Counsell Receives 2007 Jahniigen Memorial Award

Steven R. Counsell, MD, was honored as the recipient of the 2007 American Geriatrics Society Dennis W. Jahniigen Memorial Award at the AGS Awards Ceremony held during the Annual Meeting. AGS President Todd P. Semla, MS, Pharm.D., pictured above left with Dr. Counsell, made the presentation.

The award is given annually to an AGS member who has provided leadership to train students in geriatrics and has contributed significantly to the progress of geriatrics education in health professions schools. The award memorializes Dennis W. Jahniigen, MD (1947-1998), acclaimed as an extraordinary teacher with heartfelt, compassionate concern for older adults.

In a letter nominating Dr. Counsell, geriatrics colleagues Drs. Glenda Westmoreland, Chris Callahan, Robin Beck and Youcef Sennour noted not only Dr. Counsell’s enormous impact on geriatrics education at Indiana University but described his personal and professional qualities that embody the spirit of the award.

“...nurtured my enthusiasm...wonderful listener...always available to help and counsel...remarkable ability to adapt to my educational and career needs...stamina, passion, clear vision and eagerness to succeed...strong desire to see those who work with him or for him succeed...balances the three pedestals of education, clinical care and research...gives this program synergy.”

Congratulations, Dr. Counsell, from all your colleagues!

A near record 2,700 geriatrics health care providers, researchers and educators gathered at the AGS 2007 Annual Scientific Meeting held May 2-6 in Seattle.

More than 600 geriatrics researchers and clinicians presented cutting-edge scientific papers and posters, symposia, core curriculum sessions, and workshops.

Faculty and fellow attendees from IU were Malaz Boustani, Ella Bowman, Chris Callahan, Noll Campbell, Steve Counsell, Kathy Frank, Gordana Gataric, Sara Hamidi, Yusef Hazimeh, Tom Inui, Gene Lammers, Doug Miller, Cathy Schubert, Youcef Sennour, Vijaya Sirigirreddy, Michael Weiner, and Glenda Westmoreland.

IU Geriatrics continued the tradition of organizing and hosting the “Indiana Dinner” held May 3rd at Palomino Restaurant in Seattle. Assembled at the dinner were AGS members who are affiliated with various hospitals and medical practices around Indiana, IU Geriatrics faculty and staff who attended the national meeting and their invited guests.
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES at AGS

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, chaired the AGS Special Interest Group on Clinical Research in Dementia. The meeting featured a roundtable discussion on the current controversies in dementia research and clinical care, focusing on the complexity of managing dementia-related aggression in diverse care settings.

Chris Callahan, MD, presented "Selecting and Prioritizing Intervention Components" at the workshop, Research Program and Issues Series-Multi-Component Intervention Trials: Design and Analysis Issues. The workshop was developed by the AGS Research Committee.

Dr. Callahan presented “The Application” in the workshop, Research Programs and Issues Series: Demystifying the NIH Funding Process, and he presented “When Do Primary Care Physicians Turn to Geriatricians? Evidence from Clinical Practice and Clinical Research” at the symposium, Defining Patient Subsets Most in Need of Geriatric Care.

Dr. Callahan participated in the Junior Faculty Research Career Development Special Interest Group & Workshop: A Round-Table Discussion between Senior Leaders and Young Talents in Geriatrics. He also moderated an epidemiology session that presented six papers and he judged clinical epidemiology posters at the Presidential Poster Session.

Steve Counsell, MD, is chair of the AGS Public Policy Committee and led a meeting of the group at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Counsell chaired a meeting of the Special Interest Group, Healthcare for Low Income Seniors. The group of geriatrics professionals seeks to disseminate practical solutions and innovative geriatrics team care models and advocate for public policy change to better address the needs of this population.

Dr. Counsell moderated a symposium, New Models of Primary Care for Older Adults: Report on Three Randomized Controlled Trials and presented “Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders (GRACE): A New Model of Primary Care for Low-Income Seniors” at the symposium.

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, presented “Unveiling and Overview of the Geriatrics Fellowship Director Manual” at the Fellowship Directors Pre-Conference Course. The fellowship manual is a product of AGS and ADGAP, the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs.

Dr. Westmoreland was a member of the 2007 AGS Annual Scientific Meeting Program Planning Committee.

PAPER PRESENTATION at Plenary Session (presenting author)

Counsell SR, Callahan, CM, Buttar AV, Clark D, Tu W, Stump T, Ricketts F. Effectiveness of the GRACE Model of Primary Care for Low-Income Seniors: A Randomized Controlled Trial.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS (presenting author)


Boustani MA, Healy P, Sennour Y, Munger S. Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia.


Boustani MA, Hall KS, Lane KA, Aljadhey H, Gao S, Unverzagt F, Murray MD, Oggunniyi A, Hendrie H. Histamine-2 Receptor Antagonists and Cognition: Are They Harmful?

Campbell N, Schubert C. Spontaneous Orgasm with Duloxetine and Citalopram in an Elderly Woman.


Interactions during Unscheduled, Nighttime Videoconferencing for Acute Medical Problems in a Nursing Home.


Sands LP, Xu H, Weiner M, Rosenman MB, Craig BA, Thomas J. Volume of Home Care Received and Nursing-Home Admission among Community-Dwelling Medicaid Members with Dementia.

Sennour Y, Counsell SR, Jones J, Weiner M. Development of and Hospitalists’ Satisfaction with a New ACE Consultation Service in a Community Teaching Hospital.


Thomas J, Bharmal MF, Dedhiya S, Craig BA, Weiner M. Incremental Health Care Resource Use among Indiana Medicaid Beneficiaries with Dementia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyle Fettig, MD, will speak at the IU Geriatrics Conference on June 13, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Fettig is assistant professor of clinical medicine, General Internal Medicine and Palliative Medicine, IU School of Medicine.

Michael Sha, MD, will present “Elder Abuse” at the IU Geriatrics Conference on June 20, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Sha is a geriatrician and assistant professor of clinical medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics at the IU School of Medicine.