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NEW AND RE-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE 2012 APCR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alexandria, Va.—The Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research (APCR) is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been elected to serve as members of the Association Board of Trustees for a first or second two-year term of office commencing January 1, 2012:

Robert Hardi, MD, AGAF, CPI® (1st Term)
Anita Kablinger, MD, CPI® (1st Term)
Robert Dracker, MD, FRCA, FFPM (2nd Term)
Sam Simha, MD, FACOG, CPI® (2nd Term)

APCR's 11-member Board of Trustees is charged with establishing the strategic direction of the organization, ensuring the necessary resources, and providing organizational oversight. It is comprised of members from a diverse set of professional backgrounds that are carefully chosen to represent the interests of APCR's global membership.

The election for the new and re-elected Board appointments was called by the Board of Trustees as prescribed by APCR's bylaws, and the election was held in accordance with APCR's incorporation in the state of Virginia. APCR thanks the membership for its participation in this year's election. Bios on each of the new and re-elected Trustees can be found below. Michael Koren, MD, FACC, CPI®, President of the APCR Board of Trustees said, "We are honored to have these four uniquely qualified individuals as part of the 2012 APCR Board of Trustees."

APCR is an affiliate of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals, a global association comprised of more than 18,000 individuals in over 71 countries. APCR's mission is ***To advance medical innovation and public health by providing advocacy, promoting competence and encouraging exchange for and among physicians involved in or affected by clinical research.*** APCR is the leading professional organization, *exclusive to physicians*, that supports and addresses the unique issues and challenges of all physicians involved in the clinical research community. For more information about APCR, visit www.apcrnet.org.

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Robert Hardi, MD, AGAF, CPI® graduated Summa cum Laude from Semmelweis University Medical School in 1972 in Budapest, Hungary. Dr. Hardi spent four years in basic science, finishing with a post-doctoral fellowship at the State University of New York/Roswell Park Cancer Research Center in Buffalo, N.Y. He completed his training in Internal Medicine at Semmelweis University Medical School, Hungary, Hannover University Medical School in Germany, and the University of New Mexico Medical School in Albuquerque. He also completed a fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at the University of New Mexico Medical School, and a fellowship in Gastroenterology at Cornell Medical College/The New York Hospital in New York, NY. Dr. Hardi has been in the private practice of Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine since 1984, and is on the Clinical Faculty of George Washington University and Georgetown University. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and is a certified physician investigator (CPI®.) His principal professional interests are inflammatory bowel diseases (he has served on the National Board of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America), clinical research, procedural sedation, colon cancer surveillance, and pancreatic and biliary disorders. He serves as medical director of Chevy Chase Clinical Research for the Metropolitan Gastroenterology Group division of Capital Digestive Care.

Anita Kablinger, MD, CPI® is professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and Residency Training Director at Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke, Virginia. Dr. Kablinger grew up in Canada and received an Honors Biology and Psychology degree from McMaster University before attending medical school at Rosalind Franklin University of Health Sciences in North Chicago, Illinois. She completed residency in general adult psychiatry at the University of Florida where she became involved in clinical research during training. Since that time, Dr. Kablinger has been promoted to professor at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and now at Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Dr. Kablinger is a certified physician investigator (CPI®) and has been involved in over 150 clinical trials, sharing research experience and knowledge with medical trainees. In addition to continuing clinical research involvement, Dr. Kablinger oversees residency education in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine where she integrates research into clinical care and education on a daily basis.

Robert Dracker, MD, MHA, MBA, CPI® is president of the Onondaga County Medical Society in Syracuse, N.Y., and has been medical director of Summerwood Pediatrics in Liverpool and Camillus, N.Y., since 1993. He earlier served as medical director for the Transfusion Medicine Service at University Hospital in Syracuse, for the Biocyte Corp., and for ViaCord, and founded Infusacare Medical Services. Dr. Dracker received his bachelor's degree in biology from New York University and his MD from SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, followed by a residency in pediatrics and fellowships in pediatric hematology/oncology and in blood banking/transfusion medicine, all at University Hospital. He has a masters in health services management from the New School for Social Research and an MBA from Columbia College. He is currently enrolled in the Central New York Masters in Public Health Program.



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Sam Simha, MD, FACOG, CPI® is an ob/gyn in private practice in Memphis, TN and has been practicing for more than 25 years in Canada and in the United States. A graduate of the University of Chile Medical School, he interned and completed his residency at the University of Toronto. Dr. Simha began to develop a more formal interest in clinical research in 2001, and earned his investigator's certification in 2004. He is currently the medical director of Research Memphis Associates, a company dedicated to women's health research, which he founded five years ago. He also volunteers his time in the Latino community, serving on various committees and acting as a regular guest speaker on Radio Ambiente, where he answers questions on women's reproductive health.

