IMGS Interim Meeting Highlights

Hawaii Convention Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
Honolulu, Hawaii
November 10-13, 2017

The International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) celebrated its 20th Year of Interim Meetings beginning with the 15th annual AMA Research Symposium which was held in collaboration with the Medical Student and Resident and Fellows Sections on Friday, Nov. 10.

Research Symposium Winners in Podium & Poster Categories

This Research Symposium included several computerized enhancements for judging abstracts and offered live networking and educational opportunities for all participants. The winners selected among the ECFMG certified physicians awaiting residency included:

Podium Category
- Annu Dhami, MD—Clinical Vignette

Poster Category
- Arda Akoluk, MD—Clinical Vignette
- Kiran Chatha, MD—Clinical Medicine
- Bhumi Patel, MD—Improving Health Outcomes

Joint Educational Sessions Presented

IMGS attendees participated in the first-ever sections and special group joint educational program tracks relating to Advocacy, Leadership and Physicians Satisfaction/Sustainability. This joint program included a total of 9 sessions which awarded a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for each session.

Policy Initiatives Topic of Discussion at Congress Meeting

The IMGS Congress Reception and Business meeting featured Peter Katsufrakis, MD, who provided an update on the National Board of Medical Examiners resources and products. The IMGS Congress meeting successfully reviewed the items considered for the House of Delegates meeting and was a positive forum for discussing IMGS policy initiatives and organizational reports.

Physicians as Leaders

On Sunday, Nov. 12, IMGS held its Busharat Ahmad, MD Leadership Development Program featuring Dr. George Mejicano who provided a presentation on "Answering the Call to Be a
Physician Leader.” The program gave attendees exciting information on the qualities of stepping into leadership and provided examples on leadership as a way of life.

The Interim Meeting culminated with the joint IMGS and Minority Affairs Section Caucus held on Monday, Nov. 13.

**Save the Date**

The next meeting of the IMGS will be held June 9-11 during the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

**Contact Information**

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