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Message from the President

Greetings to all of you. As we begin another long-awaited summer, I note that it is less than six months until our next Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The planning and preparations for our meeting are moving along very nicely - thanks to Dr. Shelly Friedman and Dr. Michael Scott. Dr. Friedman has put together an excellent panel of invited speakers, as well as an array of lectures by our very talented residents. His innovations of breakfast meetings and workshops should prove to be exciting and informative.

Dr. Scott has also done a phenomenal job of raising more funds than has ever been raised for an annual AOCD meeting. He has been able to add many new sources and a number of companies have increased their annual contribution. Enclosed in this newsletter is a list of contributions as of this date. Please be sure to thank representatives as they call on you.

As usual, Cathy Garris, our Executive Director, and her staff are well organized and are keeping everything moving along.

Our Midyear Meeting in the Bahamas was another success. Besides conducting a great deal of business, we attended excellent lectures and social functions. We even made a small profit for this year. Next year's Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Phoenix, Arizona, in the spring of 1992. I hope all of you will plan to attend.

Let me take a moment to urge you to return your AOCD application update when renewing your membership. This will help our national office in Atlanta keep up-to-date information and assure you are represented accurately.

I would like to ask your help. If you know of an osteopathic dermatologist who is not listed as a member of the College in the membership directory, please notify our membership committee chair Dr. Gene Graff or the AOCD office in Atlanta. I would also appreciate your encouraging any nonmembers to join the College. We need to all pull together to keep our College strong and viable.

We have recently established a nominating committee chaired by Dr. Steve Roberts. The committee will be putting together a slate of officers for the coming year. We have increased the size of the AOCD Executive Committee to include a second and third vice president. We need these new officers to help with the

increasing AOCD responsibilities as well as the Midyear Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please contact Dr. Roberts.

I attended the COPT meeting in Chicago with our representative, Dr. Jim Bernard. We managed to receive a recommendation for approval of a moratorium on new preceptorship programs. We must, however, wait for approval by the AOA Board of Trustees which meets in July in Cleveland.

Our new residency/preceptorship guideline document was not recommended for approval due to a few minor points. It is presently being reworked and slightly revised. We are confident that it will pass at the next COPT meeting in November.

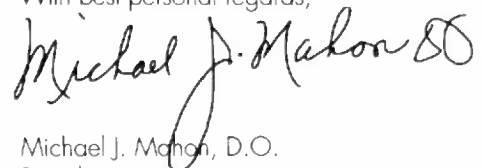
Further initiatives of the College are development of a core curriculum for our training programs, as well as certification in our subspecialties. Dr. Gene Conte is diligently working on our research awards fund. (Applications are available through the national office in Atlanta.) We are also considering a name change. One suggestion is the "American Osteopathic Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery." We believe this would better reflect who we are. I would welcome your suggestions. This will be discussed further in November.

Our wheels of progress in the AOCD are continuing to move forward. Sometimes the movement is fast - sometimes slow - but constantly moving forward. We thank everyone for their time and efforts.

Remember - a whole equals the sum of its parts. Even the slightest part missing from the AOCD would keep it from being a whole organization. Don't let your part be missing. We need you - we need your input. The AOCD is your organization.

I hope to see all of you at our Annual Meeting in New Orleans. It is shaping up to be a uniquely interesting, exciting and informative meeting.

With best personal regards,



Michael J. Mahon, D.O.
President

SECOND AOCD MIDYEAR CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The second AOCD Midyear Conference was held March 10-13, 1991, on Paradise Island in Nassau, Bahamas. The Conference was well attended and a number of residents/trainees presented their required papers.

"A superb educational program," said Dr. Sandy Goldman. "One of the best," said Dr. Monique Cohn. These comments were echoed by others who spent the mornings in well-attended didactic sessions and the afternoon on the beach or shopping and site-seeing on the beautiful island.

"Adding a second opportunity for residents to present papers was a good idea," said Dr. Craig Ziering who spoke on *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. "Even though all

residents and trainees must attend the annual meeting to sit for the Intraining Exams," said Ziering, "they will have a choice as to which meeting they want to present."

"Although, the primary purpose for adding a second meeting each year was to hold an Executive Committee meeting," said AOCD president Dr. Mahon, "we are very pleased with the turnout for this meeting."

"We especially want to thank Mrs. Rita Gray of the CME Department at KCOM for her help in organizing the meeting," said Mahon. "She did a great job."



Conducting research of the tropical sun's effects on the human body are left to right: Dr. Robert Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Hans Von Weiss, Dr. Sandy Goldman, Ms. Cathy Garris, Dr. Monique Cohen, Dr. Craig Ziering and Dr. Gene Conte.

