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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

### What's ahead for MCHAA?

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- ◆ Alumni Chapter Network
- ◆ Career Resources
- ◆ Professional Networking
- ◆ Resident's Chapter

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## Revitalizing the Association: the Alumni Chapter Network



*The Alumni Chapter helps fill a need and answer the question, "What can you do for me after I graduate?"*

At a recent strategic planning session, the Miami Children's Alumni Association Board addressed the matter of lifetime membership in the association and how to actively support this concept. At this meeting, the Board proposed a new objective in order to more readily address the focus on the lifetime membership of its alumni members. The Board also approved the development and implementation of an Alumni Chapter program with the plan to establish new Alumni Chapters so that an Alumni Chapter Network could encompass the entire United States as well as non-U.S. Alumni Chapters. As part of this plan, the Board approved establishing its first official Alumni Chapter in Puerto Rico.

## MCH Alumni Association: Past, Present & Future

MCHAA has strived to foster and enhance relations between the residents, its new and old members as well as with the family of physicians of Miami Children's Hospital. Membership in the Association has included courtesy participation in the scientific and social events MCH PPGC in order for its members to be able to have access to the most

up to date developments in pediatrics thereby satisfying its overall mission to advocate and ensure the provision of quality medical services to all children. For many years, the value of membership in MCHAA stopped there.

MCHAA is now moving forward to be able to provide its members

Rico spearheaded by the new Alumni President, Dr. Mayra Capote and Dr. Gerardo Tosca, active alumni member, current president of The Pediatric Society of Puerto Rico and newly appointed head of the steering committee of the new chapter.

Lifetime membership takes on a whole new, tangible meaning when Alumni Chapters are in place. All MCH Alumni members residing in geographic areas where there are Alumni Chapters can tap into these chapters. This opportunity provides the Association with a tangible way to show that lifetime membership is real. Not only would the Alumni Chapters offer the Association the ability to promote lifetime membership but also provide a way to more actively promote the value of membership to residents invited to join the Association.

Because Alumni Chapters provide a reason to remember MCH Alumni Association, the Alumni Chapters can assist the Association in promoting registration through a Member Directory section and obtaining updates of membership information, and in turn can share this information with the Information Center of the Association. Miami Children's Alumni Association can also look to the members of the Alumni Chapters, and especially their officers and committee members, to serve as a sounding board or resource for ideas that are important to alumni membership.

with professional contacts locally, nationally, and internationally as well as providing networking opportunities, professional development opportunities, the opportunity to give back through interaction with current residents and new graduates as well as the opportunity to develop new and foster old relationships with past alumni.

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### Current Events:

**June 3-5 MCHAA Establishes Puerto Rico Alumni Chapter at the Puerto Rico Pediatric Society Annual Meeting & Conference.**

**June 10 Graduating Class 2011 Ceremony & Induction to MCHAA**

**June 16 RSV Clinical Data & Real World Experience at Graziano's**

**June 24-26 MCH Alumni & Staff Hawks Cay Weekend**



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### FOSTERING & ENHANCING RELATIONS AMONGST MEMBERS

## Puerto Rico Chapter of the MCHAA : First Annual Meeting



**First Annual Meeting of PR Chapter of MCHAA : (Left to right)  
J.Kravekas, G.Tosca, M.Lopez, M.Capote, G.Capote, M.Medina-Capote, L..Maldonado, and I.Galarza.**

The chartering reception of the Puerto Rico Alumni Chapter of the MCHAA was held at a breakfast on the second day of the Annual Meeting and Summit of the Puerto Rican Pediatric Society in the Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Attendees from the geographic MCH Alumni included: Dr. Gerardo Tosca (1997), Dr. Alma F. Tatum (1995), Dr. Lyssette Maldonado-Gomez (1991), Dr. Ivonne Galarza (1988), and Dr. Maricarmen Lopez (1999). The steering committee members in attendance were Wilma Sanchez (Honorary Member), Dr. Mayra Capote (1995),

Dr. Maria Medina-Capote (1995), and Dr. Gerardo Capote (1996). Also in attendance was Dr. Jackie Kraveka (1997) who was an invited faculty speaker for the conference. The reception breakfast was an excellent forum in which the new Alumni Chapter and networking amongst the MCH Alumni was initiated. Dr. Tosca agreed to remain as the lead contact for the chapter for the time being until a more official organized board could be established. Two other MCH Alumni were invited faculty speakers at the conference: Dr. Maricarmen Lopez and Dr. Adriana Carrillo-Iregui