Oddis Endowment receives large gifts from industry

Recent gifts and pledges from corporations to the Foundation’s Joseph A. Oddis Endowment total more than $1 million. “One of the ways pharmaceutical corporations demonstrate their commitment to patients is through their support of programs that promote the best use of medications,” said John G. Kringle, Senior Vice President of Abbott Laboratories and co-chair of the Joseph A. Oddis Endowment Committee.

To date, major corporate gifts to the endowment include the following:
- Glaxo Welcome, Inc. ($240,000)
- McKesson Corporation ($200,000)
- Abbott Laboratories ($150,000)
- Baxter Corporation ($150,000)
- Merck & Company, Inc. ($150,000)
- Wyeth-Ayerst Global Pharmaceuticals ($150,000)
- Amgen Inc. ($100,000)
- Zeneca Pharmaceuticals ($100,000)
- Cardinal Health Inc. ($50,000)
- Agvar Chemicals Inc. ($25,000)
- Baxa Corporation ($25,000)
- Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical ($9,000)
- Roxane Laboratories ($5,000)
- Sanofi Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ($5,000)

The Foundation board of directors established the endowment in 1996 as a tribute to the vision and dedication of Joseph A. Oddis, who stepped down in 1997 after 37 years as ASHP’s chief executive officer. More than $2 million has been donated to this capital fund for expanding Foundation programs.

Sixteen complete spring anticoagulation traineeships

Sixteen pharmacists recently completed the Foundation’s Anticoagulation Management Service Traineeship program. The five days of training in outpatient anticoagulation therapy services covered organization and management, patient assessment and education, and quality control. The program is sponsored by Du Pont Pharma.

Participants in the April 27-May 1 training were as follows:
- James A. Haley Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Tampa, Florida. Preceptors: Douglas F. Covey, Pharm.D., M.H.A., Jorge L. Forte, Pharm.D., Chester U. Kokseng, M.D. Trainees: Christine E. Martinez, Health Centers of Northern New Mexico, Española; Gail N. Palmgren, Pharm.D., Central Alabama Veterans Health Care, Montgomery; Denise M. Ritchie, Pharm.D., M.B.A., Promina Northwest Health System, Austell, Georgia; Lawrence M. Schiller, M.S., Harlem Hospital Center, New York.
- Veterans Affairs Western New York Health Care System, Buffalo. Preceptors: Mary T. Pasko, Pharm.D., BCPS, Claire Chow, Pharm.D., Jene Martinez-Richards, Pharm.D. Trainees: Carol A. Bittman, Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Carol A. Bittman, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio; Jon D. Horton, Pharm.D., York Health System, York, Pennsylvania; Joyce A. Thomas, Pharm.D., Deaconess Hospital, Evansville, Indiana; Kendra S. F. Truilo, Pharm.D., Springfield Family Medical Center, Springfield, Illinois.
- Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health Care System, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Preceptors: Beverly A. Kroner, Pharm.D., BCPS, Catherine L. Kelley, Pharm.D., Sherrie Aspinal, Pharm.D., Lauren E. Trilli, Pharm.D. Trainees: Ronald E. Baars, Pharm.D., North Colorado Medical Center, Greeley; Patricia M. Jenkins, Pharm.D., Tucson Medical Center, Tucson, Arizona; Andrew K. Meagher, Not-Tsoo Gah-Nee Indian Health Center, Fort Hall, Idaho; Shirley S. Wen, Pharm.D., Veterans Affairs Medical Center—West Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
- The program will be offered in the fall (October 19–23) at the following sites: University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle; University of California San Diego Medical Center; University of Wisconsin—Madison and William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital; and University of Maryland, Baltimore. Applications for the spring 1999 program will be available after September 15 through the ASHP fax-on-demand system (call 301-664-8888 and request documents 702 and 703). An application can also be obtained by mailing a self-addressed label to the ASHP Foundation. Continued on page 1324
Other Foundation activities

- The Foundation presented a $3750 grant to the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) in support of a pre-doctoral fellowship to study the identification or prevention of drug misadventures, with special emphasis on human factors or patient compliance. AFPE will provide a matching grant. The Foundation encouraged AFPE to select persons who are pursuing advanced degrees in this area and will choose careers of administrative leadership in health-system pharmacy practice.

- In October 1997 the Foundation board of directors approved the creation of the Joseph A. Oddis Colloquium on Ethics to help educate pharmacists on ethical thinking and decision-making in practice; the first colloquium is tentatively scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 1999 ASHP Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

- The Foundation has allocated up to $20,000 for the development of a multiyear project on understanding and preventing medication misadventures. An advisory group will be convened to assess what is known and unknown about the topic and to establish an agenda for research into the reasons for medication misadventures and ways of preventing them. The group will include experts from various health care disciplines and the human factors field, as well as consumers.

- The Foundation is completing the development of new traineeships in diabetes patient care (funded by Eli Lilly & Company) and pain management (funded by Bindley Western Drug Company). The Foundation plans to offer these new traineeships in 1999. Traineeships are also being developed in cardiovascular patient care (funded by Astra Merck) and oncology (funded by Chiron Therapeutics). Future plans call for the development of traineeships in HIV/AIDS, hypercholesterolemia, and hypertension.

- The Foundation, with the support of a grant from OrthoBiotech, Inc., and in collaboration with the ASHP Section of Clinical Specialists, has held several focus groups to discuss content and instructional design for a comprehensive continuing-education program in oncology pharmacy practice.