CVCSCCM members had a productive meeting in San Diego at the 48th Annual Congress. During the business meeting held on Sunday, February 17th, President Kwame Akumoa-Boateng discussed the D.A.R.E initiative and recent accomplishments of the Chapter. This was followed by a brief report from each of the committee chairs. Chapter members didn’t let the rain spoil a night of networking at Buster’s Beach House following the business meeting.

CVCSCCM had many reasons to celebrate at Congress. We are proud that SCCM President Heatherlee Bailey, MD, FCCS is a CVCSCCM member and the first Emergency Medicine President of the Society. Her term will focus on the continuum of care and SCCM’s efforts to extend this continuum beyond the walls of the ICU. These initiatives include ICU Liberation, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research-ICU Collaborative, and THRIVE. The Fundamentals program is also expanding to prepare the multiprofessional team across the globe for its role in this continuum.

Recognition of several other members is also in order. Carrie Griffiths, PharmD, and President-Elect of our chapter, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. She was also part of the team including Sonia Everhart, PharmD, and Desiree Kosmisky, PharmD, who accepted the Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section Innovations in Patient and Medication Safety Award for their abstract entitled “Adverse Drug Event Avoidance by Tele-ICU Pharmacists”. Elizabeth Farrington, PharmD, is the new Chapters Alliance President.

Presidential Citations were awarded to Suresh Agarwal, MD; Audis Bethea, PharmD; C. Todd Borchers, ACNP; Elizabeth Farrington, PharmD; Carrie Griffiths, PharmD; Kristie Hertel, ACNP; Christopher Hogan, MD; Brian Jefferson, ACNP; Ashish Khanna, MD; Rhae Newbill, RN; Jose Provencio, MD; Sandra Tordoff, MSN; David Turner, MD; John Whitcomb, PhD; and Laura Zane, PharmD. Several members also presented research snapshots and educational sessions.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The Education Committee is responsible for developing the educational content for the pre-conference pharmacology course and the Annual Scientific Symposium. This year’s conference will be held in beautiful Greenville, SC at the Clemson University Center for Nursing, Health Innovation and Research. **New this year:** concurrent sessions during the afternoon as well as a webinar option. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Heatherlee Bailey, current SCCM President, followed by additional plenary sessions. If you would like to be involved in planning the 2020 symposium or have ideas for topics or speakers, please email Committee Chair Sonia Everhart at Sonia.Everhart@atriumhealth.org.

TWITTER JOURNAL CLUB

Ankit Sakhija, MD, MBBS, FACP, FASN will be hosting the first journal club for our Chapter via Twitter on Wednesday, April 10th, from 8 PM to 9 PM EST. Interact with our account @CVCSCCM using the hashtag #CVCSCCMjc. This interactive journal club will discuss the Effect of Intravenous Acetaminophen vs Placebo Combined with Propofol or Dexmedetomidine on Postoperative Delirium among Older Patients Following Cardiac Surgery - the DEXACET Randomized Clinical Trial. Please read the article and come prepared with questions, comments, and critiques. Contact us at cvcsccm@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in future journal clubs, which we hope to host quarterly.

**DEXACET Trial**

37TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM- ACHIEVING GREAT HEIGHTS
JUNE 6th-7th, 2019 in GREENVILLE, SC

HIGHLIGHTS

At least 11 hours of live Continuing Education credit will be offered (5 hours from the Pre-Conference) by expert speakers on a variety of critical care topics. New this year are concurrent sessions in the afternoon and a webinar option. A Fundamentals of Critical Care Support (FCCS) Course will also be offered after the Annual Symposium with the option of becoming an instructor during this course.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

Abstracts reporting one of the following 1) an original study, 2) quality assurance/performance improvement (ex. protocol or procedure evaluation), 3) case study, or 4) systematic comprehensive literature review are now being accepted for submission. The top five overall scoring abstracts will be selected for platform presentations. Posters will be presented by the authors as Professor Rounds. Awards will be given to the following: top two clinical poster presentations AND top two quality assurance/performance improvement poster presentations. Please submit all abstracts electronically by April 1st, 2019 to lisahallzimmerman@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited scholarships are available to members and non-members. Recipients will be reimbursed for one night’s lodging (recipients must make their own reservations), and registration for the Symposium will be waived. The scholarship does not include meals or travel expenses. If interested, e-mail the following information to Carrie Griffiths at clgriffiths@wingate.edu by April 1st, 2019: name, title, institution, address, contact phone number, email, and a brief description of the unit in which you practice and how you plan to share the information gained from the Symposium in your practice setting.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Greenville: Headquarters Hotel
220 N. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601
Rates: Single & Double Occupancy $159.00; Triple & Quadruple Occupancy $169.00 + taxes & fees. Parking is not included.
Last day to make a reservation is May 16th, 2019.
To reserve: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/GSPRG/G-CVCS

Hilton Greenville
45 West Orchard Park Drive Greenville SC 29615
Rate: $129.00/night + taxes & fees. Parking is included.
Last day to make a reservation is May 6th, 2019.

Please contact Carrie Griffiths at clgriffiths@wingate.edu if you have any issues.

REGISTRATION

Be on the lookout for an email with registration information or contact cvcscm@gmail.com for information. The deadline is May 1st to register for the FCCS Course and May 24th to register for the Pre-Conference and Symposium.
KWAME’S KORNER
QUARTERLY UPDATES FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CVCSCCM

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our current SCCM President, Dr. Heatherlee Bailey. As a member of this great chapter, her accomplishment embodies the caliber of this chapter. We are growing yearly due to our resilience towards making a difference in our patient care and interprofessional teams.

Within the next few months, we will be launching our first Twitter Journal Club, led by Dr. Ankit Sakhuja. The implementation of this project is to expand the opportunities of knowledge across the chapter. I encourage you to follow us on Twitter and engage your team members in your healthcare centers to get on the train of “discovery in critical care medicine with CVCSCCM.” The outreach committee working on a second trip to Kigali this fall and is looking forward to your support and engagement. The research committee is working on expanding research across the states. Lastly, we have launched our mentorship committee. This is an opportunity for members who want to serve as mentors to get connected and members in need of mentors to find one.

I look forward to seeing many of you in South Carolina. Come and let us make a difference together.

Your Friend,
- Dr. Kwame Akuamoah-Boateng
  President, Carolinas/Virginias Chapter

SHARE YOUR STORY
DOING SOMETHING GREAT?
We want to hear about it! Future newsletters will highlight accomplishments of chapter members and chapter institutions. This includes new board certifications, publications, awards and accolades, or institution accreditations, to name a few. Send all “Kudos” submissions to CVCSCCM@gmail.com.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS
Do you have a local or regional educational event coming up? Let us know by emailing CVCSCCM@gmail.com and we can highlight it in the next newsletter and on social media for chapter members who might be interested in attending!