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**Calendar of
1995 Events**

March 15 - 18, 1995
AOCD Mid Year Meeting
Park City, Utah

October 15 - 18, 1995
AOA Annual Meeting
AOCD Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gene E. Graff, D.O.
AOCD President

As we move into 1995, I'm hopeful that you are all as proud of our college and it's evolution as I am. Over the years, we have been fortunate to have had a series of leaders with perceptive and creative vision, who have worked together to improve our programs, administration and policies. Such vision and hard work has been provided not only by members of our executive committee and the AOCD, but also by other committee chairmen and members, as well as the general membership. Indeed our stature as a professional organization has improved exponentially. We have grown in numbers, but more importantly in the quality of our residency programs, C.M.E. programs and in our administrative efficiency (while our administrative requirements have increased substantially).

Many significant obstacles have had to be overcome. I would like to especially commend Dr. James Del Rosso, my predecessor, for his unending devotion and dedication to our college during the time of transition to our new National Office in Kirksville, Mo. Mrs. Becky Mansfield, our Executive Director, should likewise be recognized as our "Rookie of the Year" for her intellect, hard work, patience and perseverance during this past difficult year. The transition to our new National Office has been nearly completed and it is a pleasure to work with Becky and her administrative assistant, Linda Mansfield. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Dr. Lloyd Cleaver for suggesting the possibility of such a move and for helping to facilitate it once approved by the executive committee. I am confident we will see increased administrative and financial efficiency.

As for the upcoming year, we can look forward to a splendid midyear meeting orchestrated by Dr. Edward Yob. That meeting will be held in Park City, Utah, March 15th-18th, 1995. You will be delighted by the many wonderful speakers, social programs, recreation possibilities and the beauty of the area at that time of year. You can look forward as well, to a great program in Or-

lando next October as Dr. Matt Leavitt will no doubt try to out do his wonderful mid-year program of 1994 in Orlando.

I hope to maintain the general direction of the college and I hope to continue to enlist the interest and participation of all our members. All of you have suggestions, vision and talents which would greatly benefit our college. I plan to ensure the very active participation of our committee chairmen/chairwomen. Please write or call me or the appropriate committee member chairman to contribute your ideas and talents. That being said, the most important contribution you can make to our college is to provide your patient's with the very best medical care. That is, of course, the ultimate goal of our college and the ultimate focus of our endeavors. I plan to work closely with other medical societies, as well as other provider organizations and insurance carriers to be sure that we are included as participants in the reform of healthcare.

In our next AOCD Newsletter I plan to review more of the specifics of our long-term plans, committee endeavors and accomplishments and certain of our National Office activities. Finally, I would like to suggest one area where I feel that we, as a group, can improve. I am hopeful that you will plan to stay through the *conclusion* of our next C.M.E. Program. Dr. Yob is planning a marvelous 3 day program that you are certain to enjoy.

Best wishes for a healthy and successful New Year. I look forward to my term as your president as we meet the challenges of 1995. I look forward to seeing you all again in Park City and Orlando and to working closely with many of you on various projects and endeavors of our college.

Fraternally,
Gene E. Graff, D.O.
President,
American Osteopathic
College of Dermatology

MIDYEAR MEETING 1995

Edward H. Yob, D.O.

Program Director

Plans are shaping up for an exciting Mid-Year Conference this year which will be held at the Yarrow Resort in Park City, Utah, March 15 through the 18th. The agenda of speakers has been mailed to our members. Some speakers will include: W. Mitchell Sams, Jr. M.D. - President Elect of the American Academy of Dermatology and Lawrence J. Meyer, Ph.D., M.D. who was involved in mapping the melanoma gene and will discuss the inheritance of melanoma risk. Assistance from our AAD Liaison, Michael Scott, D.O., in obtaining Dr. Sams, Dr. Vincent Cippollero and Raymond Cunningham as speakers has benefited our program.

The two themes that will be carried through the conference will include Dermatopathology and Melanoma. On Saturday, our program will be highlighted by a Melanoma Workshop with Dr. Clay Cockerell and Dr. Jim Del Rosso.

