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Calendar of Events



Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
October 29 - November 2
Rosen Plaza
Orange County
Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

Midyear Meeting 2001
January 31 - February 3
Fiesta Americana
Grand Coral Beach
Cancun, Mexico

A Message from the President

Greetings from the "Mile High City" - Denver, Colorado! The A.O.C.D. is beginning the new millennium with enthusiasm and excitement!

Our new website has attracted a great deal of interest. It is an additional way of communicating with society. If you haven't visited it yet, please do so at www.aocd.org. The potential for additional uses is limitless! Thanks Dr. Mammino!

We have recommended a student membership category for our college. With the high interest of our students in dermatology we thought this would allow a more efficient way for them to be informed.

Interest has been shown to create a "Sister Society." This would be a relationship built between our College and a foreign dermatology society. The primary goal would be to help improve the quality of their Society, hence, allowing for better patient care in that country. Certainly an avenue to do missionary work within our specialty.

We are working to finalize our "five-year plan." This is done each five years to allow the College to define direction with specific goals to be reached during the next five years.

Efforts are continuing on our AOCD Foundation. This is a detailed project, one that will help secure Osteopathic Dermatology for years to come!

Many of you know that we have relocated our national office within Kirksville. We simply overgrew our previous office. This has increased our expenses slightly but will allow for a great deal more efficiency!

We look forward to convening in Orlando. I am confident the educational program will be of great benefit and look forward to the fellowship with our members!

Collegially,

Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O.
President

2001 AOCD MIDYEAR MEETING IN CANCUN, MEXICO

Plans are currently being finalized for the 2001 Mid-year AOCD Conference and Scientific Seminar which will be held from Wednesday, January 31, 2001 through Saturday, February 3, 2001 in Cancun, Mexico. The meeting will be held at the beautiful AAA Five Diamond all-suite luxury Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Hotel in Cancun situated on the multicolored Caribbean Sea which embraces the romantic island's most coveted stretch of beach. The hotel is situated in the popular vicinity for sightseeing, shopping, recreation and nightlife. Besides the hotel's poolside activities, including an inpool bar and grill, the seaside boasts water skiing, wave running, wind surfing, snorkling and scuba diving to some of the world's most famous reefs. For the golfers there is an 18 hole Robert Trent Jones designed Pok-ta-Pok Golf Course just minutes away from the hotel. The Fiesta Americana Hotel has three indoor tennis courts with stadium seating, tennis pro and shop. The Exercise has the Health Club and Spa for fitness activities, steam rooms, massages, and full service salon. Additionally, the hotel has the Fiesta Kids Club, Logo Boutique, and Shopping Arcade.

Cars are available for rent, however, we have made arrangements, for your convenience with Maritur Cancun, a transportation company, to provide excellent and prompt service to and from the airport which is approximately 30 minutes to the hotel. The fee for this service is \$16 per person. Additionally, this transportation company will also provide service to half day tours including the Jungle Tour, Horseback Riding, and Deep Sea Fishing or full day tours that include trips to Xcaret and the ruins of Tulum-Xel-Ha or Chichen Itza. The Tour fees include the transportation service. You should have already received registration forms for the Maritur Transportation Company as well as the registration form for the conference and the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Cancun. The reservation deadline for the hotel is November 27, 2000.



An exciting didactic program has been planned for the 2001 AOCD Midyear Conference and Scientific Seminar and has been tentatively planned for 22 credit hours in Category 1. The conference will kick off on Wednesday, January 31 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. dealing with Legal, Tax & Financial and Human Resource Issues specifically for the dermatologist to be conducted by an Attorney, Accountant, Tax Planner and Human Resource Specialist. This will be followed by a welcome reception from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2001 will be dedicated to the residents' Symposium from 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3 will feature our nationally prominent guest lecturers that will cover topics ranging from Dermatologic Surgery, MOHS, Dermoscopy, Dermatopathology and many other stimulating topics in Dermatology.

Friday, February 2 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. will be an extravagant theme reception/dinner by poolside and the Caribbean Sea.

Prior to each morning lecture program will be a continental breakfast from 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. and you will have an opportunity to visit with our exhibitors.

