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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

Consortium represented at NIH Roadmap Workshop

On May 11 and 12, 2004 Stephen Sonstein and Carl Hornung, by invitation, attended a workshop designed to gather input from the community on the options for designing a system to support and encourage the development of a clinical research workforce among medical and dental students. The workshop was also designed to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of existing clinical research training programs as well s to discuss how these programs could be better configured for clinical research workforce development. The current Roadmap funding is solely for doctoral level personnel and workforce development. The perspectives of the Consortium institutions which are oriented towards educating clinical research support personnel (coordinators, monitors, project managers, data managers, etc) were expressed by Dr. Sonstein and Hornung whenever possible. They were assured that their input was recognized and that future funding vehicles would contain funding which was geared toward the education and support of clinical research support personnel.

Nominations are currently being accepted for Consortium President

Please email nominations for President to Stephen.Sonstein@emich.edu

Deadline is May 1, 2005

2004-2005 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.

If you are interested in serving on any of the above committees please email Stephen.Sonstein@emich.edu

The next General meeting of the Consortium is on Tuesday, June 28, from 5:00 - 6:30pm in room 103 B of the Washington Convention Center.
