

# SACME HISTORY

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## EARLY SACME HISTORY

### SACME Milestones

- **1976**  
SACME established on April 2 as the Society of Medical College Directors of Continuing Medical Education (SMCDCME)
- **1981**  
[First issue of \*Möbius\*](#) published (Lucy Ann Geiselman, Editor)  
Research Committee formed (Harold Paul, Chair)
- **1982**
  - First survey of Society members (Richard L. Moore)
  - First call for research papers (Nancy Bennett)
- **1984**  
Support of the Research and Development Resource Base in CME by the Society (Dave Davis)  
RICME I, Research in Continuing Medical Education (David Gullion, Lucy Ann Geiselman, Chairs)  
Training of Society interviewers for "The Change Study"
- **1985**  
Change Study interviews total 200
- **1986-1988**  
Search for a Society logo
- **1986**  
RICME II (Dave Davis, Chair)
- **1987**  
First issue of *INTERCOM* published in January (Harold Paul, Dene Murray, Editors)  
Joint plenary session CME/SMCDCME: highlights of the Change Study
- **1988**  
RICME III (John Parboosingh, Jocelyn Lockyer, Chairs)

First Congress on CME (Phil R. Manning, Chair)  
First honorary member of the Society (Cyril Houle)  
Title change from Mobius to JCEHP  
With v. 8 (1) *Möbius* becomes [The Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions](#)

Development of first membership brochure (Harold Paul, Dene Murray, and others)

▪ **1989**

Change study published (Robert Fox, Paul Mazmanian, R. Wayne Putnam, Editors)

[Changing and Learning in the Lives of Physicians](#)

Strategic plan for the Society (George Smith)

Membership in the Council of Academic Societies (James Leist, Dale Dauphinee)

▪ **1990**

First meeting of the "Armadillo Society" (Past Presidents)

This group [of Past Presidents] first convened in San Antonio on the morning following an evening's socializing at a nearby ranch where armadillos and armadillo racing entertained guests. One of the Past-Presidents suggested the group be called the "Armadillo Society," out of regard for the relative sluggishness and unimportance of its members. The aptness of that name found immediate approval and the group has enjoyed continued existence. Although having no formal status, no authority, and no documented evidence of effectiveness, the anecdotal self-testimony to its diffuse benefit continues to cheer the aging members. -- from [Caplan 1996](#), p. 9

RICME IV (Nancy Bennett, Chair)

▪ **1991**

Tri-Group leadership formalized (ACME, AHME, SMCDCME)

Foundation for research established (James Leist)

First Distinguished Service Award (Malcolm Watts)

▪ **1992**

*JCEHP* reorganized (James Leist)

Third Congress on CME (George Smith, Chair)

SMCDCME incorporated (George Smith and Robert Kristofco)

New *JCEHP* editor appointed (William Felch)

Society home established at AAMC (Brownell Anderson)

Position paper presented: *The Role of Continuing Medical Education in Academic Health Centers* (William Easterling)

▪ **1993**

Distinguished Service Award (Phil Manning)

Research Award (Dave Davis)

CME Glossary (Joe D'Angelo)

First Society brochure competition (Susan Duncan)

New member orientation established at Spring Meeting (Deborah Holmes)

- **1994**  
Distinguished Service Award (Julian S. Reinschmidt)  
Research Award (Robert Fox)  
Research Endowment Council established (Brian O'Toole)  
Task force white paper, *The connection between continuing medical education and health care reform* (George Smith, Gloria Allington)
- **1995**
  - Request from AAMC for statement on CME
  - Reorganization of AAMC's Group on Educational Affairs (GEA), with continuing education one of four sections
  - Pew-Glaxo Working Group on the Future of Academic CME Research Award established (Jocelyn Lockyer, Recipient)
  - Distinguished Service Award (Martin Shickman)
  - Report of Society working group on ACCME essentials and standards, Future directions for medical college continuing medical education (Arnie Bigbee, Chair)
  - Request from ACCME for SACME accreditation surveyors
- **1996**  
Four Society task forces and focus groups address the task force report when the Society was invited to participate in the restructuring of the ACCME
- **1997**  
SMCDCME listserv established by Bob Bollinger
- **1998**  
July 20, SMCDCME re-named the Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education (SACME)
- **1999**  
SACME web site created by Bob Bollinger
- **2016**  
SACME organizes "World Congress"

