A Message from the President

I greet my fellow members of the College wishing you and your families a happy new year and blessed new millennium!

This new period of time will bring the A.O.C.D. and the specialty of Dermatology many new challenges and opportunities. Bear in mind that our profession is merely 100 years old. It wasn’t until 1957 that the College of Dermatology became a recognized specialty of the A.O.A. We are truly living and creating American History!

To say it is an honor to be the President of this college is an understatement! We are a small group of dermatologists practicing across the United States. If you look closely at our members we have some of the most esteemed and accomplished physicians in the country! I am proud to be a member of this organization.

This year’s midyear meeting was a success in Banff, Canada. Dr. Bob Schwarze put much time and energy into an appealing program. The executive committee was able to take votes on many important issues. More on that in future newsletters.

We are looking forward to this year updating the A.O.C.D.’s “five year plan”. First, and currently foremost, will be to sustain and improve the high quality of our residency training programs. Dr. Jere Mammino is currently preparing a web site for our College. There has been discussion to evaluate establishing an A.O.C.D. Foundation. This would allow for an array of benefits from the proceeds of this foundation. We will look to the members of the College who have achieved “Fellowship” status to lead us with this endeavor.

The A.O.A. has called for “Osteopathic Unity”. Parallel to this I ask for “Osteopathic Dermatology Unity”. Please look at how you can become a truly active member of our College and improve the fine specialty of Dermatology.

Let’s look to the new millennium with our continued commitment to making a difference for Dermatology and to the patients that we are privileged to care for!

Collegially,

Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O.
President
2000 Midyear Meeting Highlights

The 2000 AOCD Midyear Meeting was held at the Banff Springs Hotel, Banff Springs, Canada. The hotel truly lived up to its reputation as one of the most romantic locations in the world.

The academic program chaired by myself, was again critically acclaimed as one of the best! Thank you to the guest, faculty members and residents!

The social program, which began on Wednesday, January 26 with a Camelot atmosphere, was very well attended. On Friday, we again dined in the Castle. A delightful and delicious medieval dinner and entertainment capped the day. King Papadeas and his court left us with many fond memories of a wonderful evening with our colleagues.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the midyear sites please feel free to contact me by fax (314-831-9301) or call AOCD Executive Director Becky Mansfield at 1-800-449-2623.

Robert F. Schwarze, D.O.
Chairman, CME Site Committee

Dr. & Mrs. Earl Bachenberg (left), Dr. & Mrs. Roger Byrd (center), Dr Mike Scott (standing) and Becky Mansfield relax after the Medieval dinner.

The High Court of the A.O.C.D. convenes in Banff, Canada with (left to right) Royal Black Knight Robert Schwarze, King Gregory Papadeas, Queen Alka Madan and Brother Michael Scott.

Becky Mansfield and Dr. Mike Scott (center) took time to visit with exhibitors David Roe, Bertek and David Scott, Stiebel.

Executive Committee attendees prepare for their meeting. (left to right) Dr. Brian Portnoy, Becky Mansfield, Dr's. Stan Skopit, Greg Papadeas, Jere Mammino, Alka Madan, Bob Schwarze, Richard Miller & Mike Scott.
Resident's Corner

Meet our Resident's

I am a graduate of the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. Presently, I am a first year dermatology resident in Torrance, California through a program which is affiliated with the Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. Being originally from Michigan, my wife, daughter and I have found the transition to life in California to be an interesting and rewarding experience. My interests, other than spending time with my family, are golf and writing. Within the field of dermatology, I take a particular interest in skin cancer and surgery. I find some of the latest research in the development of melanoma vaccines to be very promising, and look forward to new techniques in the diagnosis and treatment of all skin cancers.

Michael R Cohen, D.O.

Dr. Bob Schwarze (L) visits with Executive Director Becky Mansfield and Lloyd Cleaver at the AOCD headquarters in Kirksville on the KCOM campus.

