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### **ACRP's Peer-Reviewed Journal, *The Monitor*, Leaps Into the Gold Circle Award Ring**

Alexandria, Va.—*The Monitor*, the flagship peer-reviewed journal of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP), has added a new award to its collection of honors with the recent announcement that it is among the 2011 Gold Circle Award winners determined by the Communications Section Council of ASAE: The Center for Association Leadership.

Published seven times a year and featuring scholarly articles for the continuing education needs of ACRP's nearly 18,000 global members from the ranks of clinical researchers devoted to the safe conduct of studies of drugs, devices, and other therapeutic measures involving volunteer subjects, *The Monitor* will receive a trophy for being named best peer-reviewed journal from an association with an annual overall budget exceeding \$2 million. This honor builds upon the journal's receipt of an Honorable Mention in this category in ASAE's 2010 contest, and other recent citations in the Eddie & Ozzie Awards competition managed by *Folio*: magazine and in the *Association TRENDS* All-Media Contest.

The 2011 Gold Circle Award winners will be celebrated at a special event on August 7 in St. Louis, Mo., during the annual meeting of ASAE, a Washington, D.C.-based membership organization of more than 22,000 association executives and industry partners representing more than 11,000 leading trade associations, individual membership societies, and voluntary organizations in nearly 50 countries. The annual competition honors associations and nonprofit organizations that demonstrate excellence in communication across 11 categories, including magazines, newsletters, websites, blogs, podcasts, media relations campaigns, and innovative communications. Sponsored by TMG Custom Media, the latest competition received nearly 200 entries.

The Gold Circle Award winning peer-reviewed journal from an association with an annual overall budget of less than or equal to \$2 million was the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, while winners and honorable mentions in other categories included communication efforts from such organizations as the American Student Dental



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Association, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, the Military Officers Association of America, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

“The quality of this year’s entries was very impressive, with many imaginative and original pieces,” said Richard A. Belle, chair of the Gold Circle Award Committee and a member of the Communication Section Council. “Judges were frequently faced with difficult decisions in choosing winners, with so many first-rate communication vehicles.”

The ACRP staff for *The Monitor* includes Editor-in-Chief A. Veronica Precup and Associate Editor Gary W. Cramer in the association’s Alexandria, Va. headquarters, working with a 12-member Editorial Advisory Board of ACRP Members from various specialties within the clinical research enterprise, chaired by Axel Olsen, PhD, of Quintiles, Inc.

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