The interest expressed in this conference has already exceeded our expectations. For that reason, we would urge you to register early and make your hotel reservation. The Yarrow Hotel has set aside a number of rooms for the conference, but we anticipate that our attendance will exceed the number of available rooms. The Yarrow will assist us in getting accommodations at other nearby hotels for the overflow. The rate at the Yarrow is \$131.00 per room. They also have a limited number of efficiencies and suites available. Please make your reservations direct at the Yarrow at 1-800-327-2332. Be sure to identify yourself as attending the AOCD Mid-Year Meeting in order to take advantage of the special rates. The conference will begin on Wednesday, March 15th with registration and a reception at 3:30 p.m. This will be held in the Exhibit Hall and will give everyone an early chance to visit the exhibits. The Scientific Presentations will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Our conference schedule will consist of sessions in the early morning and late afternoon each day leaving the bulk of the mid day free for skiing and other activities. Besides skiing, other activities available in the Park City area include snow mobiling, horseback riding, sleigh riding, shopping, tours, ice fishing, ice skating, art exhibitions, a mountain train ride and many other excursions. The entire downtown of Park City is a national historical area which has been preserved to reflect its colorful and flamboyant past. Park City, originally developed as a mining town after a rich silver strike, was discovered in 1872. The entire main street district consists of century old buildings that have been meticulously restored and preserved and now houses shops, restaurants and lodges.

Park City is located approximately 35 minutes from Salt Lake City and is an easy drive on major highways. The trip from Salt Lake City to Park City is easily accomplished utilizing either shuttle services, vans or rental vehicles.

A new addition to this year's conference will be a gala reception on Friday evening featuring entertainment by Dr. R.E. Bel-

lows, a world renowned hypnotist who is guaranteed to make the evening both entertaining and memorable. Arrangements have also been made for group rates at the ski lifts in the Park City Ski Area. The information on this will be available at the registration desk. For those interested in lessons, there are several ski schools offering both private and group lessons.

(Note: The Park City Area does recommend advance reservations for the Kinderschule Ski Lessons. This is a program available for children ages 3-6 and consists of ski lessons, lunch and active indoor recreation. They have both half day sessions and full day sessions. You can call them directly at 1-800-227-2SKI.)

All of the activities in Park City are on the Park City Shuttle Service which runs continuously throughout the entire Park area making transportation a breeze.

If you have any specific questions regarding the activities or the conference, please feel free to call me at (918) 426-1616 (office) or (918) 426-3234 (home). Or call Becky Mansfield at the AOCD office at 1-800-449-2623.

KOPRINCE AWARD WINNERS

Three dermatology residents were selected for the Daniel Koprince Award for their presentations at the 1994 Annual Meeting. The papers were presented during the AOCD Annual Meeting held at San Francisco Marriott Hotel, San Francisco, California, November 12 - 16.

The winners are:

Dr. Coyle Connolly
Dermatoses in Blacks

Dr. Janet Garcia-Allenby
Mucinosis

Dr. Andrea Buck
Cutaneous Manifestations of Renal Disease

*** **CONGRATULATIONS!!** ***

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"A BIT OF HISTORY" PART I

At the 1994 annual meeting in San Francisco, the AOCD membership recognized one of their fellow members for his outstanding contributions to our College. Dr. Thomas H. Bonino was presented the Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O. Lifetime Achievement Award by Dr. David Brooks Walker, a member of the AOCD and the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology. Assisting him were Dr. Daniel Koprince and Dr. Shelly Friedman. Dr. Bonino joined the AOCD in 1958 and has served it well since that time. In addition to serving as President in 1967, he has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the AOBD for the past thirty years. Thank you Dr. Bonino for your guidance and leadership and congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

Albert P. Ulbrich Lifetime Achievement Award - 1994



Shelly A. Friedman, D.O.
FAOCD

In 1945, five osteopathic physicians got together and petitioned the AOA, and were granted permission to form the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology. These five men were Doctors Cressman, Underwood, Scardino, Sr., Brostrom and Maccorkell. This group of five doctors served for 13 years, with one member dropping off the old board and Dr. James Stover was added to the board.

The record shows that for 13 years, the old board was dragging it's feet. They only certified 7 doctors in 13 years and out of these 7 doctors, one was a brother-in-law of a board member. They gave certifying exams

in only 4 of those 13 years.

The AOA was displeased with the old board's progress and in the spring of 1958, asked Dr. A. P. Ulbrich to form a new board, which he did with Dr's. Scardino, Sr. and Donald Gardner. The new board gave their first exam in the fall of 1958, and certified 7 physicians in their first year of operation.

The record shows that Dr. A. P. Ulbrich held Certificate #8 and was certified in 1947. This is the Dr. Ulbrich for which this Ulbrich Lifetime Achievement Award was named. We have come here to honor the name and memory of that great man and to give an award to an individual well deserving of receiving this prestigious award. Dr. Thomas Bonino was the second preceptee with Dr. Ulbrich and now he is the third recipient of the "Ulbrich Lifetime Achievement Award". Dr. Harry Elmets was the first recipient; Stand up Harry!



David Brooks Walker, D.O.
FAOCD

Now, everybody in this room knows that Thomas H. Bonino has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Dermatology for the past 30 years. In the next 100 years, I doubt that any one individual will serve for 30 years as secretary-treasurer of this board.

