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### Calendar of Events

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



Annual Meeting 2001  
October 21 - 25  
San Diego, CA

## A Message from the President

Hello Colleagues!

I pray this finds you and your family well. As I write this, we have 3-4 inches of snow on the ground here in Yankton, South Dakota. It is a gray Saturday afternoon, about 30 degrees, and a stark contrast to the magnificent weather we all enjoyed in Orlando! So get a cup of your favorite beverage, relax, and let's chat for a few minutes.

Let me say at the outset that it is a sincere privilege to be the president of AOCD. I am truly humbled by the confidence placed in me. I will endeavor to be worthy of your trust! I have been honored to serve with visionary leaders in the AOCD Executive Committee, and am mindful and respectful of the legacy of leadership I follow.

I laid out a major theme for my presidency in my acceptance remarks. SETTING OUR SIGHTS ON SERVICE. As physicians, we are used to serving others. I want to expand on that. I would like to see all of us as active, vital parts of our college. In any organization, 90% of the work is done by 10% of the people. I do not appeal to guilt, but to professional pride when I urge ALL of you to get involved. Don't be satisfied with the status quo! We all want our College, your AOCD, to be special. It will only be so if we all pitch in.

We are an organization of 270 members. There are probably another 70 or 80 osteopathic dermatologists out there who are not part of us. Do you know one or two? I do too! Let's invite them also to be a part of us. There are many people who have been an active part of our AOCD, but now are not. Let us reach out to them! Perhaps there have been hurt feelings or a misperception, or maybe a really legitimate beef. Please contact them, or if you don't want to, let me know and I will. We need to heal and stretch if we are to grow.

Is there some particular area of interest or expertise you have? We have committees dying for some fresh blood, vision, ideas, and workers! Is there a special relationship you have with colleagues or drug companies which we can tap into and strengthen you both? Is there some particular thing you would like to see happen, speaker you want to hear, or direction we should be taking? Pick up the phone and let me know. I flunked mind reading. You know me, you have to smack me repeatedly until I get it. Also, you may be the only one god has given the idea to! Don't miss your own blessing by not passing it on!

Another issue of vital importance to all of us is the quality and integrity of our training programs, the best public relations campaign we could possibly have would be to have industrious, humble, competent dermatologists who are really plugged in at both local and national levels. That starts with your residency and filters down throughout your entire career. New residency programs are starting up, and since the quality of their residents and graduates reflects on us all, we ALL have a stake in the highest quality educational experience we can offer.

An issue dear to Dr. Papadeas' heart, and I share his enthusiasm, is the idea of an AOCD Foundation. This could be seeded by our college, funded by us or

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perhaps corporate sponsors, and the earnings used to do good works and further osteopathic dermatology. We will keep you posted.

Most importantly, focus on those relationships that are most vital to you. Thank God regularly for giving you the chance to live and thrive in the greatest nation on earth! Cherish and build up your spouse; talk to each other and nourish each other. Be there for your children - your legacy - people will look at them to judge the kind of person you are. Regardless of your age, your children are desperate for your love and approval. Cultivate and nurture friendships - the Bible says (Proverbs 27:17) that "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Truly love and care for your patients. Respect your colleagues. Another Bible guideline (Matthew 7:12): "Do to others only what you would have them do to you."

Make plans now to be in Cancun in January. Stan Skopit has a dynamite program, and the location is choice! Pack lots of sunscreen!!!

Have a great Holiday Season.

God Bless You Well  
Jim Young, D.O., F.A.O.C.D.  
Your AOCD President for the New Millennium

## **Letter from the Editor**

Dear Members of the AOCD

This letter is in regards to the last meeting in Orlando which was an excellent presentation and work done well by the entire group. After such a great meeting, it is time to distribute aculeates for the AOA meeting in Orlando. As the editor of the AOCD Newsletter, Committee Chair for Public Relations, I personally wish to say thank you to Dr. Robert F. Schwarze, DO, for all the work this person has done for the first poster ever produced by AOCD in the new millennium. Dr. Schwarze persisted when many failed to see his project through. I am hoping that as a member of the AOCD to see this poster in everyone's office and in the back of every one of our minds we should remember that Dr. Schwarze was the one who started it. Again, Dr. Schwarze, thank you.

