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Wow, life speeds on. NACCT 2007 has come and gone—6 days of professional education, meetings and social life in "The Big Easy" (with our second largest attendance ever). Now it is on to Toronto. Because the meeting is about the earliest it could be—September 11-16, the Planning Committee has already met at the hotel, reviewed the facilities, set the overall agenda and is soliciting symposia. Remember that because of the early date, the abstract submission deadline will be early as well—April 1st!

We are excited about the venue, Sheraton Centre, and the city—we are in the heart of downtown Toronto. Great restaurants, live theater, clubs, attractions all close—and a subway to more. It is New York, but cheaper, even with the appreciation of the Canadian dollar. For shoppers, there are MILES of interconnected underground shops and links to major department stores and retail centers. "Quick food" is available under the hotel and right off of the premises. More on Toronto later.

The Committee is working to bring back more platform presentations. We heard from you that you wanted more work presented in a forum for a more complete presentation with feedback. Also, the Committee is looking to "go more green" (at least a little), with fewer paper handouts. Not only will we save trees, but less fuel will be used on airplanes! You should already have received a

follow up to New Orleans with a link to a survey asking about how you would like your materials—downloadable, thumb drive... How will we get our exercise?

While in New Orleans, the AACT members met in innumerable large and small working groups: special interest groups, planning committees, working committees, Board of Trustees, general membership, Clinical Toxicology editorial boards, as well as receptions, dinners, and social times. I have heard only encouraging things about the enthusiasm generated. At the Fellows reception, Dave Gummin, MD was welcomed as a Fellow, Jim Mowry, PharmD was giving the Distinguished Service Award, and Milton Tenenbein, MD received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to these members.

The Board of Trustees reviewed reports from committees and interest groups, got updates from the President, Treasurer, and the Strategic Planning Committee. These were reported at the business meeting and followed closely what I reported in my last President's corner. Drs. Scalzo, Greenberg and Anderson received service awards for their terms, but Dr. Greenberg was not released!

With all this going on, AACT is a busy organization and needs your help. I have one more year in my term and if you are looking for a place to serve, write to me: randall.bond@cchmc.org. The Nominating Committee will also be taking recommendations for the next election for President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and for the Board of Trustees (2 or 3 positions).

Have a great time working on those abstracts!

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Dr. Milton Tenenbein receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Ruddy Rose presenting Dr. Gummin with his notice of designation as an AACT Fellow



Dr. McGuigan presenting Dr. Mowry with the Distinguished Service Award