While serving for 30 years as Secretary-Treasurer, at the same time, Dr. Bonino was also Chairman of the Dept. of Dermatology at Michigan State University, teaching young osteopathic medical students for over 10 years.

Also during this 30 year period, he was an alternate member to the

Advisory Board of Osteopathic Specialists to the AOA. He was past president of our college and served for many years on the Executive Committee and Education Evaluating Committee. What a record!! I know, if Dr. Ulbrich was now living, he would say "Tom, what a great job".

For over 20 years, the American Academy of Dermatology met



From left to right: Thomas H. Bonino, D.O. FAOCD, Harry B. Elmets, D.O., FAOCD, and Daniel Koprince, D.O. FAOCD, Albert P. Ulbrich D.O. Lifetime Achievement Award Winners.

annually, the 1st full week of December, at the Palmer House in Chicago. One year, Tom and I got there the Sunday before the meeting began - went to the Academy registration desk to see what color and what type of print they were using on their identification badges. Each year, they changed the color of the badges. We were hungry for education and had to have a badge to get into the meetings. At that time Osteopathic physicians were not allowed to be members of the Academy. I was first accepted in the Academy in 1974, after attending their annual meetings for 20 years in succession.



Daniel Koprince, D.O.
FAOCD

At another meeting of the Academy Dr. Bonino brought a tape recorder to the meeting and we stayed up in the balcony of the auditorium and recorded the meeting. Then Tom went home, wrote down all the pertinent information said at the meeting, then mailed all the information to all our college members the next week. Academy members did not receive literature about the meeting for 6 weeks later.

Now the Berlin wall lasted 28 years, but it seemed like an eternity to east and west Berliners and the rest of the world. Dr. Bonino has been Secretary-Treasurer for 30 years and it seems like only 5 or 10 years - and he is still going strong.

Thomas H. Bonino, we all love you, we all admire you, we all congratulate you, we all salute you!! Thank you Tom, for a job well done.

Daniel Koprince, D.O.

"A BIT OF HISTORY" PART II

Acceptance Speech Dr. Thomas H. Bonino

I would like to bring to memory Anthony Scardino. In 1956, at K.C.C.O.S., Tony taught the Senior Class Dermatology using Tobias as a text. This was my first introduction to Dermatology as a medical discipline and possible career. Tony held Certificate #3, and was one of the original five founders of the A.O.C.D. and A.O.B.D. & S. Somehow, he was the first and only fellow in the A.A.D. I knew about, who was certified only by our board. Now we're talking about the 60's when Do's were "Persona-Non-Grata." The only way into the meeting was as a representative of either a Pharmaceutical or Vendor exhibitor, or as Van and I did...search the trash. We'd manufacture a badge, forge assumed names, cleverly revealing a corner of the badge, pinned to our suite coat pocket while walking past the guard at the door. We'd carefully choose out small group meetings, sitting away from the breakfast table, hidden in the corner and being without comment; mouths shut with hidden open reel uher wire recorder in a spy-type briefcase. But Tony, he had that green fellow badge. We'd either use his or forge his name on one the years he wasn't there. This allowed me to be around such as Pillsbury, Kligman, Montgomery, Shelley, Sauer, the Epstein's, "Whitey" Curtis, Pinkus, Cipollaro, Lever, and Tobias. I thank you for that!

In the year 1957, while interning at DOH, I met Al Ulbrich. Al had Certificate #8, one of the two certified dermatologists in the Detroit area who could train. The other was Jim Stover, #10, at that time Bob Shimmel was in training in Jim's 3 office practice.

After a break-in period at Al's office, he decided I would fit his need when Dan left in '58. The office was Spartan-uncarpeted floors, light-stained wood paneled walls with wooden tables and chairs. I did as Al and Dan had learned; A.P.A.'s function, interviewing new patients. I gave all Rx, UVL, X-Ray and deep intramuscular shots of Bismuth, Protamide, Prolactin, and Penicillin, aurogenous blood as well as I.V. calcium gluconate. I set up surgical patients and their instruments and syringes before sterilizing and...dust mopping those tiled floors.

From Al, I learned to be fiercely independent; respect and develop the skills

of careful observation and eye contact; to touch dermatology; to always be a gentleman, careful with language; to teach beyond not only the patients, but referring doctors attention span; and to wear white, polyester, drip-dry shirts with stays in the collar and your initials on the pocket.

Last spring, when Hilary was talking to Eleanor Roosevelt, I asked Dan, if like me, he still hears Al in treatment rooms? We hear...

"If cleanliness is holiness-you're a saint

Soap is your worst enemy...

You must get worse before you get better...

Nobody makes an allergic cosmetic...

