New Advisory Council Will Boost Education, Awareness of Gout Internationally

The Gout & Uric Acid Education Society Announces International Advisory Council, Partnership with Revered Domestic and International Rheumatologists

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 27, 2018 – The Gout & Uric Acid Education Society (GUAES) announced today that it has formed an International Advisory Council (IAC)—a group of eight internationally and domestically acclaimed medical professionals who have shown an interest and expertise in gout care. IAC members collaborate on new ideas and raise awareness of gouty arthritis—with the goal of improving overall quality of care and minimizing the burden of gout through educational resources.

GUAES has confirmed the following for its 2018-2019 International Advisory Council:

- Herbert Baraf, MD, FACP, MACR, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Nicola Dalbeth, MBChB, MD, FRACP, The University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Paul Doghramji, MD, Collegeville Family Practice, Pennsylvania
- Robert Keenan, MD, Duke University Hospital, North Carolina
- Fernando Perez-Ruiz, MD, PhD, Hospital Universitario Cruces, Spain
- Pascal Richette, MD, PhD, Lariboisière Hospital, France
- Jasvinder Singh, MD, MPH, University of Alabama, Alabama
- Lisa Stamp, MBChB, FRACP, PhD, University of Otago, New Zealand

“The Council members’ knowledge and passion for gout shines through with ideas they have already shared. With only 10 percent of gout patients receiving the proper care in America1, we hope our work together will improve the care of gout internationally,” said Dr. N. Lawrence Edwards, a rheumatologist and chairman and CEO of the Gout & Uric Acid Education Society.

“We expect these partnerships to be strong and positively influence gout awareness worldwide.”

The IAC will act in tandem with the GUAES Board of Directors, consisting of seven medical professionals:

- N. Lawrence Edwards, MD, MACP, MACR, Chairman and CEO, University of Florida
- Hyon K. Choi, MD, DrPH, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Richard J. Johnson, MD, University of Colorado Hospital
- Brian F. Mandell, MD, PhD, MACP, FACR, Cleveland Clinic
- Joan McTigue, MS, PA-C, University of Florida
- Maha Saad, PharmD, BCGP, BCPS, St. John’s University
- Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc, University of Alabama

1 Online survey of 1,000 nationally representative Americans ages 18+, with an oversampling of 103 interviews of adults who have been diagnosed with gout. Conducted April 11-18, 2016 by Wakefield Research on behalf of the Gout & Uric Acid Education Society.
All positions are volunteer-based. To learn more about the IAC, visit GoutEducation.org/about-us/international-advisory-council/.

About GUAES
The Gout & Uric Acid Education Society is a registered 501 © 3 nonprofit organization of health care professionals dedicated to educating the public and health care community about gout—the most common form of inflammatory arthritis—and the related consequences of hyperuricemia. Learn more at gouteducation.org. Twitter: @GoutEducation Facebook: Gout Education

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