MEMBERSHIP/GOVERNANCE

- Membership total as of January 31, 2017:
  8,360 ACR Members
  +1,183 ARHP Members
  = 9,542 Total Members
  976 total new members (300+ students)

- Honored 11 Award of Distinction winners, 25 new Masters, 9 Distinguished Fellow Award winners, and 7 ARHP Merit Award winners

- New! Automatic membership renewals

- Launched microvolunteering program with more than 30 opportunities

JOURNALS

- 2+ million full-text downloads of A&R and AC&R articles

- A&R and AC&R mobile app usage grew to 12,000+ downloads with addition of new Android compatibility

- CME now available for A&R and AC&R manuscript reviewers
**EDUCATION**

**Annual Meeting**
- **Broad international participation:** Rheumatology professionals from **109 countries** attended the meeting.
- Global Representation of Rheumatology Experts: over **1,000 speakers and moderators** from **30+ countries** shared their latest research findings.

**Maintenance of Certification**
- Engaged heavily with ABIM representatives to **advocate for MOC reform and establish an MOC Taskforce** to explore alternatives to support rheumatologists.

**RhMSUS Certification**
- 49 new RhMSUS certificates were issued (three to non-US registrants). Total certificates issued since 2013 launch = **186 (+21 volunteers who were certified through new certification pathway).**

**Corporate Relations**
- **2016 Annual Meeting:**
  - 165 exhibitors
  - 61,100 square feet of sold exhibit hall space
  - 16 Innovation Theater sessions
  - 10 Industry-Supported Symposia

**Online Education**
- Established a streamlined educational experience by creating a single Educational Activities Catalog:
  - Consolidated registration
  - Activity access
  - Credit claiming
  - Transcript/certificate management

**Continuing Medical Education**
- Offered 34 live or online educational activities with CME credit and/or MOC points
- Over 17,400 learners participated in ACR activities.
**TRAINING & WORKFORCE**

- Published *2015 Workforce Study of Rheumatology Specialists* in the United States. All 11 Workforce Study abstracts submitted for Annual Meeting were accepted.

- Hosted inaugural *Division Directors’ Conference* with 55 participants (45 adult, 2 MED-PEDS, and 8 pediatric).

**Fellows-in-Training Initiatives**

- 72 FITs participated in 2016 State-of-the-Art Clinical Symposium, 45 FITs participated in 2016 Rheumatology Research Workshop, and 511 FITs participated in 2016 Annual Meeting.

- Record high 469 FITs participated in 10th annual Adult Rheumatology In-Training Examination (ITE), including 9 FITs from Singapore and 4 FITs from Qatar.

- COTW approved creation of the *Curriculum Subcommittee*—an extension of the Next Accreditation Working Group—with the mission to bring to the COTW for review and approval mini-curricula (“cirriculmetes”) meant to enhance the ACR Core Curriculum.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Added 63 new Spanish translations to the ACR patient education library.

- Launched 95 sponsored social media campaigns that garnered 2,567,759 impressions.

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ADVOCACY

- Advocated for flexibility in implementation of Medicare payment systems under MACRA; CMS agreed to add ways to avoid penalties by “picking your pace” in 2017
- Held nearly 30 MACRA educational sessions across the country to prepare members for the new payment system
- Helped promote federal funding for the NIH, the CDC Arthritis Program, and a new arthritis research program at the DoD
- Secured 106 cosponsors for the ACR-drafted Patients’ Access to Treatments Act (H.R. 1600); expanded the Coalition for Accessible Treatments working to advance PATA
- Successfully advocated with FDA in support of biosimilars issues and presented testimony on biosimilars at FDA-convened briefings and hearings
- Advanced policy recommendations, prompting CMS to adjust Meaningful Use reporting to a 90-day reporting window for the second year in a row
- 250+ Congressional visits
- 7,800+ individual contacts to lawmakers through the ACR’s Legislative Action Center
- Expanded state advocacy efforts, resulting in 11 state legislative wins
- Affiliate Society Council grew to 40 member organizations
- Tracked 635+ state bills related to access and treatment

RHEUMPAC

- Surpassed fundraising goal of $150,000 in donations from ACR/ARHP members
- Participated in more than 50 events for members of Congress and candidates
- Increased number of ACR/ARHP members attending fundraising events for RheumPAC
PRACTICE

- Provided timely updates to position statements addressing current issues of concern
- Developed an initial draft of an alternative payment model concept for rheumatologists
- Advocated for rheumatologists and patient access in response to ICER’s comparative effectiveness analysis in rheumatoid arthritis
- Insurance Subcommittee effectively advocated on a number of issues impacting members, sending 24 letters and holding 13 conference calls with various payers
- Provided 80+ chart audit reviews for members related to E/M and ICD-10 coding
- Exceeded attendance at Annual Meeting pre-meeting practice and coding courses with 170+ attendees
- Successfully endorsed an ACR member to the AMA RUC committee

REGISTRY & HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- RISE maintained status as a CMS-certified Qualified Clinical Data Registry for reporting
- Between RISE and RCR, helped more than 550 ACR members report for PQRS in 2016
- Applied for a rheumatology-specific MIPS clinical practice improvement activity
- Studies conducted using RISE data resulted in 1 publication in AC&R, 2 presentations at the 2016 Annual Meeting, and 1 presentation at EULAR Congress 2016
QUALITY

- Completed and/or published 10 new ACR-endorsed papers on these topics:
  - Sjögren’s Classification Criteria
  - MAS Complicating Systemic JIA Classification Criteria
  - Composite Response Index for Clinical Trials in Early Diffuse Cutaneous SSC
  - ACR Quality Measure Development Methods
  - Rheumatology Outcome Measurement
  - RA Quality Measures
  - Myositis Response Criteria (Adult)
  - Myositis Response Criteria (Pediatric)
  - Glucocorticoid-Induced Osteoporosis Guideline
  - Perioperative Management Guideline

ARHP

- Since its creation in 2008, the online Advanced Rheumatology Course has generated $930,000 in revenue with 810 registrants
- OA and RA Rheumatology eBytes (3 OA and 3 RA), 30-minute online CME activities that are free to ACR and ARHP members, launched in January 2017
- Completed the NP/PA Rheumatology Curriculum Outline covering six competencies: Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, and Systems-Based Practice
- Finished FY 2016 with highest net revenue in ARHP Division’s history
In FY 2016 (ending June 30, 2016), the Foundation committed over $13.2 million in support for 204 awards focused on rheumatology research and training in the U.S.:

- 39 Research Awards
- 23 Fellowship Training Awards
- 17 Pediatric Visiting Professorships
- 19 Annual Meeting Awards
- 30 Annual Meeting Scholarships
- 59 Preceptorships
- 17 Health Professional Online Grants
- Total of 101 institutions in 28 states

- Completed the Journey to Cure campaign to raise $60 million—over goal by $1.4 million
- Received 8th consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator (98.23/100), placing the Foundation in the top 2% of non-profits in the country
- Launched a 14-part live, virtual education series about lupus
- Hosted summits in three states to develop state-wide action plans for improving lupus outcomes
- Exposed 7+ million people (non-healthcare providers) to messages about lupus signs and associated health disparities. Of those, 6+ million people initiated additional action such as downloading resources, watching videos, and re-posting information on social media.
- Educated 179 providers and lay health workers about lupus
- ACR exceeded CDC’s expectations for dissemination of educational resources on lupus and “made impressive progress in addressing its goals and objectives in the first year of its 5-year project” to raise awareness and education levels about lupus
- Secured approximately $1,500,000 in continued funding from two sources to increase awareness and education about lupus