A first year dermatology resident at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Alexander Doctoroff started his medical education in the former Soviet Union. He completed three and one half years at Kharkov Medical Institute (Ukraine) before political realities compelled him to interrupt his studies and immigrate to the United States in 1992. Dr. Doctoroff graduated from the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine in 1998. He completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. His hobbies include travel, music, theater, movies, and current world events.

Alex Doctoroff, 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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*awards, honors, presentations, volunteer work, appointments, etc...
Resident Case Presentation

A Case of Follicular Mucinosis with Eosinophilic Folliculitis
St. Barnabas Hospital Department of Dermatology:

Case history:
A 20 y.o. male with a past medical history of asthma presented to the St. Barnabas Hospital dermatology clinic with a pruritic facial rash for several weeks. It was treated with Cleocin T solution without improvement. On second visit one week later, patient agreed for a skin biopsy. Patient was started on Aclovate cream 0.05% bid and tetracycline 500mg bid. Lesions resolved after 2 weeks of therapy.

Physical Exam:
There were multiple firm flesh-color papules on the forehead, cheeks and chin.

DDx:
- acne vulgaris
- eosinophilic folliculitis

Pathology Biopsy:
Follicular induratum with mucin deposits of acid mucopolysaccharide with lots of lymphocytes and eosinophils.

Diagnosis:
Follicular mucinosis with features of eosinophilic folliculitis.

Discussion:
Follicular mucinosis was first described by Pinkus in 1957. There are two types: primary and secondary. The primary type tend to occur in the head and neck regions of children and young adults and have a short but benign course. It can be disseminated on the body. The secondary type tend to occur in older patients in a diffuse distribution and can be associated with mycosis fungoides. Alopecia for both types is evident only when terminal hair-bearing areas are affected.

Histologically it is hard to differentiate between the two types of follicular mucinosis. Some researchers believe that the benign form may transit into the lymphomatous form. In addition follicular mucinosis can be seen in association with other lymphomas, chronic discoid lupus erythematosus, angiolymphoid hyperplasia, verruca, alopecia areata which suggest that it may be a nonspecific reaction pattern.

Our patient’s case is unusual in that he complained of pruritus which is consistent with eosinophilic folliculitis which prompted a workup for immunocompetence. Subsequent HIV test and workup for lymphomas were negative. His lesions returned 8 months later and resolved with same treatment.

References:
1) Lever’s Histopathology of the Skin, sixth edition 824 Elder et al
3) HIV-Associated eosinophilic folliculitis and follicular mucinosis Dermatology 1998:197(2): 178-80 Baez et al

The St. Barnabas Dermatology Residency Program represented itself at the recent annual AOA/AOCD scientific seminar. Dr. Hoffman, D.O., the Program Director, became a fellow of the College of Dermatology. Four of the residents also received awards for either a lecture, paper, or poster they presented.
Certificate of Added Qualification

Any member interested in qualifying for a Certificate of Added Qualification in Mohs or Dermatopathology by the clinical pathway (experience in lieu of formal fellowship training) must apply by December 31, 2000 for Mohs and December 31, 2001 for Dermatopathology. Applications can be obtained from the AOCD National Office or by calling Becky Mansfield, Executive Director, at 800-449-2623 or writing to P.O. Box 7525, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Charles Hughes, D.O.
AOBD Secretary-Treasurer

Visit the new AOCD website at aocd.org. E-mail your comments to the national office via the web link.

Meeting Announcement

Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
August 25 - 27, 2000
"A Nutritional Approach To Osteopathic Medicine"
Arden Anderson, D.O., and Ted Baroody, Ph.D., NDDC
Embassy Suites Hotel North, Indianapolis, IN
20 hours category 1-A CME credit anticipated
Contact: IAO, 317-926-3009

Mark Epstein, D.O. has been appointed as Section Chief of Dermatology for TMC Healthcare in Tuscon, AZ. Additionally he has obtained the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center.