## **SACME PAST PRESIDENTS**

### **2024-2025**

Kimberly D. Northrip, MD, MPH, University of Kentucky Healthcare CECentral

### **2022-2023**

David Wiljer, PhD, University of Toronto

### **2020-2021**

Betsy Williams, PhD, MPH, FSACME, University of Kansas School of Medicine

### **2018-2019**

William Rayburn, MD, MBA, FSACME, Medical University of South Carolina

**2016-2017**

Ajit Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCSE, FSACME, American College of Surgeons

**2015**

Mary Turco, EdD, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

**2014**

Ginny Jacobs, M.Ed., MLS, CHCP, University of Minnesota Medical School

**2013**

Deborah Samuel, MBA, American Academy of Pediatrics

**2012**

Pam McFadden, University of North Texas Health Science Center  
Gordon West, PhD, Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower

**2011**

Gabrielle Kane, MB,EdD, FRCPC, University of Washington School of Medicine

**2010**

Todd Dorman, MD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**2009**

Lois Colburn, University of Nebraska Medical Center

**2008**

Melinda Steele, MEd; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**2007**

Jocelyn Lockyer, PhD; University of Calgary

**2006**

Michael Fordis, MD; Baylor College of Medicine

**2005**

Martyn O. Hotvedt, PhD

**2004**

Craig M. Campbell, MD; Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada/  
Le Collège royale des médecins et chirurgiens du Canada

**2003**

Nancy Davis, PhD; American Academy of Family Physicians

**2002**

John R. Kues, PhD; University of Cincinnati

**2001**

Barbara E. Barnes, MD; University of Pittsburgh

**2000**

Paul J. Lambiase; University of Rochester

**1999**

John T. Parboosingh, MD; University of Ottawa

**1998**

Meryl H. Haber, MD; Rush Presbyterian, St. Lukes Medical Center

**1997**

David Davis, MD; University of Toronto

**1996**

William E. Easterling, Jr., MD; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**1995**

Gloria Allington, MEd; University of Miami

**1994**

George Smith, MD; University of Alabama

**1993**

R. Van Harrison, PhD; University of Michigan

**1992**

Martin P. Kantrowitz, MD; University of New Mexico

**1991**

Jack L. Mason, PhD; University of Maryland

**1990**

James C. Leist, EdD; Bowman Gray School of Medicine

**1989**

Robert J. Cullen, PhD; Case Western Reserve University

**1988**

D. Dale Dauphinee, MD; McGill University

**1987**

Dennis K. Wentz, MD; Vanderbilt University

**1986**

Harold A. Paul, MD; Rush Medical College

**1985**

Julian S. Reinschmidt, MD; Oregon Health Sciences University

**1984**

Oscar A. Thorup, MD; University of Virginia

**1983**

Gerald H. Escovitz, MD; Medical College of Pennsylvania

**1982**

George J. Race, MD; University of Texas, Dallas

**1981**

Richard M. Caplan, MD; University of Iowa

**1980**

Malcolm Watts, MD; University of California, San Francisco

**1979**

Gail Bank, PhD; Wayne State University

**1978**

Robert C. Combs, MD; University of California, Irvine

**1977**

Phil R. Manning, MD; University of Southern California

**1976**

Phil R. Manning, MD; University of Southern California

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Read about Past Presidents in these articles:

Caplan RM. [History of the Society of Medical College Directors of Continuing Medical Education \(SMCDCME\): The First Twelve Years, 1976-1988](#). *JCEHP* 1996; 16(1):14-24.

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Manning PR. [A Look at the past as we anticipate and shape the future; Society celebrates 25th anniversary](#). *INTERCOM* 2001; 14(2):6-7.

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