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Dr. Way Receives AOA Mentor Award

2006 was a busy year for Bill V. Way, D.O., FAOCD. Not only did he begin his term as AOCMD President, but he was selected by the AOA as one of five finalists for the AOA Mentor of the Year Award for 2006. As a finalist selected from more than 200 nominees across the country, Dr. Way received a $1000 cash prize, a certificate of appreciation, a trophy, and an all-expense paid trip to the recent AOA National Convention in Las Vegas. In addition, he was inducted into the Mentor Hall of Fame for the third year in a row.

“Being nominated and selected as a finalist for the 2006 AOA Mentor Award was a great honor,” says Dr. Way. “I was very proud to have been selected as one of the best DO mentors and I encourage other DOs to become mentors to our residents and medical students.”

Dr. Way was nominated by Erik Austin, D.O., MPH, Chief Resident at the Texas Division of the Dermatology Residency Program of Northeast Regional Medical Center. As a part of the nomination process, Dr. Austin wrote an essay providing biographical information and highlighting his mentor’s career. Dr. Way will be featured in DO Magazine in the coming months; excerpts of the winning nomination essays also will be made available.

Upcoming Events

AOCD MIDYEAR MEETING
March 28-31, 2007
Santa Fe, New Mexico

AOCD ANNUAL MEETING
Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2007
San Diego, California

CAQ MOHS SURGERY EXAM SET FOR MIDYEAR MEETING
The Certificate of Added Qualification in Mohs Surgery Examination will be offered at the Midyear Meeting, March 28-31, 2007 in Santa Fe, NM. It will be given at the El Conquistador Hotel. Exact date of the exam will be announced shortly. For individuals interested in taking the exam, please contact Lloyd Cleaver, D.O., FAOCD, at 660-626-2191.

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As President, one of his goals is to have the Executive Committee and the By-Laws Committee review and update the AOCMD constitution, bylaws, and administrative manual. Dr. Way also plans to survey the membership about how the College could better serve them. He hopes to encourage all members to become active participants in the AOCMD. All of these activities support the theme for his presidency: “Commitment to Excellence.”

One key issue Dr. Way will work on is getting the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) to consider changing its bylaws to accept AOCMD Fellows as equal and full Fellows of the AAD. Currently, most AOCMD members can only become Affiliate members of the AAD. He notes that this is an ongoing issue that the College has made progress toward during recent years. “In 2006, the AAD passed bylaws that allowed all osteopathic dermatology residents to be osteopathic graduate members,” Dr. Way says. As such, AOCMD residents are official members within the AAD. “Now, we are working on the AAD to give us equal status for our Fellows, board-certified osteopathic dermatologist by the AOBID.”

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The competition occurs annually and any medical student, intern, or resident can nominate his or her mentor either for induction into the AOCMD Mentor Hall of Fame or AOCMD Mentor of the Year Award.

“Our dermatology mentors deserve nomination for these special, annual AOCMD distinctions,” notes Dr. Austin. To that end, he encourages AOCMD residents to be on the lookout for next year’s call for nominations. Mentor information is posted in AOA’s online newsletter, Opportunities, on the AOA web site at www.aoa-net.org, and in DO Magazine.
Message from the Past President
by Richard A. Miller, DO, FAOCD

My year as President has ended with an excellent meeting in Las Vegas. Our new President, Dr. Bill Way, organized an exceptional program. The social functions were well attended and it was great to see so many of our members in person.

Throughout the year, I worked hard to make an impact in as many areas as I could for the betterment of the College. We have solidified the position of Coordinator for Corporate Development and have seen many new companies joining us as corporate members as a result of Shirley Gottlieb’s efforts.

We have seen an increase in membership through the growth of our training programs in conjunction with our efforts to reach out to those osteopathic dermatologists that have left the College or had never joined the AOCD. We have made some changes to our newsletter by hiring a new editor, Ruth Carol, in our effort to continually improve our product with more informative and broader based articles.

