Fellows in the News

Vincent Fontana, M.D., of New York City, received the Alumni Association College of Medicine Master Teacher Award in Pediatrics from the Health Science Center at the State University of NewYork-Brooklyn, in recognition of his contributions to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. Dr. Fontana is known for his book, “The Maltreated Child,” now in its fifth edition.

He also will be honored in November by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse at its silver anniversary gala in Chicago. Dr. Fontana is medical director and pediatrician-in-chief at New York Foundling Hospital, and a member of the AAP Sections on Allergy and Immunology, and Child Abuse and Neglect.

Larrie Greenberg, M.D., of Washington, D.C., received the Ray Helfer Award presented by the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, for the second consecutive year. He also was elected honorary Alpha Omega Alpha faculty member at the George Washington University AOA chapter.

Dr. Greenberg is professor of pediatrics, George Washington University School of Medicine, and director of medical education, Children’s National Medical Center. Along with Mary

AAP deputy executive director wins prestigious St. Gme award

AAP Deputy Executive Director Errol Alden, M.D., presented with the 1997 Joseph W. St. Gme Jr. Leadership Award at the Ambulatory Pediatric Society’s spring meeting. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Alden told his peers that it was “a great honor to be included in such a prestigious group of pediatricians.”

The award recognizes Dr. Alden’s many achievements in guiding the future of pediatrics, including his role as principal investigator for the Future of Pediatric Education II (FOPE II) Project.

“The impetus behind this project (FOPE II) is to ensure that all who provide pediatric health care participate in an ongoing educational experience, one which will have enduring value to the practitioner and lead to the provision of optimal pediatric care for our nation’s children,” he said.

Dr. Alden has been instrumental in implementing several of the Academy’s pediatric education programs such as neonatal resuscitation, subspecialty recertification and the Pediatrics Review and Education Program (PREP).

For contributions to neonatal resuscitation, he and his colleagues in 1977 received the Gold Medal Award. In addition to his Academy work, Dr. Alden is clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Chicago and a board member of the International Pediatric Association.

Before coming to the Academy 10 years ago, he was chairman and professor of pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and chief of pediatrics at Walter Reed Medical Center, both in Washington, D.C.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Dr. Alden completed his internship and residency at Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash., and a neonatology fellowship at the University of Washington, Seattle.

After retiring from the Army, he joined the Academy and became director of the Department of Education...

“His impact on the education of medical students, residents and practicing physicians is felt daily,” said Russell Chesney, M.D., FAAP, who nominated Dr. Alden. “He has created the environment that will allow pediatrics to move into the 21st century on a much firmer footing.”

The St. Gme Award, established in 1988, memorializes the life and work of Joseph W. St. Gme Jr., M.D., a leader in pediatric education and research.