

Buddy Program

The ACUTA Buddy Program gives first-time attendees and new ACUTA members the opportunity to meet and learn from experienced members and have a friendly contact to talk to and ask questions of throughout the event.

Qualifications

The program is designed for first-time attendees and those new to ACUTA, but is available to anyone who is traveling alone or needs a refresher on making the most of their event experience.

A First-Time Attendee/Newbie should:

- Be willing to participate in the First-Time Attendee Orientation on Sunday evening and spend some time with his/her Buddy onsite and/or via email, phone or other form of social media.
- Be ready to learn from his/her Buddy and not hesitate to ask questions or request introductions.

A Buddy/Host should:

- Have attended previous ACUTA events.
- Have a sincere interest in helping new attendees and new members make the most of their ACUTA experience.
- Be willing to volunteer a few hours of time sharing, advising and assisting new meeting attendees on site and in advance of the Seminar via email, phone or other form of social media.
- Be a current member of ACUTA.

How it works

To sign up for this program (be paired with a Buddy or serve as a Buddy), please check the appropriate box on your registration form or contact Michele West, at mwest@acuta.org. All participants must sign-up by April 13, 2012.

Prior to the event, participants will receive the name and contact information for the individual with whom they have been matched. If possible, matched participants should contact each other in advance and plan to meet face-to-face at the First-Time Attendee Orientation on Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to meet as many times as they'd like, but at least once during the event.