SYNOPSIS OF MIDYEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The following are actions taken and topics discussed at the March 12, 1991, meeting of the AOCD Executive Committee:

- Appointed a committee to develop criteria for certifying subspecialties.
- Requested revision from AOBD of Basic Requirements for Board Certification.
- Reviewed plans for the annual meeting to be held in New Orleans November 3-7.
- Discussed future sites for the midyear meeting.
- Reviewed contributions to the annual meeting and various other categories of corporate support.
- Reviewed recommendation by the Education Evaluating Committee to place a moratorium on all new preceptors and the revision of the basic criteria governing preceptorship programs.
- Reviewed the grant application and criteria for the AOCD research award.
- Developed a nominating committee.
- Reviewed recommendations from the Residents Liaison Committee.
- Increased the Executive Committee to include a second and third vice president.
- Considered a name change to American Osteopathic Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery.
- Appointed a committee to develop guidelines for a Fellow in AOCD.
- Appointed a committee to develop a core curriculum for all osteopathic dermatology training programs.

NEW ORLEANS Site of Annual Meeting



The oldest active cathedral in the United States is the St. Louis Cathedral. In 1964, this popular New Orleans landmark was designated as a minor basilica.

The AOCD will hold its Annual Educational Sessions and Business Meetings at the Hilton Hotel, in New Orleans, LA, November 3-7, 1991, in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the AOA. One of several specialty affiliates that meets with the AOA, the AOCD format will change considerably this year, says program chair Dr. Shelly Friedman. We will include breakfast roundtables and workshops as well as concurrent lectures featuring an array of outstanding speakers, says Friedman.

The "Big Easy" as New Orleans is sometime called is known for its friendly people, relaxed atmosphere and world-renowned jazz and food. Traditionally known as a place for adult fun, New Orleans has added some attractions and is promoting others to encourage more family-oriented participation. The new Aquarium of the Americas, which opened just last summer has already had to extend its hours of operation to keep up with the demand. The Audubon Park and Zoological Gardens is one of the top-ranked zoos in the country. The Greek Revival architecture, Garden District and mixture of French, Spanish and Cajun make for a variety of sites and sounds.

More information on registration and housing will be mailed from the AOA in the fall.

You are reminded that all D.O.s are required by the AOA to earn a minimum of 50 CME credit hours or more each three-year cycle. These hours may be earned in Category 1 or 2. Failure to maintain this requirement will result in loss of certification or board eligibility.

1992 MIDYEAR MEETING TO BE HELD IN SCOTTSDALE

The next AOCD Midyear Meeting will be held April 26-29, 1992, (Sunday to Wednesday) at the Wyndham Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The format for the meeting will remain the same with meetings in the morning leaving the afternoons free to enjoy the sites. Scottsdale is a popular meeting spot, and the weather in April should be wonderful.

Dr. Shelly Friedman reports that the program for the 1992 Midyear Meeting will include surgical workshops.

Residents are reminded that this will be an opportunity to present one of their required papers.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING CORPORATE MEMBERS

GOLD CIRCLE

Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation
Dermatological Division

Roche Dermatologics
Schering Laboratories

BRONZE CIRCLE

Glaxo Dermatology

Be sure to thank representatives of these companies that call on you.

LEADING MEDICAL ECONOMIST TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT GME CONFERENCE

Leading medical economist Eli Ginzberg, Ph.D. will deliver the keynote address at the September 13-15, 1991, AOA Conference on Graduate Medical Educations to be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hara in Rosemont, Illinois. Dr. Ginzberg's presentation is titled "The Reform of Graduate Medical Education." A former professor of economics at Columbia University, Dr. Ginzberg is currently the director of the Eisenhower Center for Conservation of Human Resources and professor emeritus of Economics at Columbia.

The Conference's theme is "Enhancing Quality and Competitiveness in Osteo-

pathic GME." Other sessions will include a "point-counterpoint" discussion between Myron S. Magen, D.O. and Lawrence U. Haspel, D.O. on the future of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education (OGME) and

"The 1990 AOA GME Conference was one of the best conferences I've attended. A must for anyone involved in graduate medical education."

- DR. GENE CONTE

workshops such as "Cooperative Arrangements and Consortia," by Christopher T.

Meyer, D.O.; "Faculty Development in Community Hospitals," by S. Dennis Baker, Ph.D.; and "Ambulatory Care in OGME," by Richard Butler, D.O.

The conference is open to all residency program directors, specialty college officers, members of evaluating committees, directors of medical education, presidents and deans of osteopathic colleges and others involved with osteopathic medical education.