Sincerely,

Ronald C. Miller, DO, FAOCD  
Editor

## **AOA Leadership Conference**

*by Cindy Hoffman, D.O.*

*President-Elect*

*AOCD Representative to Leadership Conference*

National Osteopathic Medicine Week was opened in New York City with a leadership conference from November 9-12. The AOA's Bureau of State Government Affairs met and the following issues were discussed.

### **1. Releasing Physician Profiles to the Public**

A physician profile serves to present background and practice information on a particular physician, including everything ranging from medical school attended to the amount paid to settle a malpractice claim. Most physicians do not contest to general background information being released such as their specialty, practice address, phone number, and board certification. The debate arises when items like disciplinary action and malpractice histories become available. Opponents fear that disclosing physicians profiling information to the public will increase medical malpractice litigation as it will force physicians to defend themselves, instead of settle, to avoid the profiles negative consequences. It also violates physicians' privacy rights. There have been attempts to open the National Practitioner Data Bank (physician information on malpractice claims, settlements and disciplinary actions) to the public. Legislation that would allow public access has not been moved.

### **2. State Funding of Graduate Medical Education**

Graduate Medical Education (GME) ensures that our nations health care needs are met. Teaching institutions have residents and interns who provide care to the uninsured and seriously ill, work long hours for little pay, and engage in more research than those in nonteaching hospitals. Therefor GME is often referred to as a "public good," however the cost is not shared by all payors of health care. Medicare pays a disproportionate share of GME. For this reason two federal bills were introduced but not yet enacted to create an all payor trust for GME which would be funded by fees imposed on health insurance companies. Two states, Maryland and New York, have implemented an all-payor system.

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## 2000 Annual Meeting Recap

Wow! What a meeting!! I am so very grateful to God, our speakers, and to each of you for making Orlando 2000 an AOCD meeting to remember. To those of you who are wondering, yes, you can do it! As you come up through the AOCD Executive Committee, you glean your ideas on how you would like to do things. Then, when it's your turn, you budget your time and pace yourself, and voila! You work closely with the Executive Director, in my case the indispensable Becky Mansfield; you trust God; you plan everything out, and it goes extremely well.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Titanic reception and took time to tour the new exhibit. I was moved to tears by the humanity and lost potential; and also how well it was done.

We got red-hot updates on AAD business from the President, Dr. Richard Scher, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. June Robinson. Dr. Sorrel Resnik will be the next AAD President-elect, who has expressed an understanding of those issues important to the AOCD to members of the Executive Committee. I have sent letters of support, respect, and cooperation to Dr.'s Scher and Ron Wheeland, and will also do so to Dr. Resnik.

Cindy Hoffman's Great Cases Symposium was challenging, and reinforced one of the dictums I was taught in the Army - I hope I never become a great case! I thoroughly enjoyed Jim Del Rosso's Therapeutic Symposium, whether it was Dr. Shear on drug eruptions, Dr. Lebwahl on psoriasis, former AAD President Dr. Sam Moschella on systemic therapy, or our own Dr. Jim Del Rosso on medication hot points; the pearls were thicker than the oyster bed!

The resident's symposium offered the opportunity for the future of our college to strut their stuff. There were indeed some stellar presentations! To their credit, very few of the residents were just going through the motions. Most were studied, polished, and learned in the area of their presentations. Those who attended were generally rewarded with thorough scholarship.

It was an honor for me to spotlight three of my trainers: Gene Conte, DO; Arnold Schroeter, MD; and Jere Mammino, DO. They did not disappoint! Dr. Conte has long been interested in the skin/eye link, and favored us with his knowledge. Dr. Schroeter built on Dr. Monticciolo's framework about Pyoderma Gangrenosum (he spoke in *Dialogues in Dermatology* on this subject, April 1999), and then favored us with his treatise on infectious eczematoid dermatitis. I have already put the things I learned in those two lectures to use! Jere has done tremendous work on the AOCD website and also has done the picture quiz for years on the mock

boards, and was kind enough to share those things with us.

Dr. Bernice Krafchik from Toronto challenged us with great cases in Pediatric Dermatology. I found her a delight! Such practical insight and therapeutic ideas she gave! Dr. Tina Alster favored us with her expertise in lasers. Dr. June Robinson gave a great lunch lecture on melanoma. More solid, practical information was exchanged.

