The IAFP’s Research Day Committee currently consists of four IAFP members from across the state. The committee has been active on its email group during the planning stages for the 2020 and 2021 Research Days. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 IAFP Research Day was first postponed and later canceled. It was not offered as a virtual event due to the huge additional demands the pandemic placed on family physicians’ time.

Our 2021 event took place on Thursday, June 3 at the Ritz Charles event center in Carmel. About 130 family medicine residents and residency program faculty gathered at the Ritz Charles for the first large meeting we had planned since the pandemic. Social distancing was in place to ensure attendee safety. For this event, we received a total of 46 abstracts from 10 residency programs across the state. This is a higher total than in previous years and it was gratifying to see so much interest! $1,800 in prize money was distributed at the end of the day.

In addition to the usual mixture of original research presentations, case presentations, and posters, the event featured an all-new Leadership Development Seminar that was planned and supported by leaders from the IAFP Foundation including Jason Marker, MD, and our committee chair, Jerry Morris, MD. The event was generally well reviewed. We hope to continue the Leadership Development Seminar at future Research Days.

In the coming months we will continue to plan 2022’s event, which will take place on Thursday, May 19th. The location will again be the Ritz Charles in Carmel. In 2022, we plan to move the abstract deadlines back so that we will have more time to organize the abstract submissions, judge the abstracts, and let residents know our decision with more time to prepare before the event.

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