While you're in Cancun:

Weather: Temperatures rise to the mid 80's and sometimes higher, but an on-shore breeze makes the climate enjoyable throughout the day. The evenings are cooler and a light cotton sweater might be advisable. A light weight raincoat or windbreaker would also be a good idea to have with you. The sun is intense, particularly

on the white sand beaches. Don't forget the sunscreens and protective clothing.

What to wear: Dress in Cancun and the hotels is very casual with the accent on comfort. Remember to pack comfortable walking shoes. The activities at the hotel and the area dictate sporting clothes. In the evenings, you may want to dress up, but not too much. At some of the best entertainment spots and clubs you will feel more comfortable dressing up, but ties for the guys are not required.

Exchanging money: U.S. currency and Traveller's Checks may be exchanged for Mexican currency, the Peso. The exchange rate fluctuates daily. Pesos cannot be exchanged back to U.S. dollars, so it is best to only exchange your money in small amounts. It is a good idea to bring a small pocket calculator when you shop. In some stores you may get a better deal if you pay with U.S. currency, so it may be a good idea to keep a little of both. Major purchases are best made with your credit card as you will automatically receive the bank rate of exchange, which is higher than the rates given in town or at the hotel. Please note that the only credit card not accepted in the area is the Discover Card.

Passports: Although passports are not required, it is recommended that you bring them. Otherwise, a picture ID and voter registration would suffice.

Getting around: Taxis are available twenty-four hours a day at the hotel. Remind yourself and those traveling with you to agree on the taxi cab fare before getting in the cab. The hotel doorman can help you with the acceptable fee. Remember that the hotel is in walking distances to many bars & restaurants, shopping and many activities. Bus service is also available in the hotel zone and is the cheapest way to get around. A special air-conditioned tourist bus system runs all day long taking travellers to all points in the hotel zone and to downtown Cancun City. One of Cancun's best bargains, the trip anywhere on the island costs only \$1.00 U.S.

Shopping: If you forgot it, Cancun's got it! All the personal items such as shampoo, razors, toothpaste, etc. are commonly available. A trip to one of the local supermarkets will get you back on track with anything you need. There are many fine shops in the hotel zone, along with an artisans market where bargaining is not only desired, but expected. You will find an array of shops and boutiques which range from air-conditioned luxury of the Plaza Caracol to the bargain and bargaining stores of the artisans markets. Silver is a good buy!

Dining: Cancun boasts countless fine restaurants, representing nearly every one of the world's major cuisine. Seafood is excellent in all of the dining locales, from the beachside palapa style restaurant to the refined atmosphere of a candlelight dinner. All of the leading hotels have a specialty restaurant where you can dine from the finest selection of international menus in luxury. In and around the Hotel Zone eateries offer every style of food imaginable, from "fast food" burgers and fries to the best Italian, French, Oriental or Cajun meal you'll find anywhere. Prices are comparable to your home town starting at a few dollars per person to whatever you would like to spend. There is something for everyone's taste and budget in Cancun.

See you in Cancun, Mexico!

Stan Skopit, D.O. Program Chair, 2001 AOCD Mid-year Conference & Scientific Seminar



Resident's Corner

As a new training year is underway for our residents, it is time to say hello to the new resident members of our college and congratulations to those who have finished their training. We look forward to the participation of those who have completed their training as active members of the AOCD for many years to come.

Welcome to: Frank Armstrong, D.O. - NSUCOM/Sun Coast Hospital; Matthew Doppelt, D.O. - NSUCOM/N. Broward Hospital; Michael Eyre, D.O., Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital; Kenneth Kircher, D.O., Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Debbie Palmer, D.O., NYCOM/ St. Barnabas Hospital; Dimitria Papadopoulos, D.O., NYCOM/St. Barnabas Hospital; Paul Ross, D.O., Northeast Regional Medical Center; Laura Schaffer, D.O., Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital; Kathleen Soe, D.O., NSUCOM/Sun Coast Hospital; Peter Vitulli, D.O., NSUCOM/N. Broward Hospital; and Bethany Wyles, D.O., Cuyohoga Falls General Hospital.

Congratulations to: Daniel Abraham, D.O., Kathy Balazs, D.O., Deborah Daly, D.O., Brent Goodsell, D.O., Mark Horowitz, D.O., Cindy Li, D.O., Brian Matthys, D.O., Elizabeth Reisinger, D.O., and Raymond Schwab, D.O.