It was my pleasure to welcome my fellow Koprince Award winner, Dr. Bob Signore, to talk about his research in Candida Albicans Immunotherapy of Warts. Bob had a poster session at the AAD meeting in San Francisco, and was featured in *Dermatology Times* on the subject.

I decided to challenge our membership with two new areas: Dr. Caroline Scott-Koblenzer of Philadelphia spoke on the psychocutaneous interface with great clarity and skill. Dr. Robert Orr, a family practitioner and medical ethicist from the University of Vermont spoke on medical ethics, and I think I heard more comments about this talk than any other. We were hungry for this teaching.

I want to say what will, I am sure, be a few unpopular things. We are professionals, and should act like it in lectures. People are in and out, with the distraction of lights and so forth. Many of the trips were absolutely unnecessary, judging by how short a time people were outside of the room. Our speakers are being paid to share their expertise and should be respected. Secondly, our residents' symposium should be attended with the same vigor and respect as any other. They are the future of the AOCD; you remember how you felt when people did not come or got up to leave when you started speaking. A Past President of the AAD and the Chair of Dermatology at Mayo Clinic sat through the lectures and offered comments and questions. Should we do less? Lastly, year after year we have some of our best speakers Wednesday morning, and year after year, they speak to a room about one-third full. I know we are all busy and have offices and lives to get back to. Can't you spare three days twice a year? I know these things can't always be avoided, but often they can. Thanks, I feel better having gotten all of that off my chest.

My sincere prayer is that this was as good an educational experience for you as it was for me. I also hope it has whet your appetite to get involved and put together a better meeting than I did. Go ahead. You can do it!

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Young, DO, FAOCD  
Program Chair, Orlando AOCD 2000

# At the Conference



*Brooks Walker, DO, AOBBD Chairman received a framed copy of the new AOCD poster from Bob Schwarze, DO, AOCD 2nd Vice President.*



*Dr.'s Jim Young, Matt Leavitt and Craig Ziering (far right) receive congratulations on their fellowship status from their residency trainer, Gene Conte, DO, FAOCD.*



*Dr. Richard Miller, Trustee, presents Dr. David Esquerra with the first Connetics award for residents participating in the website clinical review program.*



*Dr. Jim Young, President, presents Dr. Greg Papadaes with the outgoing president's gavel.*



*Dr. Brooks Walker with retiring AOBBD member Roger Byrd, DO.*



*Ronald Miller, DO, Jere Mammino, DO, and Bob Schwarze, DO take a break during the Executive Committee Meeting*



*Stanley Skopit, DO, Cindy Hoffman, DO, and Jim Young, DO, program chair for the 2001 Midyear Meeting, 2001 Annual Meeting and 2000 Annual Meeting respectively discussing their meeting strategies.*

# At the Conference



*2000 Oclassen Award Winners (left to right)*

*Thomas Burke, DO*

*Barbara Cortez, DO*

*Natalie Monticciolo, DO*

*John Neumyer, Oclassen representative*

*Deborah Daly, DO*

*Mark Horowitz, DO*

*Neal Walker, DO*

*Koprince Award Winners (left to right)*

*Mark Horowitz, DO*

*Kathy Balazs, DO*

*Greg Neily, DO*

*Deborah Daly, DO*

*Amy Goldstein, DO*

*Nancy Spinelli, DO*



*Donald Krpan, DO, AOA President addressed the membership at the President's Recognition Banquet.*

## *Congratulations!*

The AOCD Award Committee announced the 2000 Annual Meeting Koprince Award winners at the conclusion of the conference. This year's winners were:

Barbara Cortez, DO - Grandview Hospital

Tiffany Cukrowski, DO - NSUCOM/Sun Coast Hospital

Alka Madan, DO - Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital

Natalie Monticciolo, DO - NSUCOM/Sun Coast Hospital

# Speakers



*June Robinson, MD*



*Bernice Krafchik, MD*



*Caroline Scott-Koblenzer, MD*



*Richard Scher, MD, AAD  
President and keynote speaker for  
2000 Annual Meeting*



*Robert Orr, MD*



*Samuel Moschella, MD*