We are reinvigorating our Foundation of Osteopathic Dermatology by putting together a Board of Directors and thereby developing a plan for growth that will enhance the College for years to come.

We have opened up better lines of communication between our committees and membership. As a program director and member of the Education Evaluation Committee, I can say that we have made great strides in our endeavor for the ongoing improvement to our training programs.

Our journal in its place among respected dermatologic literature. I look forward to contributing wherever and whenever necessary to the future growth of our College. I hope to see you next year in Santa Fe and San Diego.

Executive Director’s Report
by Becky Mansfield, Executive Director

2006 was a very good year for the AOCD. The College continues to grow with new student and resident members, as well as new residency programs. The enthusiasm these new members bring to our organization promises a bright future for the AOCD.

A report of activities in the national office since the fall newsletter is summarized as follows:

Mid-year Meeting
Dr. Marc Epstein is developing an outstanding lecture program for the March mid-year meeting in Santa Fe, NM. Housing arrangements at the El Dorado Hotel may be made by calling 505-988-4455. Please be sure to identify yourself as part of the AOCD room block.

Annual Meeting
Dr. Bill Way presented a well-rounded program for our members and guests at the AOCD annual meeting. Attendees enjoyed a program filled with a variety of topics including a coding and billing seminar from Inga Ellzy, a lecture from Dr. Anthony Dixon on treating skin cancer in Australia, and a very informative presentation by Dr. Reagan Anderson on dermatologic treatments in the Iraq war zone.

Education/Residents
We have 86 residents in 20 programs. The Education Evaluation Committee met in St. Louis in September to review all residents’ annual reports and other educational issues. Our new resident coordinator, Marsha Wise, is a great addition to our staff.

I encourage the membership to call, email, or write the national office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the future of the AOCD.

Annual Meeting Review
by Bill V Way, D.O., FAOCD

The 2006 AOCD Convention in Las Vegas along with the AOA Convention October 16-20, 2006 was a great success. A special thanks to all our guest speakers and resident speakers. Without you, it would have not been successful.

The AOCD Program Directors meeting was very productive and representatives from all of our 21 dermatology training programs attended. The residents were tested with the AOCD Resident In-training Exam, which the residents said was very challenging. The AOCD tested several candidates, and we hope they all did well and passed their boards.

The Welcome Party was well attended and was a time to meet new and see old friends. The Presidential Reception and Banquet was outstanding. We awarded many for their accomplishments during 2005-2006. We recognized and thanked our Corporate Sponsors and friends. We recognized our new Fellows and Fellows of Distinction. We thanked and honored Dr. Rick Miller for his outstanding leadership and service as the 2005-2006 AOCD President. Our new 2006 AOCD Officers and Trustees were sworn in. Then I, Dr. Way, was sworn in as your new 2006-2007 AOCD President and I spoke about the goals that I hope we can accomplish this next year: 2006-2007, the Year of Commitment to Excellence.

Our lectures covered topics of Malpractice, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Coding in Dermatology, Great Dermatology Program Cases, Updates in Dermatology, Psoriasis, Tanning, Dermatologic Surgery, Tropical Dermatology, Dermatologic Cases from Iraq, Multiple Great Resident Case Presentations, and a Roque’s Gallery of Deadly Dermal Offenders. Yes, it was a great dermatology convention.

Thanks to all who were able to attend the convention. To those who were not able to attend the convention and to all those who did attend, I hope to see you at our next convention, our 2007 AOCD Midyear Convention in Santa Fe, NM, in March 2007.
Drs. Dorton, Wikas Named Fellow of Distinction

David Dorton, D.O., FAOCD, was the recipient of the Fellow of Distinction Award at the October annual meeting. Dr. Dorton is Assistant Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and Dermatology at Nova Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine/Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Florida. In addition, he is in a private group practice in the Tampa Bay area. About receiving the award Dr. Dorton says, “It is a very gratifying and humbling experience to be acknowledged by your peers for your efforts. But it’s really not about the reward,” he adds. “It’s about giving back to the College, a place that gave so much to me.”

