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The Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research is an independent, non-profit corporation whose mission is to:

- *provide a medium of communication among educators of clinical research professionals*
- *support the development and maintenance of clinical research educational programs*
- *foster collaboration between educational institutions, clinical facilities, professional associations and industry*
- *monitor legislation and policy relating to clinical research issues and insure professional representation on these matters*

Formation of Consortium with support from Drug Information Association

For the past 3 years, several individuals who are associated with academic programs in the area of clinical research have been meeting under the auspices of the Drug Information Association and discussing common issues. In April, 2003, a core group of us met at DIA headquarters in Horsham, Pennsylvania and formally organized into an independent organization of educational programs called the Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research. The founding members of the Consortium are Ric Day, University of New South Wales, Australia, Tony Dren, Duke University; Carl Hornung, University of Louisville; Margaret Skelton; George Washington University; Elliott Sogol, Campbell University; Stephen Sonstein, Eastern Michigan University and George Turner, Duke University. Membership in the Consortium is open to academic programs within colleges, universities and medical centers as well as organizations which collaborate in the educational process with those academic programs. The yearly membership fee of \$100 will be used to support mailing, publication and meeting costs. Annual meetings will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Drug Information Association. We would like to invite all of you who have an interest in our efforts to join the organization. For further information, please contact Stephen Sonstein at 734-487-1238 or Stephen.Sonstein@emich.edu

2003-2004 Consortium Activities

Consortium subcommittees are currently involved in the following activities:

- conducting a comprehensive survey of academic programs worldwide
- developing a "white paper" on the status of clinical research education.
- participating in discussions with the National Institutes of Health on Workforce in Clinical Research issues
- investigating the steps necessary to form an accrediting agency for our programs.

The next General meeting of the Consortium is on Wednesday, June 16, from 5:00 - 6:30pm in room 103 B of the Washington Convention Center.

