ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association’s 2019 Annual Conference will be on October 16-18 in Charleston, SC. The theme is “Keeping Ahead of the Curve-Allied Health Education in the Evolving World of Health Care Delivery.” Attendees are invited to contribute to the program by submitting abstracts to be presented in one of two formats: (1) Paper Presentation during a 35-minute Concurrent Session, or (2) Poster Presentation during a two-hour Poster Session. Featured abstract topics are:

- Leadership
- New Models for Health Professions Education and Practice
- Innovations in Rehabilitation
- Models of Excellence and Creative Approaches for Enhancing IPE/IPP
- Other (must be related to allied health)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is June 14, 2019. More information can be obtained at http://www.asahp.org/2019-call-for-abstracts.

An opportunity also exists to provide support as Advertisers, Sponsors, and Exhibitors. Additional information can be obtained at http://www.asahp.org/conferences.

2019 ASAHP SUMMIT

The Association in partnership with Kindred Health Care and Saint Louis University is co-hosting the 2019 ASAHP Summit, "Collaborative Stakeholder Forum Connecting Academic Programs and Clinical Practice Together to Inform System Improvement.” The event is being conducted today at the Doisy College of Health Sciences at Saint Louis University, providing an opportunity to bring together health industry and academic partners to discuss translational skills and any corresponding gaps between Interprofessional Education (IPE) and Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP).

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the Association sponsors the Scholarship of Excellence Program for allied health students enrolled in its member institutions. The purpose is to recognize outstanding individuals who excel in their academic programs and have significant potential to assume future leadership roles in the allied health professions. Each student chosen for an award will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

In 2018, ASAHP gave scholarships to 12 students. Five of these awards were provided by the firm of CertifiedBackground.com, a company that offers criminal background check and immunization status check services to member institutions.

The year 2013 marked the inauguration of the Elwood Scholar Award. Created by the Board of Directors and named for ASAHP’s former Executive Director Thomas W. Elwood who retired from that position in 2012, at the conclusion of the selection of the Scholarship of Excellence Award recipients, an additional review process will commence to identify the most outstanding applicant.

That individual will receive an additional $1,000 scholarship and a complimentary registration to the 2019 ASAHP Annual Conference in Charleston, SC where he or she will be recognized formally as the award recipient. All travel and rooming costs will be paid by ASAHP.

Only one candidate from each member institution can be nominated. All degree levels are eligible. An application form and additional information about criteria can be obtained at https://asahp.squarespace.com/scholarship/.

A key point to observe is that each application must include a letter endorsed by the dean or director who serves as the official ASAHP Institutional Representative that supports the nomination and describes qualities of the candidate. A letter from a chairperson or faculty member also may be included. The deadline for submitting an application and necessary information is June 7, 2019.
2019 ASAHP ELECTION

The Association will conduct its annual election this summer. The following slate of candidates will be involved:

Secretary (One open position)
Carolyn Giordano (University of the Sciences in Philadelphia)
Teresa Conner-Kerr (University of North Georgia)

Board of Directors (One open position)
Andrew Butler (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
Jon Williamson (UT Southwestern Medical Center)

Nominations & Elections Committee (Three open positions)
Elizabeth Adams (University of South Alabama)
Shandra Esparza (University of the Incarnate Word)
Susan Gordon-Hickey (University of South Alabama)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate Training (PRAT) Program’s overarching goal is to provide high quality postdoctoral research training in the basic biomedical sciences to a diverse group of postdoctoral fellows in NIH Intramural research laboratories, and to prepare them for leadership positions in biomedical careers. Higher education institutions are among the entities that are eligible to apply. The deadline for doing so is October 2, 2019 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.


MEDICAL RECORD USAGE

Access, exchange, and use of electronic health information is essential for individuals to manage their health care needs better and share information with their providers and caregivers. Many hospitals and physicians possess capabilities that enable patients to view and download their health information, but more effort is needed to make health information more accessible and useful to individuals. A data brief from The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology provides information regarding this matter. It can be obtained at https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/page/2019-05/Trends-in-Individuals-Access-Viewing-and-Use-of-Online-Medical-Records-and-Other-Technology-for-Health-Needs-2017-2018.pdf.

2018 ASAHP ANNUAL REPORT

The Association’s 2018 Annual Report contains President Susan Hanrahan’s Report, Treasurer Gregory Frazer’s Report, financial data from the audit, and information about individuals who engaged in activities that occurred under the following headings: Professional Education; Alliances And Partnerships; Advocacy; Leadership; and Research. The report can be obtained at https://bit.ly/2QxMO5m.

JOURNAL OF ALLIED HEALTH

The firm Ingenta in the United Kingdom tracks the number of downloads in thousands of periodicals. During the month of April 2019, the Association’s Journal of Allied Health was ranked 52nd. During the first five months of 2019, the Journal had 71 original and revised manuscripts submitted that were assigned to 79 reviewers who participate in the assessment of these items. Apart from the United States, new manuscripts arrived from Australia, Canada, and India.

CONDITION OF EDUCATION 2019

The Condition of Education is a congressionally mandated annual report from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) that summarizes important developments and trends in education using the latest available data. The 2019 report presents 48 indicators on topics ranging from prekindergarten through postsecondary education, along with labor force outcomes and international comparisons. Also included are Two Spotlight indicators that provide more in-depth analyses on selected topics.


INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH

International research experiences for graduate students often require significant investments of time and other resources. A question is what can be done to help ensure that these individuals are provided meaningful, high-impact opportunities to conduct research in an international setting? Best Practices in International Research Experiences for Graduate Students is a report based on a 2019 workshop that answers this question with recommendations about timing and duration of activities, the role of advisors, participant tracking, and other topics. The report can be obtained at http://nsfworkshop.wp.tulane.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/378/2019/04/NSF-2019-Workshop-on-International-Research-Experiences-Final-Report.pdf.