

ACCP "Excellence in Achievement"

The [ACCP "Excellence in Achievement" Program](#) serves to acknowledge ACCP Members whose engagement with ACCP events/committees and contributions to the organization are deserving of recognition.

ACCP is pleased to recognize [Joseph D. Ma, PharmD](#), Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at the Univ of California, San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Ma received his Pharmacy Doctorate from the Univ of California, San Francisco and completed a fellowship in clinical pharmacology at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, NY. His current research interests are evaluating drug metabolizing enzyme activity and pain medication variability. His current clinical practice is the Pain and Palliative Care Svc at the Univ of California, San Diego, Moores Cancer Ctr, where he specializes in symptom management.



Dr. Ma originally joined ACCP as a Student Member in 2004, became a Member in 2008 and a Fellow in 2015. An outstanding young leader in ACCP, Dr. Ma has filled numerous roles, including serving as a member of the Position Paper Subcommittee and the Strategic Vision and Education Committees. Most recently, Dr. Ma organized and moderated the acclaimed ACCP Fundamentals Tutorials Series, designed to provide a "not too technical" overview of clinical pharmacology.

A regular attendee of the ACCP Annual Meeting since 2008, Dr. Ma has presented posters and served as Faculty at the meeting. In 2011-2012, he served as the Co-chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for the highly successful 2012 ACCP Annual Meeting in San Diego.

Dr. Ma has been kind enough to share his thoughts on what membership in ACCP means to him: *"ACCP has provided numerous opportunities for involvement, which have helped my professional growth. My most memorable experience was serving as Program Co-chair with Dr. Ivan Nestorov for the 2012 ACCP Annual Meeting. At the time when we were planning the meeting, it was challenging to create, develop and execute a program agenda. However, with a strong commitment from Ivan, our invited speakers, ACCP Staff, and I, we did it! Reflecting back, I enjoyed the time spent and the professional and personal relationships we built during that time. Each ACCP Annual Meeting thereafter, whenever I see Ivan, no more than one minute into our conversation, we would state something like "Remember when we did this at the 2012 ACCP meeting...?" ACCP has helped my professional growth by way of networking. The diversity of ACCP membership in the private sector, regulatory agencies and academia is noteworthy. In my current position, my academic file is reviewed every few years for advancement consideration/promotion. As a requirement, I select external reviewers to review my academic file. ACCP has helped expand my network. I have met and collaborated with ACCP Members who are also in academia. As a result, these individuals also agree to serve as reviewers for my academic file."*

Congratulations, Dr. Ma, on being recognized for your outstanding achievements and contributions to ACCP!