Member News Submissions

The *AOCD Newsletter* includes a regular section devoted to reporting news about the College's members. If you have any professional news items to report, please submit them to:

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Kirksville, MO 63501

Name _____

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News Item* _____

*awards, honors, presentations, volunteer work, appointments, etc...

Executive Director's Report

As we near the time for our Annual Meeting and Scientific Seminar it is hard to believe another educational year has passed. I hope everyone has reviewed the lecture program for Orlando. Dr. James Young has developed an excellent program for this year's conference. The Gala Reception hosted by Genesis Pharmaceuticals at the Titanic Exhibit on International Drive will be an exciting way to begin the week's activities.

This has been an eventful year for the AOCD. We have 38 residents in 9 training programs as of August. This is a slight decrease due to the loss of one program in June; however, there will be a new program in Detroit, MI for the 2001 year. We are anticipating the development of other new programs in the coming year.

Last spring our website, www.aocd.org, became active. The response to this has been tremendous. Dr. Jere Mammino is to be commended for his tireless efforts in the development of this site. The national office has received numerous inquiries about our organization, our training programs, and our members as a result of the "hits" on the site. Not only have we had letters and telephone

calls from throughout the US, we've received email from France, Egypt, Jordan and Great Britain!

On September 3 we moved the national office from the 800 W. Jefferson St. address to 1501 E. Illinois St. in Kirksville. Our rental space increased from 95 square feet to 775 square feet. This allowed us to consolidate all of our files and archived materials into one central location. All telephone and fax numbers have remained the same.

We continue to work closely with the AOA on national issues affecting our membership. These include reviewing ICD 9 and CPT proposed coding changes, Medicare compliance issues, laboratory issues, and development of guidelines for non-physician practitioners.

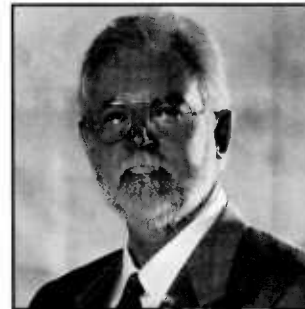
Remember, the National Office is here to serve you. Please call us with any questions you may have or to inform us of events occurring in your practice, your residence, your area/state, or on a national level you become aware of.

Becky Mansfield
Executive Director

AOCD Bulletin Board

Texas Osteopathic Medical Center

Bill V. Way, D.O. of Duncanville, has been elected president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) for 2000-2001. Installation ceremonies took place June 17, during TOMA's 101st Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, held June 14-18 at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi. Since August 1983, Dr. Way has maintained a private practice in dermatology at Duncanville Dermatology Clinic. He also serves as director of the Dermatology Residency Program in Dallas.



Meeting Announcements

December 8-10, 2000

"19th Annual Winter Update"

20 hours 1-A CME credit anticipated

Embassy Suites Hotel, Downtown, Indianapolis, IN

May 3-6, 2001

"104th Annual Convention"

30 hours 1-A CME credit anticipated

Marriott Hotel/Century Center, South Bend, IN

Sponsor: Indiana Osteopathic Association, Contact: IOA, 1/800-942-0501 or 317/926-3009

Ronald C. Miller, D.O. presented lectures to the Michigan Correctional Department, the Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, and the Kansas City Osteopathic Association of Missouri. The topic was "Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist".

Program News

At the American Academy of Dermatology meeting, March 10-15, in San Francisco, the St. Barnabas Hospital Dermatology Residency program presented a total of 7 posters and 1 lecture. This year's AAD meeting was attended by more than 12,000 dermatologists from throughout the world. The posters received many favorable comments and one poster received an unsolicited invitation for publication in a major dermatology journal. The posters were co-authored by Cindy Hoffman, D.O. (Dermatology Residency Director), Charles Gropper, M.D. (Division Chief), and the 5 dermatology residents: Deborah Daly, D.O., Cindy Li, D.O., Amy Goldstein, D.O., Nancy Spinelli, D.O. and Jason Wilder, D.O.



The graduating chief residents, Deborah Daly, D.O. (L) and Cindy Li, D.O. (R), have been accepted to highly competitive dermatologic surgery fellowships.

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