An AOCD member for 11 years, Dr. Dorton served as a trustee for two years and chaired the In-Training Examination Committee for the past three years. He encourages others to get involved in the AOCD because its members are what keep the College running.

Schield Wikas, D.O., FAOCD, who is in private practice at TriCounty Dermatology in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, also received the Fellow of Distinction Award at this year’s dinner. Although he was given the award in 2005, Dr. Wikas was unable to pick it up at that time due to the hurricane.

An AOCD member for 24 years, he has served on both the Education, Evaluating and Program Directors’ Committee. “I consider it a great honor,” says Dr. Wikas of becoming a Fellow of Distinction. “It is fantastic to be in such an unusually accomplished group.”

The honorary title of Fellow of Distinction is conferred on AOCD members who have made outstanding contributions through teaching, authorship, research, or professional leadership to the College. The applicant must submit an application to the Fellowship Committee. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the applicant is voted on by the general membership.

Journal Changes Name

The Journal of Resident Dermatology (JRD) is the new name for the Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. The newly named journal debuted in November 2006.

The name change will enable the journal to pull from a larger audience of residents to potentially publish in it, says Editor Jay Gottlieb, D.O., FAOCD. Previously, the journal was sent to approximately 440 AOCD members and residents. Now, it is being sent to nearly 2,000 individuals, including all DO and MD residents in dermatology programs across the country.

“Touted as a journal ‘published for and by residents,”’ Dr. Gottlieb is optimistic that he can publish the journal quarterly, rather than three times a year, which is how often it currently comes out. As a quarterly journal, JRD may be cited in Index Medicus, a bibliographic listing of references to articles from biomedical journals worldwide. It’s a Catch-22, he says. The journal cannot get cited in Index Medicus unless it is published quarterly. It will not publish quarterly unless there are enough submissions to fill it. Individuals prefer to send submissions to journals that are cited in Index Medicus.

New Newsletter Editor Named

Ruth Carol was recently appointed editor of the AOCD Newsletter. Carol has nearly 20 years of experience writing about healthcare topics for clinicians, healthcare executives, and consumers. She has written extensively on dermatology issues.

If you would like to see a regular feature on coding issues or financial affairs, for example, let us know. To suggest story ideas or write an article for an upcoming issue, contact Carol either by e-mail at RuthCaroll@aol.com, fax at 847-673-3156 or phone 847-673-3154.

Financial Tidbits

by Robert Schwarze, D.O., FAOCD

Last year, more than half of all new (and used) car buyers did some research on-line, representing an 80% increase over 1999 car buyers. My two favorite places to shop are www.Edmunds.com and www.CarsDi rect.com. Both web sites are easy to navigate. The process is similar to buying office equipment. All you need to know is the make and model of car you want to buy and your zip code!

Ever been involved in a credit scam resulting in a “credit repair company” taking your money to repair your credit, but actually doing nothing? There is a “do-it-yourself” credit file correction guide that offers great advice. The guide costs $10. You can order it by calling 619-239-1401 or going on the web site www.financial-educationinc.org.

Like umbrellas? In our litigation-prone society, the higher your net worth is, the higher your risk for a devastating lawsuit. Any individual, such as a doctor, who is perceived to be wealthy is at risk. Protection in the form of an umbrella insurance policy is relatively inexpensive, costing between $100 to $200 per $100,000 coverage. If a verdict supercedes your covered amount, you might be a good option, especially since most insurers offer umbrella policies. As always, shop for the best policy.

Beware of hedge funds! Investors can often make money in this venue. However, unlike mutual funds, which must meet regulatory requirements for disclosure, hedge funds are required only to report to insiders, not outsiders. They are essentially unregulated partnerships, making an accurate picture of their returns nearly impossible. Hedge funds do not have to report their assets to clients or investments to regulators.

