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NRMP Changes

At its May 2016 Annual Meeting, the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Board of Directors addressed a variety of issues related to the Main Residency Match and the Specialties Matching Service. [Changes to The Match](#) involve couples rank order lists, supplemental offer and acceptance program schedule, match fees and a modification to the match participation agreement - the latter of which is causing some concern among program directors.

A Chance for You to Help Shape AFMRD's Future

The AFMRD Board of Directors is ready to delve into developing a strategic plan for 2017-2019.

Conducting a member needs assessment is one of the first steps in this strategic planning process. Obtaining member input is crucial to ensuring the AFMRD Strategic Plan is designed in a way that not only fulfills our mission but also takes into consideration the specific needs and expectations of our members.

You will soon be receiving an email with a link to an online member needs assessment survey via Survey Monkey. *Please* set aside 10-12 minutes to complete it. The strength and relevancy of the AFMRD - and the value of your AFMRD membership - depends on it! And - good news - no data is required, only your opinions.

If you have any questions about the member needs assessment or the strategic planning process, please contact AFMRD Board

The new agreement notes that for all Matches opening after June 30, 2016, programs are prohibited from requesting applicants to reveal the names, specialties, geographic locations, or other identifying information of programs to which they have or may apply.

The AFMRD Board of Directors plans to advocate on behalf of our members by taking these concerns to the NRMP. We will keep you posted on this communication.

ACGME News

What is the status of revisions to the ACGME Common Program Requirements? [Read here.](#)

The first national report of findings from the Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) Program is now available [online](#).

2017 PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium Call for Proposals

The call for proposals for the 2017 PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium is now open.

Are you doing something that your peers would like to hear about so they don't have to reinvent the wheel? If so, submit a proposal.

The PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium is designed to focus on topical issues that have important implications for family medicine graduate medical education, residency educators, and staff.

Details: [Visit the website.](#)

President [James Jarvis, MD](#), or AFMRD Executive Director [Vickie Greenwood](#) (913.906.6000 ext. 6738).

Criteria Changes for Zervanos Award

Starting in 2017, there will be new criteria used to judge candidates for the [Nikitas J. Zervanos Outstanding Program Director Award](#).

The list of criteria was modified to require candidates to have leadership experience at a national level. In addition, candidates transitioning out of the program director role within 24 months will be considered eligible for the award.

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the AFMRD jointly present the Zervanos Award on an annual basis, providing there is a candidate who meets or exceeds all criteria for excellence.

The call for 2017 nominees will open July 7, 2016.

2016-2017 Accreditation Navigation

The AFMRD will again offer the [Accreditation Navigation](#) course, starting this fall.

The Accreditation Navigation course is an intensive two-session program modeled after our renowned National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPDD). The course, taught by a team of highly experienced faculty, provides in-depth material on all aspects of ACGME accreditation.

This program was designed for AOA programs preparing for ACGME accreditation but would also be helpful to any new family medicine residency program aiming to obtain ACGME accreditation.

The dates for the upcoming Accreditation Navigation course are September 30-October 2, 2016, in Denver and March 2017 in Kansas City (in conjunction with the Program Directors Workshop). Participants will attend both sessions. Registration will open in early June.

Deadline: July 29

Please contact [Chris Pyle](#) (913.906.6000 ext. 6724) for more information.

AAPCE Call for Presentation Proposals

The American Association for Primary Care Endoscopy (AAPCE) is now accepting proposals for presentations at the 2016 AAPCE CME Conference. The event will take place in Las Vegas on November 11-12.

Details: [Visit the website.](#)

Deadline: August 1

Task Force Updates

At the request of Family Medicine for America's Health, the AFMRD has formed an Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) Task Force to identify ways residency programs can best utilize the [EPAs](#). The group has been actively engaged and has a meeting planned for the fall. Look for results of the task force's work to be available by the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an application for the Wellness Task Force. The response to our call for task force members was overwhelming. It's clear the physician wellness issue is one of great interest and importance. We will keep you updated on the Wellness Task Force activities as the group moves forward in its initiatives.

Guide to the Website and Community Platform

The new AFMRD website and community platform has been live for several months now. Are you taking advantage of all the great features? Are you finding your way around okay? We have produced a handy [guide](#) to help you.

If you ever have any questions or difficulties, don't hesitate to contact [Lynn Pickerel](#) (913.906.6000 ext. 6733) or any of the AFMRD staff for assistance.

A Quick Look at the Quick Hitters

In case you missed it, take a look at the [Quick Hitter](#) responses from this year's AFMRD Annual Meeting as well as from years past, all in a single document.

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Keep up to date on these exciting initiatives.

If you are interested in becoming involved in Family Medicine for America's Health, visit the [engagement portal](#).

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