

Dear NEGSA/NEOSR Members,

We're looking forward to an exciting meeting in Baltimore from 4/3-4/6/08 entitled "Changes in Medical Education: Opportunities and Solutions".

Convenient online registration is now available at: www.acteva.com/go/NEGSA.

Highlights include:

- a presentation by Dr. Peter Katsufraakis about a new professionalism assessment program at the NBME,
- problem-solving around the issues of increasing class size to expand the physician work force,
- the potential impact of an increase in class size on diversity,
- affiliation agreements at offsite clinical settings,
- information about innovative new programs for students at member schools,
- challenges in financial aid and student indebtedness,
- The Arnold P Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine luncheon, with a presentation by Joe O'Donnell, MD,
- updates from our colleagues in Washington and the opportunity to meet the new GSA Executive Secretary, Henry Sondheimer, MD.,
- and increased involvement of the OSR in the meeting program.

A draft full agenda follows this letter.

You'll also have a chance to check out the wonderful opportunities Baltimore has to offer along its beautiful Inner Harbor waterfront setting including fantastic restaurants, the National Aquarium, the Maryland Science Center, great shopping, and much more.

You can make your hotel reservations by calling the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel (<http://www.radisson.com/lordbaltimore>) at 410-539-8400 or toll-free at 800-333-3333. Mention the "Northeast Group on Student Affairs" meeting and you will be given the guaranteed low rate of \$159 for singles or doubles. This block of rooms is currently being held until March 7, 2008 so please make your reservations soon.

Thank you!
Lori Alvord M.D.
Chair Elect, NEGSA
Program Chair

Changes in Medical Education...Opportunities & Solutions
April 3-6, 2008
Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore

Thursday, April 3, 2008

11:00 AM – 1:45 PM Registration, pick up conference materials.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Welcome & Housekeeping

2:00-3:00-
James L. Scott, MD-Dean of George Washington
SOM.

Topic: To Be Determined

Break

3:30- 5:00
M. London, Ed.D., Stonybrook SOM,
Developing Affiliation Agreements with Hospitals
for Clinical Rotations.

Friday, April 4, 2008

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM Henry Sondheimer, MD, Associate Vice President,
Section for Student Affairs and Programs, AAMC:
The News from 'M" Street
AAMC news and updates, including the
proposed changes in the AAMC Governance
Structure.

10:30 AM – 11:45 PM AAMC Division Updates:

AMCAS - Stephen Fitzpatrick
MCAT - Michelle Sparacino
NRMP - Lauri Curtin
CiM - Jeanette Calli
VSAS- Melissa Donner,
introducing the new Visiting Student

Application software
SRS- Gwen Garrison

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch –Sponsored by the Gold Foundation—
Joe ODonnell, MD, Senior Advising Dean,
Dartmouth Medical School- Humanism and
Medicine

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM 2:00 – 3:00
Julie Fresne, AAMC,
Approaches to Student Indebtedness
A description of the new AAMC Student Debt.
Management website.

3:30 – 5:00
NEOSR meeting
NEMAS Business Meeting

5:30 – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception
Sponsored by Johns Hopkins SOM, and
Univ. of Maryland SOM

Saturday, April 5, 2008

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM NEGSA/NEOSR Business Meetings
(Continental Breakfast available)

9:15 AM – 12:15 PM 9: 25- 10:15
Peter Katsufraakis, MD, NBME
Introduction of a new professionalism
assessment tool developed by the NBME.

Break

10:30-12:15
Preparing for the Future:
LCME: Proposed Changes in Language on Diversity,
USMLE Licensing Exam – Proposed Changes in Testing
Admissions: Criminal background checks (Fitzpatrick)

12:15 – 1:15 PM Lunch On Own

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

1:30-2:00
Small Group Discussion on Intended and
Unintended Consequences of Increasing Class Size
to Increase the Physician Workforce.

2:00 -3:00
Cleese Erickson, AAMC
Increasing Medical School Class Sizes to
Increase the Physician Workforce.

Break

3:30- 5:00
Dwight Davis, MD – “Hot Topics”
Topics of interest to NEGSA membership will be
discussed in an interactive format.

7:00-9:00 PM

NEGSA fellowship dinners
Sign up sheets will be available for groups to
meet for dinner at a variety of Baltimore restaurants.

Sunday, April 6, 2008

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

NEGSA Committee Meetings
(Continental Breakfast)

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM

New programs we love! Short presentations by NE
schools of Their Favorite Programs for Students”
Wrap -Up

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Farewell & Safe Travels