Dorton, Wikas Named Fellow of Distinction

The AOCD and its sponsor, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, recently announced the winners of the 2006 Research Competition.

The winners are as follows:

1$ place: Dr. Shafeen Oshtory
2$ place: Dr. Tejas Desai
3$ place: Dr. Erik Austin
3$ place: Dr. Kajie Hanneman
3$ place: Dr. Andrew Racette

Dr. Oshtory is a Resident at the NYCOM/Lutheran Medical Center under the direction of Dr. Cindy Hoffman. Dr. Oshtory's paper is entitled “Utility of Flow Cytometry in the Diagnosis of Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma.”

Dr. Desai is a Resident at the Pacific Hospital Dermatology Residency Program under the direction of Dr. David Morawitz. Dr. Desai’s paper is entitled “The Use of High Frequency Ultrasound in the Evaluation of Superficial and Nodular Basal Cell Carcinomas.”

Dr. Erik Austin is a Resident at the Texas Division of the Dermatology Department of the Northeast Regional Medical Center under the direction of Bill V. Way, D.O., FAOCD. Dr. Austin’s paper is entitled “Capillary Hemangiomas Which Mimic Kaposi’s Sarcoma: A Novel Classification System.”

Dr. Kajie Hanneman is a Resident at OUCOM/UPHS Rich mond Heights Hospital under the direction of Dr. Joan Tamburro. Dr. Hanneman’s paper is entitled “Effect of Topical Vitamin D Analog in In Vivo Contact Sensitization.”

Dr. Andrew Racette is a Resident at COMP/Phoenix Area Dermatology under the direction of Dr. Stephen Kessler. Dr. Racette’s paper is entitled “A Quick Safety Reference for Systemic Medications Used in Dermatology.”

Monetary stipends were given to the first, second, and third place finalists.

The annual competition was announced earlier this year, and AOCD residents were encouraged to submit research papers by May. Each research paper was evaluated by six reviewers from across the country. Eugene Conte, D.O., FAOCD, of Advanced Dermatology of Ohio, developed and directed this program. Congratulations to the winners for their success in the area of research and scientific communication. The AOCD and its residents wish to thank Allergan Pharmaceuticals for its support of this research program.
New Resident Liaison Elected

Kristy Gilbert, a 2nd year Resident at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, under the direction of Lloyd Cleaver, D.O., FAOCD, was elected the 2006-2007 Resident Liaison. Dr. Gilbert was elected by a majority vote of her peers at the October meeting following the in-training examination. Although her election was a complete surprise, Dr. Gilbert is excited about the position.

Residents Update

By Marsha Wise, Resident Coordinator

Hi Everyone!

The Annual Meeting is behind us and now it is time to start planning for the Midyear Meeting to be held in Santa Fe, NM, March 28-31, 2007. Intent to Lecture forms were emailed in October. If you did not receive one, let me know. Please remember to submit all corresponding forms before the deadline.

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Those celebrating December birthdays include Drs. Boris Ioffe, Anita Osmundson, Kristy Gilbert, Chad Peterson, Brian Feinstein, and Bille Casse.

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. I wish you and your family a safe, happy, and healthy one.

Resident Makes Soap Opera Debut

“Big Brother: All-Stars” contestant Will Kirby, a Resident at Pacific Hospital/Western University in Long Beach, CA, made his daytime television debut on the soap opera “The Young and the Restless” in October. Dr. Kirby played himself in scenes with three-time Emmy Award winner Peter Bergman (who plays Jack Abbott). The two men discussed business machinations in the corridors of Newman Enterprises.

Dr. Kirby, 33, was the grand prize winner of CBS’s “Big Brother 2” and was a houseguest on “Big Brother: All-Stars.” He can be seen this spring on “Dr. 90210” on the cable television channel E1.

Dr. Kirby lives in Playa Vista, CA.

NSU-COM/BCMC Residents Keep Fast Pace in Florida

Starting as a preceptorship resident in 1994, Dr. Kirby has been a resident at the Nova Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine/Broward General Medical Center (NSU-COM/BCMC), has evolved into a residency program with a total of 21 graduates to date.