Craig Ziering, D.O. participated in the "Hometown Radio Interviews" during the AOA/AOCD Annual Meeting with an interview on Hair Transplants.

Robert J. Signore, D.O. presented a scientific poster at the poster discussion session held at the 58th annual American Academy of Dermatology meeting in San Francisco on March 13th. It was titled "Candida Albicans Intrallesional Injection Immunotherapy of Warts: A Novel Therapeutic Approach". Preliminary data from an open, non-randomized prospective cohort study was presented, illustrating the successful treatment of verruca vulgaris and plantar warts with a new form of immunotherapy.
1999 Annual Meeting

Koprince poster award winners Dr. James Del Rosso and Dr. Amy Goldstein with Dr. Dan Koprince (center).

Past President Lynn Sikorski, D.O., Monique Cohn, D.O. and Janet Koprince, D.O. (L to R) pose for a photo before the President's Banquet.

Dr. Trinh Pham, Julia Santoso-Pham and Mike Scott visit during the President's reception.

Dr. Bob Schwarze (L) and Dr. Craig Ziering (R) visit with John Crosby, AOA Executive Director.

(L to R) Dr. Lloyd Cleaver, AOCD AOA Delegate; Dr. Craig Ziering, AOCD outgoing President; Dr. Eugene Oliveri, AOA President and Dr. Gregory Papadeas, AOCD incoming President during the President's reception.

1999 Koprince award winners (L to R) Dr.s. Mark Kuriata, Raymond Schwab, Deborah Daly, Cindy Li, Dan Koprince, Melinda Greenfield, Rachel Kushner, and Mark Horowitz.

Dr. Greg Papadeas presents his thoughts for his year as President.
San Francisco, California

The AOCID Annual Meeting was held October 24 - 27 in conjunction with the 104th AOA Annual Meeting at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco. Dr. Greg Papadeas, program chair, developed an excellent didactic program for the attendees. In addition to the CME hours provided, membership and friends attending had an opportunity to enjoy a spectacular view of the city of San Francisco from the top of the Bank of America building during our Welcome Reception on Sunday night. Monday night we were honored to have Eugene Oliveri, DO, AOA President, attend the President’s Reception and Mr. John Crosby, AOA Executive Director, and his wife at the Recognition Banquet. Mr. Crosby spoke to the membership about the AOA Unity program, the future of osteopathic medicine and education, and the important role our members play in the continued growth of well-being of osteopathic medicine.

Key note speaker Darrell S. Rigell, M.D., AAD President, opened the didactic session on Monday. Subsequent speakers covered a broad range of dermatologic topics including a billing and coding update. Koprince award winners for the resident lectures were Kathryn Balazs, DO, Deborah Daly, DO, Mark Horowitz, DO, and Raymond Schwab, DO.

During the Recognition Banquet plaques were presented to our corporate members in recognition of the outstanding support they provide to our College. These members were: AmeriPath Inc., Genesis Pharmaceutical, Janssen Pharmaceutical, Ferndale Laboratories, Dermatopathology Labs of Central States, Dermik, Merck & Co., Bristol-Myers-Squibb (Westwood), Ortho Pharmaceutical, Stiefel Labs, Pfizer, Oclussen, Schering, Medicis Pharmaceutical, Novartis, Galderma, SmithKline Beecham, Allergan, Neutrogena Co., and Fujisawa Healthcare.

Six members were inducted as “Fellows” on Monday evening. They were: Cindy Hoffman, DO, Richard Miller, DO, Ronald Miller, DO, Robert Schwarze, DO and Stanley Skopite, DO. Matt Leavitt, DO was also elected to Fellow status but was unable to attend the ceremony.

1999 Fellows: (L to R) Dr's. Stanley Skopit, Richard Miller, Robert Schwarze, Cindy Hoffman, Lynn Sikonski, Ronald Miller and David Horowitz (Committee Chairman).
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