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Message from the President, Annual Meeting Recap

The 2016 COMSEP meeting in St. Louis was a great success. There were 349 attendees, 32 workshops and an inspiring talk by Dr. Lewis First as the Miller Sarkin Speaker. The poster and platform research sessions highlighted the innovative approaches to teaching COMSEP members are pursuing and fostered many additional creative ideas. We have posted the slides from the talks in the member's only section labeled COMSEP 2016 meeting for your reference.

The St. Louis Host Committee out did themselves with their hospitality including Ted Drewes Custard at one of our breaks, running/walking through rainstorms and designing one of the most interactive social events ever for COMSEP at the City Museum. One of my favorite moments was when the band leader said "You all really like to DANCE! I can't even take a break!"

I also wanted to acknowledge the COMSEP members who were recognized for their achievements as well as the newly elected officers:

Awards	
Excellence in Clerkship Administration	Marlo Eakes Meyer, MA , University of Virginia
Research and Scholarship Award	Joseph Gigante, MD , Vanderbilt University
Teaching and Education Award	Matthew Eberly, MD , USUHS

Elections	
Executive Committee	April Buchanan, MD , University of South Carolina School of Medicine
Treasurer	Terry Kind, MD, MPH , George Washington University
Nominating Committee	Starla Martinez, MD , Northeastern Ohio Medical University
	Michael Ryan, MD , Virginia Commonwealth University

COMSEP Grants	
Olivia Mittel, MS, MD	M-SIGHT (Medical Student Education in Global Human Trafficking)
David Hersh, MD, PhD	Evaluation of a Novel Approach to Teaching Pediatric Ethics to Medical, Nursing, and Physician Associate Students
Ian Chua, MD	Patient Experience Debriefs: Medical Student Interviews of Hospitalized Patients Guiding Reflections on Future Practice <i>2016 Richard T. Sarkin Foundation for Medical Education Awardee</i>
Janice L. Hanson, PhD, EdS	Pediatric Faculty Decision-Making about Supervision for Core EPAs

Poster Awards	
Best Research Poster	Student perceptions of high value care cases, Starla Martinez, MD
Best Innovation Poster	Back to elementary school: Hands-on pediatric physical exam skills session, Adam Weinstein, MD
Best Poster by a Trainee	An interprofessional education program featuring simulated patient encounters for medical, nursing, and pharmacy students, Brianna Meier, MPH

I hope that the spirit of the meeting stays with you throughout the year and you left the meeting feeling renewed. COMSEP members continuously inspire me with their creativity, innovation and generosity. Here is a powerful quote to remind us about the impact we can have:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” -Nelson Mandela

Best,

Sherilyn Smith, MD
COMSEP President



Sherilyn Smith, MD, Lewis First, MD, Bill Raszka, MD after COMSEP Miller Sarkin Lecture 2016

2017 COMSEP Annual Meeting

We are already looking forward to the 2017 COMSEP meeting will be in Portland, Oregon. The meeting will be dates are **March 29-April 1** and the meeting theme is "*Charting a Course to Competency-The Next Expedition*". The Host Committee is already working on ways to have you experience the unique features of Portland while you attend the meeting.

We are pleased that **Dr. Robert Englander, MD, MPH**; Associate Dean Undergraduate Medical Education at the University of Minnesota will give the Miller-Sarkin Lecture.

Look for more announcements in the early summer about workshop and abstract submissions and awards applications. So COMSEP members, start thinking about collaborating with others to produce fabulous workshop and scholarly work to show case your innovations

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