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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is indeed a special privilege and honor to have served you this past year as President of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. Along with all the other officers, committee chairs, and our administrative staff, we thank each of you, our growing membership, for your kind support in our efforts to work diligently for our College during this changing and challenging environment in which we practice medicine today.

We can all share the concerns and realize that health-care reform is necessary. . . while at the same time, we must protect the future of our speciality of osteopathic dermatology. Our chosen profession offers the most comprehensive dermatologic care possible, not only for the medical condition, but for the whole person. We need to ensure that in this time of change, every individual continues to have the ability to chose the highest skilled practitioner as their primary provider, as well as have open access to our profession.

Our AOCD officers have been outstanding in their performance this year on some very difficult tasks. I am very appreciative to each and every member who has helped out, but I do want to take a few minutes to give special thanks to a few who have gone beyond the "call of duty":

Dr. James Del Rosso has been an exceptional President-elect, not only in working closely with me on AOCD issues, but also in his exciting enthusiasm and remarkable ability to create and arrange this year's phenomenal annual program in October in Boston, Massachusetts. A dynamite caliber of lecturers and a wide variety of interesting subjects should encourage you to attend this most important meeting. There will be a wide range of topics and speakers to choose from. . . I'm sure you will come away with enhanced skills and a better understanding of our profession and our College.

Complete workshops in both surgery and dermatopathology will again be program highlights on Monday afternoon. Our social events will provide a warm atmosphere for all of us to begin, renew, and strengthen our professional and personal friendships. I want to thank Mrs. Jane Del Rosso for her invaluable assistance in helping to plan for the entertainment.

Again, many thank to Dr. Del Rosso. I feel confident he will make an extremely capable and successful President for our College in the coming year.

Dr. Gene Graff our First Vice President has also had a busy year as head of a very admirable and successful campaign to obtain the needed educational grants to support our annual meeting. Our educational meeting would not be so successful without the generous support of our corporate contributors. Each of us can help continue this support by showing our appreciation to these "friends of our College" by taking time to thank representatives from these companies when they call on you for their superb support (a complete listing will be included in the next newsletter). I would like to commend Dr. Graff for his hard work. I know he has already begun planning for the annual program for next year as he serves as President-Elect of our College. Thanks Dr. Graff.

Dr. Steven Brenman our Second Vice President did a fantastic job as Program Chair for our 1993 Midyear Conference in Vail, Colorado. We had a great turnout and excellent weather. These meetings are becoming as large as our annual meeting - and the education can't be beat. I am looking forward to seeing Dr. Brenman's energized enthusiasm and talents at work soon as our upcoming First Vice President in charge of educational grants for 1994.

Dr. Matt Leavitt our Third Vice President has already started to plan next year's Midyear Conference in Orlando, Florida. I'm sure this will be another enjoyable meeting. The dates are April 14-16, 1994 - what a great time for "Spring Break". Be sure to mark your calendars now!

Dr. Lloyd Cleaver continues to represent our College on many fronts: As our Delegate to the AOA House of Delegates, our representative to the Federation of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations and to the AOA Committee On Postdoctoral Training, Dr. Cleaver keeps our College informed and up-to-date on many important issues. I also want to thank him for his help, through KCOM and Rita Harlow, with the Midyear Meeting.

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't mention the hard work of our committee chairs: Dr. Jim Bernard, who continues to serve so faithfully as chair of the Educational Evaluating Committee, Dr. Gene Conte in his capacity as chair of the Awards and

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AOCD ANNUAL MEETING TO BE AT HYNES CONVENTION CENTER



The AOCD 1993 Annual Meeting, in conjunction with the AOA Annual Convention, October 10th through the 14th, will be held at the Hynes Convention Center with all social events and business meetings at the Westin Hotel, Copley Place, in Boston, Massachusetts. The AOCD festivities will begin on Sunday night with the Annual Gala Reception sponsored by Schering Laboratories. Monday begins an outstanding program planned by program chair, Dr. James Del Rosso. On Monday night the festive atmosphere from Sunday continues with the Annual Reception hosted by C & M Pharmacal and the Annual Awards Banquet sponsored in part by Stiefel Laboratories.

We expect a record number of participants in this year's meeting, said president Dr. Michael Scott. Attendance continues to increase each year as we seek to upgrade our didactics and still provide time to fellowship with our friends and colleagues, said Dr. Scott.

"I'm very pleased with the program", said program chair Dr. Del Rosso. "I was fortunate to get some of the top speakers in their field for this meeting and I believe it will be a tremendous educational experience for all who participate."

Reservation forms have been mailed from the AOCD office in Atlanta for the social events and the various workshops and early morning sessions.

A "mini" program listing only the AOCD didactic program and events will be mailed prior to the meeting.