To put that on your face helps the Pharmacist...

At Hospital rounds, when stopped for a personal quick consultation by colleagues or medical personnel, he'd say, "Take off your clothes...all of them so I can give you a quick opinion."

He was the first one I heard use the term "ashey"

At supper break, he'd drink with his snack, 2 bag tea in a quart clear pyrex measuring cup.

At conversations about new products, techniques or equipment...

"You're in business to make money, not to spend it!"

I've been able to attend all the yearly A.O.C.D. meetings except in '64. About 2 weeks after that meeting, boxes began to arrive at the office. Later, I got a call from A.P. - "You are the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board!"

Without the organization, deep responsibility, punctuality and dedication of the practice manager, Vicki Jacek, I could never have fulfilled this obligation.

Recently at one of those long, exhausting, marathon college committee meetings, one of the young lions looked over at me with a revelation in his eyes and said "Tom, why have you done this for so long?!" My answer, "because Al told me to!"

Tony and Al, wherever you are, thanks for this opportunity!

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Dermatopathology

Michael Dunnigan, D.O.

For those of you interested in dermatopathology, this is to inform you of the growing momentum within our College in this area. Recently in San Francisco, a committee chaired by Dr. J. Mammino was assigned the task of working with the Osteopathic College of Pathology to devise criteria for advanced fellowship training in dermatopathology. I am excited to see certification as a natural progression for our College in the area of dermatopathology as well as in MOHS surgery.

I am near midpoint of my fellowship year in dermatopathology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas under the direction of Drs. Clay J. Cockerell and Robert G. Freeman. Dr. Cockerell trained in dermatology and dermatopathology with Dr. A. B. Ackerman. Dr. Freeman is board certified in pathology, dermatology and dermatopathology. The University of Texas Southwestern program in dermatology received the AAD Award of Excellence in 1992. The caliber of the faculty and the depth of their shared experience is clearly beyond comparison at this facility.

For the highly motivated person interested in dermatopathology, the door of opportunity has opened! Early each morning, we begin reading 200-400 slides under a multi-headed teaching microscope. The fellows interact with the dermatology residents throughout the day in basic science conferences, inpatient hospital rounds and clinics. The clinics at Parkland, Children's Medical Center and the VA hospitals are fascinating and present a diverse variety of dermatologic conditions. In addition, there are monthly meetings of the Dallas and Tarrant County Dermatologic Societies and the Baylor Skin Tumor Conference where interesting cases are presented and discussed. The University of Texas Southwestern campus offers additional opportunities in anatomic pathology and basic research for those interested.

This will be a good year for me to integrate and expand my knowledge of dermatology and dermatopathology. If you have an interest in dermatopathology and see a fellowship as likely progression for you, please contact me at (214) 638-2222.

Thoughts From The Executive Director

1994 was a very exciting year for our college. Our membership continued to grow, our corporate support expanded, and we had two excellent continuing medical education programs. The annual meeting in San Francisco was a fitting finale for the year. Dr. Gene Graff assembled an outstanding program for our members and guests.

Additionally the AOCD national office and appointed representatives worked closely with the AOA and other specialty colleges in providing input and comments to the AOA Coding and Reimbursement Advisory Panel and the AOA Healthy People 2000 Midcourse Review. We are currently reviewing the HCFA Rebundling Project and the Five Year Refinement of RBRVS. Comments from our membership on these two projects are welcomed. Please contact me at 1-800-449-2623 (AOCD) if you would like more information on the pro-

posed changes and/or would like to submit your comments. The first project we worked on, the development of new documentation guidelines for evaluation and management services, has been completed. The new guidelines were released in November, 1994 and were published in *The D.O.*, January, 1995. Every physician and appropriate office staff should review these carefully.

We look forward to the new year with great anticipation. Dr. Ed Yob has developed an outstanding midyear program. Two special speakers will be Dr. W. Mitchell Sams, President-Elect of the AAD and Raymond Cunningham, Associate Executive Director of the AAD. This will be an excellent opportunity to acquaint them with the AOCD and our membership. Dr. Matt Leavitt is working on the annual meeting which will be held in Orlando, FL, October 15-18, 1995. This will be a very special meet-

ing as it is the Centennial year for AOA continuing medical education programs. Mark your schedules now to attend both of these meetings.

Included in this letter is a complete list of our 1994 corporate contributors. If you would like to be the key contact for any of these companies, please let me know. Key contacts serve as liaisons with a corporate member making them aware of our activities each year and soliciting contributions and/or corporate memberships on an annual basis. This is a very important function our members can assist the College with.

Best wishes to each of you in 1995. Please do not hesitate to contact the national office if there is anything we can do for you.

Becky Mansfield
Executive Director