Nine residents are currently enrolled in the program, according to the Director Stanley E. Skopit, D.O., FAOCD. There are three first-, second-, and third-year residents.

These residents see a large patient volume and have exposure to a wide variety of pathology due to the program’s location that encompasses Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood, Florida. Its proximity to and affiliation with Broward General allows the program to offer residents a wide choice of electives in dermatology, says Dr. Skopit, who has served as program director since 1999. “Broward General is a very strong county hospital and as our main teaching hospital offers a variety of challenging cases,” he says.

Two years ago, the program added an in-house Mohs division within its clinic setting enabling residents to get a full week of Mohs surgery training every ninth week.

When not attending the office clinic setting, the residents run both the dermatology and the Bullous Disease Clinic at the Broward Family Health Center under the direction of the Assistant Program Director, Brian Portnoy, D.O., FAOCD, who happens to be the first official NSU-COM/BCMC graduate after its transition from a preceptorship to a residency program in 1994. Residents are able to attend weekly grand rounds at Cedars Medical Center/University of Miami in conjunction with the top lecture/presentation at the annual or midyear ACOCD meeting and sponsored by Stiefel Laboratories.

Several of the residents have had articles published in the Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. For the past two years, the program has submitted an educational poster to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), which was accepted for display at the AAD national convention. One poster reviewed the history of osteopathic dermatology and the other focused on a case report and literature review of metastatic basal cell carcinoma. Last year, the residency program in conjunction with the Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dallas under the directorship of Bill V. Way, D.O., FAOCD, published an article in the December 2005 issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology showcasing the history and evolution of osteopathic dermatology.

Dr. Skopit would like to see the NSU-COM/BCMC program continue to grow academically stronger. To that end, he would like to work with other program directors throughout the country to link all of the ACOCD residency programs to ensure that they are on par with each other academically.

“In the future, I would like to see the residents conduct a major, interactive grand rounds once a quarter via satellite communications,” he says.
What’s On Your Mind?

What’s On Your Mind is a new feature in the AOCD Newsletter. Think of it as a forum to share your thoughts and questions about issues that affect the AOCD membership. Is something on your mind about the field, profession, training, or business of osteopathic dermatology that you would like to share with other members? E-mail your thoughts to Ruth Carol, editor, at RuthCarol@aol.com or fax them to 847-673-3154.

Business Courses Can Enhance Dermatology Training

"The length of time required to finish medical training to become a dermatologist takes a large chunk out of one’s professional life. No less than 12 years, and maybe as many as 14 years, are required to fulfill the requirements of becoming a dermatologist. With all that schooling, not once did anybody give me any training on how to run a business. At times, I feel lost in a business world that revolves around my passion of dermatology. I catch myself reading dermatology journals over medical economics magazines. I can’t believe how ignorant I am in running a business."

As a matter of fact, when I was attending medical school, my wife asked a high-ranking official, “My husband is going to finish medical school, but is he going to know how to run a business?” He stated, “Your husband will not have enough time to study business courses if he is going to survive in the medical arena.”

It appears that many things have not changed. I know of cases in which dear friends of mine have been swindled out of large sums of money, yet continue to work in their passion of dermatology. One friend was swindled out of more than $400,000. He was chastised by the lawyers at the Internal Revenue Service for not keeping a closer tab on his money.

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As is very apparent to me that all the narrow wart assimilate I have learned has been lost along the way. If I am going to be a decent physician in this world, I require diligence and tenacity to improve. The school of hard knocks has taught me that the road to success is always under construction.

Sincerely Yours,
Ronald C. Miller, D.O., FAOCD

New Award to Honor Academic Achievement

A new annual award developed to honor the work of member, James D. Bernard, D.O., FAOCD, was announced at the October annual meeting.