Registration materials may be obtained by writing to: Associate Director, AOA Department of Education, 142 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

DME WANTED

The Michigan Health Center is currently seeking a Director of Medical Education who will be responsible for the management and delivery of all graduate and post-graduate physician training programs. Candidates for this position should possess a D.O. degree and have at least three years experience in the administrative aspects of academic medicine.

For more information, contact Martin Barr, Ph.D., Chair, DME Search Committee, Michigan Health Care Corporation, 7430 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

EDITORIAL:

Traveling With The AOCD

We have met the enemy and "He is us." We have formed our own enemy. The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology has been too successful. Every week more and more doctors (and even students) are calling, writing and otherwise manifesting an interest in obtaining training in dermatology. We even have M.D.'s applying for residencies in D.O. programs! We have come full circle. We have traveled 360 degrees.

Can the College supply and control quality dermatology training? What does the future hold? Have we identified the

problems? Are we on target with solutions?

The hierarchy of the College is solving the residency/preceptorship problems. Progress is noticeable.

Recall there are 126 medical schools in the country and 15 D.O. schools. There are over 600,000 M.D.s and less than 30,000 D.O.s.

Abraham Lincoln said "A house divided on itself cannot long stand."

The AOCD continues to travel forward.

— Daniel Koprince, D.O.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Eugene T. Conte, D.O., Chair

AOCD members in practice and in training are reminded that the 1991 Koprince Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans in November. Three awards are present to residents and two to doctors in practice. The awards are funded by a grant from our own Dr. Dan Koprince and are intended to promote excellent in our presentations.

The Committee is accepting nominations for the "Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O. Lifetime Achievement Award." Please submit your nominations in writing. This award will be presented at the Annual Banquet during our meeting.

The Ulbrich Memorial Research Award is available to the winner of the 1991 AOCD research paper competition. The recipient will receive \$1,000 and may present the winning paper at the Annual Meeting. Applications are available from the national AOCD office in Atlanta.

Convention - Program

Shelly A. Friedman, D.O., Chair

We're very excited about this year's program scheduled for New Orleans November 3-6. In response to our growing College and at the request of our members, we have made a number of changes. A letter detailing most of these changes was mailed earlier. Several of the changes I would like to emphasize: First, we will have a special social event on Sunday evening. Sponsored by Schering Corporation, the event will be only for members of our College, their spouses and guests and other special guests. I believe this will provide much needed time for us to get to know each other better. Remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, November 3rd.

Second, we will have breakfast sessions with some "real world" topics sure to be of interest to all. We will also have concurrent sessions.

A reminder to residents who need to present at this meeting. In a recent memo to residents, I outlined some specifics for presentations. Namely, they should not be too "esoteric"; that is the presentation should cover a general dermatology or surgical dermatology topic and be informative and well researched. Residents are required to prepare three papers during their training period; two must be presented at either the annual or midyear AOCD meetings (no two in the same year.) The "Resident's Forum: Interesting Cases and Clinical Pearls" on Wednesday (11/6) will feature "zebra" and unique cases.

All speakers must have their typed didactic outlines of no more than two pages sent to me **by August 31**.

Registration materials and information will be mailed from the AOA. Be sure to register as a member of AOCD in order that the College will receive appropriate reimbursement.

Convention - Educational Program Fund

Michael J. Scott, D.O., Chair

Enclosed in this issues is a list of companies that have provided educational grants so far this year. As you can see, it is quite an impressive list. I am especially pleased that many of the companies have increased their contributions . . . and, we have added some new names. I would very much appreciate your posting this list in your office and when representatives from these companies call on you, say "thank you" on behalf of the College.

Education Evaluating

James D. Bernard, D.O., Chair

The next meeting of this committee will be September 13 and 14, 1991, in Chicago. This date was chosen to accommodate those members attending the AOA Second Annual GME Conference. This is a very important conference for anyone serving as a program director and I urge all to attend. (Watch for registrations information from the AOA.)

Residents are reminded that all papers, program documentation, etc. should be submitted to the AOA *Department of Education*. The AOA records the receipt of this information and transfers it to the AOCD. **Do not send it to me or the AOCD** - it must be sent to the AOA. Remember, only the AOA **approves** training programs. Once a program is completed and all reports are submitted to the AOA, residents can sit for certification exams administered by the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology (AOBD). The AOBD does not, however, approve or certify. Once again, only the AOA can do this. Certificates of completion and board certification can only be obtained from the AOA.

