emphasize the critical importance of your participation in this process.

Our human resources remain limited. We remain in need for your active participation to achieve the goals you entrusted us with. Volunteer time to contact your legislators through the California Legislative Network by contacting Paul Windham at pwindham@elite.net or (209) 383-3990. Most of all, we urge you to send contributions to our statewide EMPAC. Checks should be made to **EM/PAC** and mailed to CAL/AAEM, 26500 W. Agoura Road, # 680, Calabasas, CA 91302 (Federal law requires your full name and address).

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"The Success of our Strategy of Collaboration"

Dear California Emergency Physicians,

Join us for the free CAL/AAEM-CAL/ACEP Business Forum and for the CAL/ACEP Scientific Assembly and AAEM Mediterranean EM Congress – which have been heavily discounted for ALL CAL/ACEP and AAEM members!

I. California Scientific Assemblies Update:

All CAL/AAEM and national AAEM members are invited to attend the upcoming June 2001 CAL/ACEP 3-day Annual Scientific Assembly for a nominal fee of \$100 (in lieu of the standard \$250). For AAEM members who maintain an ACEP membership, the fee is further reduced to \$50.

The CAL/ACEP Scientific Assembly is on June 7-9th, 2001, at the Westin in Santa Clara, California. AAEM members who wish to take advantage of the discounted rates or of the fee courses should pre-register with Ms. Sheila Virgin by calling 1-800-SEK-ACEP or by emailing CAL/ACEP at calacep@worldnet.att.net

In return, AAEM is inviting all CAL/ACEP members to its 4-day **March 14-17, 2002 AAEM Scientific Assembly at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, California**, for the same discounted \$100 rate. CAL/ACEP members can obtain meeting information can be obtained by emailing calaaem@aaem.org or checking www.aaem.org or calling 1-877-4CA-AAEM.

II. The First Mediterranean EM Congress:

In addition, AAEM is inviting all CAL/ACEP members to its September 2-5th, 2001, EuSEM-AAEM First Mediterranean EM Congress in Stresa, Italy, for the same discounted registration (\$250) fee required from AAEM members. See the separate CaJEM article on the topic or go to www.mafservizi.it/stresa2001

III. The First CAL/AAEM-CAL/ACEP Business Forum:

Last but not least, CAL/AAEM and CAL/ACEP are proud to present the first jointly sponsored forum focusing on the business of Emergency Medicine: **Physician Equity, Exit Strategies, Labor Laws and Group Citizenship in Emergency Medicine**

This will be held on June 7th, 2001, in the Westin Santa Clara, as a non-fee course during the 2001 CAL/ACEP Scientific Assembly. It will therefore be free to all CAL/ACEP, CAL/AAEM and AAEM members. See the separate CaJEM article on the topic. Such a strategy is a win-win for all California emergency physicians, providing them with additional benefits and educational opportunities of the highest quality. Join us in all these annual events and let us celebrate Emergency Medicine. Support the continuing success in the proactive and constructive collaboration between our specialty societies in California.

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