Over the next five years, one resident who exemplifies the ideals displayed by Dr. Bernard will be chosen to receive the James D. Bernard Award of Academic Achievement. Holding the title of Secretary Treasurer of the AOCD for 24 years, Dr. Bernard has witnessed and been actively involved in the exponential growth of the organization. He continues to be a friend and ally to those committees and our growth is immeasurable,” adds Dr. Miller.

"From my first year as a resident twenty years ago, Dr. Bernard was a friend and ally of the residents and he continues to be a friend and ally to the residents of today,” says Dr. Miller. "He has always had an encouraging word and thoughtful advice."

The announcement of the award came as a surprise to Dr. Bernard. "I didn’t know that I was going to get anything,“ he says. "I felt very humbled."

The award was made possible through a grant from the Medicis Foundation in the amounts of $50,000.

Many osteopathic dermatologists have a desire to give back to the profession that has provided them with so much opportunity. As Americans with varied ethnic backgrounds, many take pride in their heritage. Gregory Papadeas, D.O., FAOCD, has found a way to combine the two by hosting dermatology residents from Greece. This arrangement began three years ago when Dr. Papadeas was a guest lecturer at the University of Athens, Department of Dermatology. Since then, he has hosted two senior dermatology residents a year who spend one month learning at the University of Colorado and his Denver-based practice, which consists of 12 dermatologists.

The biggest differences between how dermatology is taught in Greece versus the states are the facilities and structure of the academic programs. The facilities in Greece do not have the state-of-the-art equipment commonly found in the facilities here, says Dr. Papadeas, who has been practicing dermatology for 15 years. "They have good knowledge, but their programs are not as structured as ours," adds the former AOCD President. "The residents really appreciated the variety of clinics and didactic conferences that we held."

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"He is hopeful that spending a month in the states learning dermatology will build a foundation for the residents from Greece to provide outstanding care when they return to their country. "My motivation is to help the dermatology community at-large," says Dr. Papadeas, who personally funds the residents’ trip. "We have so much to be thankful for, here in America, it’s important we look for opportunities to give back. This is one opportunity, I have found to give back within our specialty. It is very rewarding and gratifying."

As if bringing residents here isn’t enough, Dr. Papadeas volunteered as medical director for a camp in Greece last summer. The Ionian Village Summer Youth Camp of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America hosts a camp in the northwest part of Greece on the Ionian Coast, near the Ionian Sea. The camp for junior high and high school students is designed to expose American children of Greek descent to the Greek culture and language. In addition to doing the usual camping activities such as aquatics, arts and crafts, and athletics, the campers visit well-known sites throughout Greece. As it is under the auspices of the church, many of these sites have a historical Christian importance.

"As a Greek who plans to return with his family to Greece while Honoring His Heritage

...the camp next summer. "It will help my kids reach their teenage years," says the doctor. "We are in a position of great opportunity and wealth here in America, "Dr. Papadeas concludes. "Any way we can help our fellow man is always a blessing."

Editor’s note: “Giving back” is a concept that we hear a lot about in the osteopathic dermatology community. If you are involved in any volunteer work, we would like to write about it. Your story may inspire others to do the same. Contact Ruth Carol at 847-673-3154 or email her at RuthCarol1@aol.com.

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"He is hopeful that spending a month in the states learning dermatology will build a foundation for the residents from Greece to provide outstanding care when they return to their country. "My motivation is to help the dermatology community at-large," says Dr. Papadeas, who personally funds the residents’ trip. "We have so much to be thankful for, here in America, it’s important we look for opportunities to give back. This is one opportunity, I have found to give back within our specialty. It is very rewarding and gratifying."

As if bringing residents here isn’t enough, Dr. Papadeas volunteered as medical director for a camp in Greece last summer. The Ionian Village Summer Youth Camp of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America hosts a camp in the northwest part of Greece on the Ionian Coast, near the Ionian Sea. The camp for junior high and high school students is designed to expose American children of Greek descent to the Greek culture and language. In addition to doing the usual camping activities such as aquatics, arts and crafts, and athletics, the campers visit well-known sites throughout Greece. As it is under the auspices of the church, many of these sites have a historical Christian importance.

