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**Jay Portnoy Installed as ACAAI President  
Richard Gower Becomes President-Elect**

DALLAS -- Jay M. Portnoy, M.D., Kansas City, Mo., was installed as president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Dallas on Nov. 13, 2007.

Other elected officers were: Richard G. Gower, M.D., Spokane, Wash., president-elect; Sami L. Bahna, M.D., Dr.PH., Shreveport, La., vice president; Stanley M. Fineman, M.D., M.B.A., Marietta, Ga., treasurer. Elected as Regents for three-year terms were: Mark Corbett, M.D., Louisville, Ky.; Lawrence M. DuBuske, M.D., Harvard, Mass.; and Lyndon E. Mansfield, M.D., El Paso, Texas.

**Jay M Portnoy, M.D.**

Dr. Portnoy is professor of pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine; and chief, Section of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics in Kansas City, Mo. He has served on the ACAAI Board of Regents, 1994-97 and 2005-present, and is on the Board of Directors for the ACAAI Foundation. He was honored with the 2004 Bela Schick lectureship, the 2001 Distinguished Fellow Award and the 1999 Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Portnoy chairs the Annual Program Committee and is co-chair of the Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters. He also is a member of numerous committees including the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Investment Oversight Committee, Indoor Environment Committee and Publications Committee.

He is past president of the Missouri State Allergy Society, 1993-95, and past president of the Kansas City Allergy Society, 1988. His asthma disease management program recently won the Making a Difference award from the Asthma & Allergy Network/Mothers of Asthmatics and the Leadership award from the Environmental Protection Agency for a program involving indoor air quality. He recently received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to study the effect of environmental exposures and remediation on pediatric respiratory health.

**Richard G. Gower, M.D.**

Dr. Gower is clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Washington, Seattle, and a private practitioner at Marycliff Allergy Specialists in Spokane, Wash. He served as ACAAI vice president, 2006-2007, and treasurer of both the ACAAI and its Foundation, 2003-2006. He is serving his third term on the Board of Regents, formerly as Speaker of the House of Delegates, 1997-99, and Regent, 1999-2002. Dr. Gower chairs the Marketing the Allergist Task Force, Pharmaceutical Symposium Committee and the Acorn Committee. He is a member of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Pay-for-Performance Task Force, Professional Allergy/Immunology Education Committee, Annual Program Committee, In Vitro Joint Task Force and the PR Network. He also served on Board of Directors of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, 2002-06. He was selected as the honorary speaker for the 2006 Bela Schick Lecture.

He is past president of the Intermountain West Allergy Association, 2000-01; past president of Western Society of Allergy and Immunology, 1997-98; past president of Inland Empire Allergy

Society, 1993-99; past president of Washington State Society of Internal Medicine, 1986-87. He was also chairman of the Health Systems Reform Committee of the American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM), 1993-95.

**Dr. Sami L. Bahna, M.D., Dr.P.H.**

Dr. Bahna is professor of pediatrics and medicine, chief of the Allergy/Immunology Section, and director of A/I Training Program at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, La. He has served on the ACAAI Board of Regents, 1988-1991, the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee. He chairs the Allergy/Immunology Training Program Directors' Planning Committee, and is a member of the International Committee, the Adverse Reactions to Food Committee, the Education Council and Workshop Committee. He is also an associate editor of *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*. His many past activities include chair of the Adverse Reactions to Foods Committee and program chair of the International Food Allergy Symposium. He was on the JCAAI Board of Directors, 1997-1999.

In addition to several other national and international honors and awards, Dr. Bahna received the ACAAI Distinguished Service Award, 2005; the Distinguished Fellow Award, 2004; the International Distinguished Fellow Award, 1992; and the Clemens von Pirquet Award, 1978. He presented the 2004 John P. McGovern Lecture, the 1996 Bernard Berman Memorial Lecture and the 1988 Bela Schick Lecture.

**Stanley M. Fineman, M.D., M.B.A**

Dr. Fineman is in private practice with the Atlanta Allergy & Asthma Clinic and has a teaching appointment as clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Allergy at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. He is currently Treasurer and is serving his second term on the Board of Regents, 1997-2000 and 2006-present. He is chair of the Finance Committee and the Managed Care Key Contact Network. He is a member of the Executive Committee, Acorn Committee, Ethics Committee, Publications Committee, Communications Council and PR Network.

Dr. Fineman was honored with the College's Distinguished Fellow Award, 2000; the Distinguished Service Award, 1999; and the 1999 Mittelstaedt Lecture. He is past president of the JCAAI, 2004-06, and co-chaired the Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters.

**Mark Corbett, M.D.**

Dr. Corbett, a private practitioner, is associate clinical professor of pediatrics at University of Louisville, and medical director at Kosair Children's Allergy Clinic, University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky. He is on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI) and co-chairs the ABAI Certification Examination. He is a member of the Literature Review Committee and previously served on the Practice Guidelines Committee. He is past president of the Greater Louisville Allergy Society, 1996-98, and past president of the Kentucky Allergy Society, 1997-99.

**Lawrence M. DuBuske, M.D.**

Dr. DuBuske is director of the Immunology Research Institute of New England in Garner, Mass., and consultant in allergy at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School in Boston, where he served in the mid-1990s as the Allergy Fellowship Training Program director. He chairs the European Subcommittee of the ACAAI International Committee and is a member of the Immunotherapy & Diagnostics Committee. Dr. DuBuske received the College's Distinguished Fellow Award, 2004. He is

past president of the American Association of Certified Allergists, 2005-2007, and serves as secretary general on the Board of Directors for INTERASMA.

**Lyndon E. Mansfield, M.D.**

Dr. Mansfield is director of Western Sky Medical Research, clinical professor of pediatrics at Texas Tech Regional Health Science Center and adjunct professor – biology at the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a long-term member and former chair of the Continuing Medical Education Committee, and serves on the Women in Allergy Committee. He is a member of the Editorial Board for *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*. Dr. Mansfield was awarded the College's Distinguished Service Award, 2006. He is past president of Texas Medical Association section on Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, 1986-88. He is on the Board of Directors for the Texas Allergy Asthma and Immunology Society.

**About the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology**

The ACAAI is a professional medical organization headquartered in Arlington Heights, Ill., that promotes excellence in the practice of the subspecialty of allergy and immunology. The College, comprising more than 5,000 allergists-immunologists and related health care professionals, fosters a culture of collaboration and congeniality in which its members work together and with others toward the common goals of patient care, education, advocacy and research.

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