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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*

It is time to make some decisions.....

Since its founding in 2003 with support from the Drug Information Association, the Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research has attempted to serve as a voice for those academic programs and clinical trials offices which are endeavoring to enhance the knowledge base and add new personnel (primarily support staff) to the clinical research enterprise. Our membership has grown to 14 institutions. We have participated in the planning process for the NIH Roadmap, attempted to conduct a comprehensive survey of academic programs worldwide, began the process of developing a "white paper" on the status of clinical research education and met annually to discuss issues common to our programs. At our meetings, those in attendance have been enthusiastic and verbally supportive of our efforts. However, in 2005-06, no one agreed to serve in a leadership position. We are scheduled to hold our 3rd annual meeting on Wednesday, June 21 at 5:00 PM in the Philadelphia Convention Center. I hope that you all can attend and we can decide how we will take our agenda forward.

2006 Consortium Meeting Agenda

- Panel Discussion on the Education versus Experience dichotomy which our graduates face
- Open discussion on the future of the Consortium of Academic Programs in Clinical Research