



Southern Society for Clinical Investigation

2011/12 Visiting Professor Program

“Allow the passion that burns within to remain ignited during the pursuit of new knowledge and new horizons that extend beyond current wisdom. Exceptionalism is within our reach, let us explore it together.”

Weber, KT. *Am J Med Sci* 2011;341:263

The Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI) has a long and proud tradition dating back to its inception in 1946 by its founder and first president, Tinsley R. Harrison. The Society has continued to flourish including its comprehensive and productive scientific session, held annually during February in New Orleans.

The SSCI has an unwavering devotion to its tripartite mission: a dedication to the advancement of knowledge, information and ideas; a commitment to mentoring future generations of medical investigators while promoting careers in academic medicine; and fulfillment of its vision.

The faculty embodied in SSCI membership represent an academic resource—a book of knowledge that can be shared with others. In keeping with its commitment to mentoring, a SSCI Visiting Professorship Program and speakers bureau, consisting of faculty who represent the very best of various disciplines in internal medicine, is being launched in 2011 to share this knowledge with members at large and others.

Based on official applications by an academic medical center submitted to SSCI Council and selected by its Visiting Professorship Program Committee, SSCI senior faculty would be made available to deliver invited lectures including medical grand rounds. These members might also participate and contribute to research day activities sponsored by a division, department or medical school. SSCI funds have been set aside for this program to cover travel expenses; however, no honoraria will be provided.

SSCI Visiting Professor Program

Objectives:

- to fulfill SSCI mission by providing mentors who would visit accredited U.S. academic medical centers/medical schools;
- mentors consist of senior academicians who are members of SSCI and who have been nominated and approved by SSCI Council to serve as its representative;
- each of the disciplines residing within a department of medicine will be represented.

Purpose:

- to share existing and incremental knowledge by delivering medical grand rounds or a comparable venue;
- to support and nurture clinician scientists and educators, who are in training, including residents and fellows;
- to support junior faculty who have been so designated by their institution.

Time Table:

- Deadline for applications: December 15th of each year;
- Selection committee decisions: January 20th of each year;
- Committee presentation to Council: February meeting each year;
- Implementation period: April 1 to December 15.

The Application and Mentor

The application will consist of:

- the requested SSCI mentor as designated by the chair of medicine or division director;
- an itinerary of the scheduled visit, including expected presentations, visitations with trainees and/or junior faculty;
- proposed timing of the visit;
- expected outcomes
- one application per institution per academic year;
- a written report of the visit will be submitted to the SSCI within 4 weeks of the mentor's visit;
- the invited mentor will provide in writing his/her agreement, to abide by the above schedule. He/she will not receive an honorarium for the privilege of serving. Travel expenses will be provided. Room and board expenses will be provided, if needed.

Visiting Professor Program Selection Committee

To objectively evaluate submitted applications and to prioritize amongst them based on merits of the proposal using criteria identified above.

Selection committee members include:

- a) Dr. David Ploth, Editor – *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences*
- b) Dr. Charles Sanders, past president of SSCI, and
- c) Dr. Daniel Villarreal, Chair of the SSCI Mentoring Committee

No more than 10 programs would be approved per year.

SSCI Speaker's Bureau

Allergy & Immunology

Richard D deShazo, MD
Gailen D. Marshall, MD

Cardiovascular

Patrice Delafontaine, MD
Daniel Villarreal, MD
Karl T. Weber, MD

Endocrinology & Metabolism

Samuel Dagogo-Jack, MD
Solomon S. Solomon, MD
David L. Vesely, MD, PhD

Gastroenterology

Charles M. Wilcox, MD

Hematology

Vince E. Herrin, MD
Robert T. Means, MD

Hypertension

Edward Frohlich, MD
Kimberly Harkins, MD

Infectious Disease

Michael S. Bronze, MD

Med Peds

Jimmy Stewart, MD
Michelle Horn, MD

Nephrology

L. Lee Hamm, MD
David W. Ploth, MD
Jules B. Puschett, MD
Shirley Schlessinger, MD

Oncology

Donald M. Miller, MD, PhD

Preventive Medicine

Tonette Krousel-Wood, MD

Pulmonary/Critical Care

David M. Guidot, MD
Michael Hart, MD
Jesse Roman, MD