Members should have already received registration information from the AOA. Be sure to register as a member of AOCD, said Dr. DelRosso. The College is reimbursed on a per diem bases for exhibits based on the number of doctors that register for AOCD.

AAD ACKNOWLEDGES NEED TO PURSUE PRIMACY OF DERMATOLOGY CARE

The Advisory Council of the American Academy of Dermatology has approved a California resolution requesting the AAD to "designate dermatologist as the primary care physicians for dermatologic care and actively promote the concept to the public, legislators, industry and the insurance industry." In a precedent setting meeting, the AAD firmly supported the concept that dermatologic care should not be left to other physicians, but should be provided by qualified providers (i.e. dermatologists).

The AAD also approved a resolution calling for the organization to "pursue whatever actions are necessary to assure the direct access by patients to dermatologists without requiring referral by primary care physicians." Included was a directive to "introduce

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In passing the resolutions, the AAD acknowledged the fact that the concept needed a good deal of supporting documentation. Several resolutions were passed requesting the establishment of research-based studies proving the cost effectiveness of direct patient care by dermatologists. The Council's report will be forwarded to the AAD for vote at the Academy's membership meeting later this year.

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DISTINGUISHED DERMATOLOGIST NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are being accepted for the 1994 "Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O., Lifetime Achievement Award". The recipient will be announced at the 1994 Annual Banquet in San Francisco next November.

Established in 1989 to recognize exceptional commitment on behalf of the AOCD, especially in the area of education, the award has had two recipients thus far: Harry B. Elmets, D.O. (1990) and Daniel Koprince, D.O. (1992).

All nominations must be submitted in writing to the chair of the Awards Committee and should include a detailed description of why you believe the nominee should receive the award.

LETTERS

Dear Cathy,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the AOCD . . . for the wonderful job you continue to perform in providing osteopathic dermatology residents with the highest level of educational experiences in dermatology and its related specialties.

If I can ever be of any assistance to you or any members of the AOCD, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Brad P. Glick, D.O., MPH

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Dear Cathy:

Just a short note to relay a message from a colleague of mine, Dr. James Stokos of California. He said that he had been working with you recently concerning the possible sale of his practice. He found you and the organization to be extremely cooperative and helpful. I thought you might like to know. See you in Boston soon.

Sincerely,
John P. Hibler, D.O.

OSTEOPATHIC PROFESSION ADDS 16th SCHOOL

The American Osteopathic Association has placed its stamp of approval on the profession's sixteenth school. Located in Lake Erie, Pennsylvania the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) will accept its first class of 50 students in the fall of 1993. By providing the provisional accreditation status to LECOM, the AOA Bureau of Professional Education adds the first osteopathic school in more than ten years.

LECOM will be affiliated with Millcreek Community Hospital and will begin with ten faculty positions. The school expects to have a full-time faculty of 35 with an additional 400 adjunct clinical faculty within five years. It is located at 1858 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie, Pennsylvania. Joseph James Namey, D.O. has been named president of the school. More information on the school can be obtained by calling 814/864-4031.

AOCD DELEGATE TO THE AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES LLOYD CLEAVER, D.O. TALKS WITH AOA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT DRABA, PhD AT THE JULY, 1993, AOA DELEGATES MEETING IN CHICAGO. 1993 MARKED THE FIRST YEAR FOR SPECIALTY COLLEGES TO HAVE A VOTE AT THE DELEGATES MEETING.



Just a few of the items up for consideration at this year's AOA House of Delegates meeting were:

- * approval of subspecialty training in Mohs micrographic surgery;
- * approval of guidelines governing AOA-approved providers of Category 1A Continuing Medical Education (CME);
- * recommendation that the AOA conduct mandatory training programs for residency program inspectors from each specialty college;
- * resolution seeking approval by the AOA for the American Academy of Osteopathy to research the possibility of MD's taking AOA-approved residencies leading to board certification;
- * discussion of "Certificate of Added Qualification", "Secondary Certification" and "Conjoint Boards";
- * discussion on mechanism to implement required recertification by the AOA deadline of 1995;
- * approval of a procedure assuring certification would take no longer than four months;
- * request by the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED) that the AOA develop an "educational team" to address reimbursement issues on a national and state level;
- * resolution requesting the AOA to introduce legislation mandating that osteopathic services in all areas be included in all managed care programs;
- * updates from the AOA Washington office and the Department of Communications on various initiatives.

A more detailed report on this and other important developments will be discussed at the AOCD Annual Membership Business Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 1993, in Boston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1993 Annual Meeting Report

James Q. Del Rosso, D.O.

By now, all of you should have received a "pocket copy" of the 1993 Annual Meeting Program and a Reservation Form to acquire tickets for AOCD social events, early morning sessions, "hands on" dermatologic surgery workshop, etc. As you can see, this meeting should provide everyone the opportunity to receive an excellent update of important topics in dermatology as well as have some fun!

