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## **ACRP Names Thomasell New Executive Director**

Alexandria, Va.—James D. Thomasell, former acting president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP), has been named the new executive director of the Association, effective September 21, 2009.

As executive director, Thomasell serves as the Association's primary resource for providing mission-focused leadership and global organizational management. His responsibilities also include directing the activities of ACRP's affiliate organizations, the Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators (APPI) and the Academy of Clinical Research Professionals (the Academy).

Thomasell delivers 20 years of strategic leadership experience in a variety of organizations and in several capacities at ACRP. Prior to his role as acting president and CEO, he served ACRP as the director of finance and administration for more than three years.

"In just a short time, Jim's expertise and leadership have added considerable value to the organization," said David Vulcano, chair of the Association Board of Trustees for ACRP. "His combination of passion and focus are exactly what the organization needs to bring the Association to the next level, advance our mission, and lead ACRP, APPI, and the Academy into the future. We are fortunate to have a dynamic leader during this time of such great opportunity and growth for our organization."

"I am honored to serve as the new executive director of ACRP," said Thomasell. "In this role, I look to collaborate with the dedicated volunteers of the organization, our staff, and the clinical research community to strengthen the organization and advance our mission."

Thomasell began his career as a Certified Public Accountant focusing on nonprofit organizations, both as an auditor and a consultant. In 2002, he left Deloitte & Touche as a senior manager working in the nonprofit audit division to join Volunteers of America in Alexandria, Va., as its chief accounting officer. While at Volunteers of America, Thomasell was promoted to vice president and was responsible for managing a large staff and consolidating several business lines totaling \$40 million. He earned his degree in accounting at the University of Maryland, and currently lives in Silver Spring, Md., with his wife, Shelly, and son, Seamus.

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Founded in 1976, the nonprofit ACRP is based in Alexandria, Va., and devoted to the education of the entire clinical research team of professionals dealing with clinical trials for testing new drugs, medical devices, and therapies on volunteer subjects. For more information about ACRP, visit [www.acrpnet.org](http://www.acrpnet.org).