Alpha Omega Alpha elects honorary members

Individuals who have contributed substantially to medicine and fields related to medicine, but who are not eligible for membership in AΩA as graduates of a medical school with an AΩA chapter or as a faculty member of a medical school maintaining an active AΩA chapter may be nominated for honorary membership by any active member of the society. In 2014 Alpha Omega Alpha’s board of directors extended invitations to the following distinguished persons.

John Iglehart

John Iglehart grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and earned his BS in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

From 1961 through 1968, he worked for the Associated Press as a reporter in Milwaukee, as a state government correspondent in Madison, Wisconsin, and as political reporter in Chicago.

In 1969 Mr. Iglehart was awarded an American Political Science Association fellowship to spend a year working in Congress. He then joined a new publication called the National Journal, holding jobs as reporter, editor and editor-in-chief over a ten-year period.

In a detour in his career path, he directed the Washington office of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program from 1979 to 1981.

In 1981, he founded a health policy journal published by Project HOPE called Health Affairs. He has now been the journal’s editor for twenty-six years and continues to edit and write for Health Affairs. During this time he also served as a national correspondent of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Ignacio Sánchez Díaz, MD

Ignacio Sánchez is Full Professor at the School of Medicine of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and serves as President of the University.

He received his MD degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in 1986. In 1989, he specialized in Pediatrics and in 1992 subspecialized in Pediatric Respiriology at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. He has worked in the Clinical Hospital of the University Católica as Head of the Pediatric Respiratory Section and Pediatric Services and has served as Head of the Pediatric Department. In 2004, he was elected Director of the School of Medicine of the University and from 2008 to 2010 served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

His academic work has been related to respiratory sounds, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary function in infants, areas in which he has published several papers in journals such as Pediatric Pulmonology and the Journal of Pediatrics. In 2007, the University published his book, Enfoque Clínico de las Enfermedades Respiratorias del Niño. He participates in the editorial committees of several journals.

In the last years, Dr. Sánchez has written a number of articles on higher education, which have been published in national and international specialized journals. Some of them are Societas (publication of the Academia Chilena de Ciencias Sociales, Políticas y Morales); Seminarium (magazine produced by the Congregation of Catholic Education) and Series de la Agenda (publication produced by the UC Center for Public Policies), among others.

Dr. Sánchez is part of the Council of Rectors of Chilean Universities (CRUCH), is President of G-9, a coalition of traditional non-state Chilean universities, and Head of the Chilean Chapter of Catholic Universities of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU).

He was elected President of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in 2010.