Please be sure to request an early wake up call in order to attend the Keynote Address that is being given by Dr. Lynn Drake to open the didactic program on Monday morning at 8:30 am. Dr. Drake, currently a candidate for AAD President Elect, will be presenting "The Feds and You", a timely and important topic for all dermatologists and dermatology residents. Dr. Drake is making a special trip to our meeting from commitments elsewhere in the country, so please be sure to attend! She is a very exciting and informative speaker. Also, please be sure to arrange your travel plans to stay through Wednesday's program. Dr. Vincent DeLeo, an internationally respected expert on photobiology will be presenting a discussion on photoprotection education, followed by a thorough review of the 1993 In Training Exam Clinical and Dermatopathology Slides by Drs. Mammino and Young. Dr. Al Packman of Dermik Laboratories will be discussing "Product Development in the Current Regulatory Atmosphere" during the "roll in" luncheon, followed by a variety of topics covered in the afternoon by our fine dermatology residents.

The program boasts several excellent speakers including Dr. Ken Tomecki, Dr. Howard Maibach, Dr. Richard Scher, Dr. Peter Lynch, Dr. Bruce Thiers, Dr. Sam Moschella, Dr. Wally Clark and many others, covering a vast array of exciting topics. Some programs of interest include Great Cases From Osteopathic Teaching Programs by Dr. David Horowitz and his selected faculty of D.O. dermatology program directors, Dr. Allen Mitchell, director of the Accutane Surveillance Project from Boston University, who will be presenting his most recently accumulated Accutane teratogenicity data and Drs. Gordon and Cockerell who will be

discussing skin signs of immune disorders and HIV infection.

Don't forget to sign up for the "early morning session" of your choice on Tuesday and Wednesday morning as each session is limited to the first 25 registrants! These sessions should provide an excellent opportunity to focus on specifics through closer interaction with the presenters and other participants. Last, but not least, Dr. Greg Brady and faculty return again with a "hands on" Dermatologic Surgery workshop. For those interested in the Dermatologic Surgery workshop, register now as seating is limited to enhance "one on one" teaching as best as possible.

It will be difficult to walk away from this meeting without learning quite a bit of dermatology. However, we do plan to have quite a bit of fun. Be sure to attend our opening Gala Reception on Sunday evening, the Annual Reception and Dinner Banquet Monday evening featuring Comedy Zone comedian Louis Johnson, and the Westwood Luncheon and Business Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Remember that all social events and committee meetings are being held at the Westin Hotel, Copley Place. The didactic program is held at the Hynes Convention Center.

Special thanks to Schering Corporation for providing a grant for the Sunday Gala Reception, to C&M Pharmacal for the Monday Reception and Stiefel Corporation for the Banquet. Also, be sure to thank representatives from all the various companies providing corporate educational grants and contributions to our Annual Meeting. They are listed in your program and a list will be included in the next newsletter to post in your offices.

This has been quite a year for the Annual Meeting Committee. Planning this program has been a lot of fun for me, especially working with Mike Scott and Gene Graff. Together our planning has spanned from contacting several nationally respected speakers and securing grants, to deciding how much coffee and how many muffins we need! I can assure you that a tremendous amount of effort stands behind our desire to provide the AOCD membership with the best educational program possible. I hope to see all

of you in Boston, and hope even more that you will learn a lot and have a great time.

Education Evaluating

James D. Bernard, D.O.

The Education Evaluating Committee (EEC) will meet Saturday, October 9, 1993 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the Westin Hotel, Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Program Directors should immediately advise the EEC of any changes in their respective programs (i.e., new residents, new hospital contract, withdrawals, new program directors, etc.)

Attention Program Directors, Residents and Preceptees: The Program Director's (or Preceptor's) Report, Resident's (or Preceptee's) Annual Report, and all Required Scientific Papers should be sent - together - if at all possible, and in a timely manner, to the AOA's Bureau of Professional Affairs. DO NOT SEND ANY MATERIALS TO THE AOCD OFFICE IN ATLANTA. This will only delay your paperwork and could delay your certification!

Educational Research Fund

Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

As previously reported Oclassen Pharmaceuticals has graciously provided the AOCD with a grant for a resident paper competition. I am pleased to report that as of July 31 there were 17 papers entered into this competition. These papers are currently being judged and the winners will be announced for first, second, and third place at the AOCD Annual Meeting in Boston.

In Training Examination

Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

The AOCD In Training Examination will be given on Sunday, October 10, 1993. The exam will take place in the Essex South Room at the Westin Hotel. Residents are to be there promptly at 7:00 am. The exam will end at 1:00 pm. All residents will be receiving very soon an admission card which needs to be signed and returned to Dr. Conte (not the AOCD office).