Dr. Mahon and myself met with the AOA Committee on Postdoctoral Training in April and were disappointed that the revised AOCD Basic Criteria for Residency Training in Osteopathic Dermatology was not approved. However, we are closer than ever to receiving approval and both of us believe that will happen at the next meeting in November, 1991. The moratorium on any **new preceptors** was recommended for approval to the AOA Board of Trustees which meets in July.

Intraining Examination Committee

Eugene T. Conte, D.O., Chair

The 1991 Intraining Exams will be given on Sunday, November 3, 1991, from 8:00 am to 12 noon. All residents (first, second and third year) are required to sit for this exam. This year the exam will consist of **200** multiple choice questions. There will also be a Kodachrome slide quiz added to the exam. This section will be given by Dr. Jere Mammino.

Residents will receive a registration card. In order for a resident to be included as a participant in the exams this card must be returned to me .

Good luck . . . the party is over . . . study hard!!!

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

JAMES Q. DEL ROSSO, D.O. has published a chapter on "Antihistamines" in the recently released textbook, "Systemic Drugs for Skin Diseases" from W. B. Saunders Company. Dr. Del Rosso has also completed a textbook chapter entitled "Management of Basal Cell Carcinoma" for the upcoming text "Cutaneous Surgery" also from Saunders.

Congratulations to Dr. Del Rosso who has completed a Fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology at the Ohio State University. Dr. Del Rosso has accepted a position in Pensacola, Florida at the Medical Center Clinic and West Florida Regional Medical Center, a large multispecialty group of 140 physicians.

GARY L. MARDER, D.O. is interested in coordinating a Hansen's Disease Clinic just prior to the AOCD Annual Meeting in November. He says the Clinic can be approved for 13.5 AOA CME credits and is open to residents and practicing physicians. For more information, contact Dr. Marder at 8483 S. Federal Highway, Suite 19, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952, 407/340-2144.

Time To Renew . . .

July marks the date to renew AOCD memberships. Renewal notices have been mailed along with membership application updates. It is very important that these applications be returned with membership renewal dues in order that the AOCD can update membership files.

Please renew your membership as

soon as possible. By cutting down on additional mailings, the College can devote its time and resources to improving and expanding member services.

AOCD membership
renewal due July 1

COMMUNITY SERVICE STIPENDS AVAILABLE

Osteopathic residents who have been active in community service projects may be eligible for one of 15 stipends of \$1,000 each to attend the AOA convention in November, 1991. Made possible by a grant to the AOA from the Burroughs Wellcome Company, nomination forms may be obtained by calling the AOA Department of Education at 800/621-1773.

Nominations must be postmarked before midnight **July 31, 1991**. Both residents and residency program directors may send in nominations.

Specialty Colleges To Participate in AOA Delegates Meeting

Representatives from the osteopathic specialty affiliates will meet again this year with the AOA House Delegates, July 17-21, in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Eugene Conte will represent AOCD at the meeting.

At the present time, specialty affiliates have voice but no vote. It is expected that they will once again submit a resolution requesting voting privileges.

More information on the issues addressed at this meeting will be included in the next issue of the AOCD Newsletter.

AOCD Annual Meeting To Feature Sunday Evening Event

The AOCD is pleased to announce that the itinerary for the 1991 Annual Meeting will include a special Sunday (1 1/3) reception to be sponsored by Schering Corporation. "Most of us only see each other once or twice a year at medical meetings" said Dr. Friedman, "and we're usually so rushed, we don't have enough time to really visit. This event will provide some extra leisure time for our College members to get to know each other better. If we have a good turnout, we hope to make this an annual affair," said Friedman.

"I believe this will be one of the most innovative programs we have ever held. The Executive Committee has allowed a complete change in the meeting format . . . and our members will benefit tremendously from these changes."

— Dr. Shelly Friedman

The AOCD didactic sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday mornings, and until 3:00 pm on Wednesday. The President's Reception sponsored by C & M Pharmacal and the Banquet sponsored in part by Stiefel Laboratories will be held on Monday evening. The AOCD Annual Membership Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday immediately following the Westwood Luncheon.

The 1992 AOCD Annual Meeting is scheduled for San Diego, CA, November 1-5.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

President Dr. Mike Mahon announced the Executive Committee has named a nominating committee for 1991-92. Members are: Drs. Steven Roberts, Chair; Dr. Lloyd Cleaver; Dr. Eugene Conte; Dr. Shelly Friedman; Dr. Daniel Koprince; and Dr. Robert Verona.

The Committee is currently developing a slate of officers to be submitted to the AOCD Executive Committee at its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 3, 1991, in New Orleans. Upon approval of the Executive Committee the slate will be presented to the membership for further nominations and vote.