



## INVITATION

### ACADEMIC SHOWCASE/WELCOME RECEPTION - 2005

Dear Colleague,

You are invited to participate in the Academic Showcase. This unique event will be held at **6:30pm, Sunday, August 21**, in conjunction with the Welcome Reception for the Society's 2004 annual meeting. The *21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Therapeutic Risk Management* will be held August 21-24, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

The International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE) is an international forum for the open exchange of scientific information among academia, government, and industry and for the development of policy; a provider of education; and an advocate for the fields of pharmacoepidemiology and therapeutic risk management. As you probably know, this international meeting is the venue for learning more about pharmacoepidemiology and therapeutic risk management. We expect this year's meeting to be the best yet.

#### Academic Program Showcase

ISPE would like to highlight graduate academic programs in pharmacoepidemiology, therapeutic risk management, epidemiology and other related disciplines at the conference. I believe this exposure is mutually beneficial to your academic program and to the Society. As a participating program, you will:

- Reinforce ties with your alumni.
- Introduce meeting attendees to new educational opportunities at your school.
- Provide an opportunity for your students to learn about the Society and career opportunities in pharmacoepidemiology and therapeutic risk management while networking with practicing professionals.
- Benefit from increased visibility with high profile signage at the Welcome Reception
- Wear special colored ribbons indicating your status as an academic supporter
- Receive complimentary table space in the exhibit hall for program handouts. (An exhibit booth may be purchased at a discounted rate.)
- Be listed in the final program distributed and on the ISPE website

The academic programs will be showcased at the Welcome Reception, which will begin at 6:30pm, Sunday, August 21, 2005. This kickoff social event traditionally is the "ice breaker" for the meeting. The Academic Showcase will conclude a day of special sessions for students and faculty, and meeting participants. A special skills workshop (*How did I get here?* - a roundtable discussion of career opportunities within pharmacoepidemiology) organized by the ISPE Student Council to meet

identified student needs and open only to students will be offered in the morning. Students also may elect to participate in the *Introduction to Pharmacoepidemiology* (which is concurrent session with the Student Skills Workshop) and one of two afternoon sessions -- *Advanced Topics in Pharmacoepidemiology* or *Introduction to Therapeutic Risk Management*. Any student registering for the entire ISPE conference may attend the workshop, and the educational courses at no charge. The Student Council also is planning a social event on Monday evening, August 22. All students are welcome to participate.

We trust you will find this invitation an interesting opportunity for your program and your students, and we encourage your participation at this year's meeting. In exchange for your participation at the *Academic Program Showcase*, a contribution of \$625.00 (US) for Non-Member Academic/Institutional Programs, and \$275.00 (US) for ISPE Academic/Institutional Members is suggested.

Of course, we would be delighted to have your faculty and students participate in the entire conference. For more information about the Society and the annual meeting, please visit the ISPE website, [www.pharmacoepi.org](http://www.pharmacoepi.org).

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

Sincerely,

*Mark*

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