

Dear CEO Deans:

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Board of Directors approved the establishment of the AACP Global Pharmacy Education SIG during their February 2008 business meeting. This is an exciting development for members of the academy who are involved with, or who have an interest in, international pharmacy education, research and/or practice. The SIG was established to increase global interactions in the educational arena by U.S. colleges/schools of pharmacy, AACP and other professional pharmacy organizations. The establishment of the SIG will tie into the Global Alliance in Pharmacy Education initiative that is part of President-elect Vic Yanchick's overall program *Thinking Off the Map*, which he will announce at the 2008 AACP Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago from July 19 to 23.

We would like to invite you to attend two important meetings during the upcoming 2008 AACP Annual Meeting. The first SIG business meeting will be held on Monday, **July 21 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. CDT**. At that meeting, the mission of the SIG will be discussed, officers (chair/chair-elect and secretary) will be elected and general housekeeping information presented about the establishment of a SIG. Nominations will be taken from the floor and ballots will be available at the meeting for the election process. If you or one of your faculty members wishes to be considered for one of the offices but cannot attend the SIG business meeting, written permission must be obtained from that individual desiring to run before his/her name can be placed in nomination. The second date to remember is **Tuesday, July 22 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. CDT**. This is the tentative date and time for the special session entitled *Pharmacy Education from International Viewpoints*. It will be the first Global Pharmacy Education SIG program. You will need to check your AACP Annual Meeting program for any time changes and for specific room assignments. Please check the program for other special sessions and programming opportunities that will have an international pharmacy theme. Please remember that our colleagues from the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada will be joining us for a combined AACP/AFPC Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend either of the previously mentioned meetings, please ask someone from your college/school to represent you.

We would like each of you to be founding members of the AACP Global Pharmacy Education SIG. To do this, please add the Global Pharmacy SIG on your member profile on the AACP web site or contact Angie Edwards at aedwards@aacp.org or 703-739-2330 ext. 1035. Please let individuals at your institution who are interested in international pharmacy education, research and/or service know about the Global Pharmacy Education SIG so that they can become members.

For your information, we have attached slides that contain some of the information compiled from the results of the *International Pharmacy Program Affiliations and Partnerships Survey* that many of your colleges/schools completed last year for AACP and which was presented during a 2007 AACP Annual Meeting special session entitled [Current Global Pharmacy Practice and Education as We Consider Advancing AACP Involvement in International Pharmacy](#). A poster entitled [International Pharmacy Educational and Research Relationships: Past and Future for AACP Members](#) that was presented at the 2007 Meeting contained some of the previously mentioned information. Additional survey data will be included in an article that currently is in preparation for publication.

Please let us know if you have any questions.