

## Academic Pharmacy Ready to Build *Bridges to Our Bright Future* at AACP Annual Meeting

**What:** [2011 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy \(AACP\) Annual Meeting](http://www.aacp.org/annualmeeting11)  
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**When:** July 9-13, 2011

**Where:** Grand Hyatt San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

**Who:** [Roberta L. Bondar](#), Canada's first woman astronaut aboard NASA's space shuttle Discovery  
[Thomas R. Frieden](#), director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**Cost:** Free to credentialed members of the press

**Information:** The world's pharmacy educators will convene at the 2011 AACP Annual Meeting in San Antonio ready to build bridges to a brighter future and lead the way toward **safer and higher quality healthcare**. With [exciting programs](#) related to assessment, **experiential education**, leadership and management, **global pharmacy education**, interprofessional education and **research and science**, AACP is poised now more than ever to help its members solve the issues of today...and tomorrow.

Kicking off the meeting is keynote speaker [Roberta L. Bondar](#), Ph.D., M.D., Canada's first woman astronaut aboard NASA's space shuttle Discovery. She will address the assembly during the Opening General Session at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 10. The world's first neurologist in space, she is globally recognized for her contributions to space medicine. On the space shuttle Discovery mission STS 42 in 1992, Bondar conducted scientific experiments in the First International Microgravity Laboratory. The excitement of learning and the sharing of knowledge has been a hallmark of her career. While a new generation carries on her medical and scientific space research at American and Canadian universities and research institutions, even younger generations model themselves on her passionate quest, especially in five elementary schools bearing her name. She will draw on her remarkable depth of expertise and provide groundbreaking insights as an astronaut, physician, scientific researcher, author and team leader to motivate, educate and inspire 2011 Annual Meeting attendees.

In addition to more than 100 special sessions dedicated to arming pharmacy educators with the latest knowledge and professional development tools, this year's Science Plenary features the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [Thomas R. Frieden](#), M.P.H, M.D. Annual healthcare expenditures exceeding \$2 trillion emphasize the need for health promotion and disease prevention to be the foundation of the U.S. healthcare system. The need to improve the evidence-base of prevention and wellness programs, just like the evidence-base of acute medical care, provides a substantial opportunity for pharmacy faculty to partner with community-based organizations and the CDC. Frieden will discuss the opportunities for strengthened partnerships between the CDC and pharmacy educators to assist community-based organizations in developing, implementing and evaluating high-quality clinical and community preventive services and programs.

Visit the [2011 AACP Annual Meeting Web site](#) for more information about program speakers. To register, contact [Rebecca M. Morgan](#), director of communications, at 703-739-2330 ext. 1032. Stay connected with AACP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (#AACPAM11) and [LinkedIn](#).

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