"As a Greek who plans to return with his family to Greece While Honoring His Heritage

...the camp next summer. "It will help my kids reach their teenage years," says the doctor. "We are in a position of great opportunity and wealth here in America, "Dr. Papadeas concludes. "Any way we can help our fellow man is always a blessing."

Editor’s note: “Giving back” is a concept that we hear a lot about in the osteopathic dermatology community. If you are involved in any volunteer work, we would like to write about it. Your story may inspire others to do the same. Contact Ruth Carol at 847-673-3154 or email her at RuthCarol1@aol.com.
Santa Fe: A Cultural Mecca for Midyear Meeting

Make your plans early to attend what is expected to be a memorable event: the Midyear Meeting slated for March 28-31, 2007 in Santa Fe, NM. Notable dermatologists will be presenting informative lectures scheduled through the morning, leaving afternoons open to experience the splendor of this ancient city nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains where the Pueblo, Spanish, and Anglo cultures interweave the old with the new creating a rich, often mystifying effect.

Santa Fe is a world-renowned art center with more than 200 art galleries in the city alone, as well as a wide range of entertainment from opera and dance to theater and music. Much of what Santa Fe has to offer is located within the historic downtown area, what Santa Fe has to offer is located within the historic downtown area, just as the Museum of Indian Art and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology presents the diverse stories that illuminate the art and history of Native America through two millennia. The Museum of International Folk Art houses the world’s largest collection of traditional folk art from around the world. Just as the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture provides a fascinating and informative orientation to the American Indian cultures of the Southwest, the Folk Art Museum does the same for New Mexico’s Hispanic culture.

The Museum of Fine Arts is the state’s oldest art museum featuring more than 20,000 works of art from the Southwest. The Georgia O’Keeffe Museum houses the world’s largest permanent collection of the artist’s works. The Georgia O’Keeffe House is the artist’s 7,000-square-foot adobe once off-limits to the public now available for viewing by appointment.

Outdoor Activities
For those with outdoor recreation in mind, Santa Fe is surrounded by more than 1.3 million acres of National Forest and public land, which offer opportunities for fishing, camping, and hunting within easy reach.

- Hiking, biking, kayaking, backpacking, mountain climbing, and cross-country or downhill skiing are available at the Santa Fe Ski Area. Take a hike through Tent Rocks, a park with ancient rocks that have been shaped by centuries of wind and rain into mysterious tent-like objects.
- In late March or early April (depending on the snow conditions), the area’s best mogul skiers and snowboarders compete in the annual Gladfelter Bump competition just 16 miles northeast of Santa Fe. The Snowboard Championships include jumps, half-pipes, and a slalom course that draw snowboarders from throughout the region. Spectators are welcome. However, getting on the course will require a lift ticket and ability to ski or snowboard.
- White water rafting and wind surfing are also available. Golf, tennis, and even bird watching are other ways to enjoy the typically sunny, temperate days, which in March means a high of 69°F and a low of 29°F. Be sure to bring sunscreen and apply it often because even in cool temperatures, the intensity of the sun’s ultraviolet rays at the high altitude require protection.

Local Culture & Art
To soak in some local culture, take a living history tour, or visit a museum or art gallery.

- The El Rancho de las Golondrinas is a vivid recreation of the area’s 18th and 19th century history complete with an 18th-century plaza house (a home built around a patio with thick walls and defensive towers) a water-powered mill, a blacksmith shop, and school house. The El Zaguan is a long, rambling Territorial style house long regarded as one of New Mexico’s showplaces.
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Shop & Dine
Shoppers in Santa Fe can find a wide range of retail opportunities from galleries, jewelry stores, and unique clothing shops to shopping centers and flea markets.

- Most shopping is centered around the historic Plaza area with smaller areas on Canyon Road, Guadalupe Street, and Second Street.
- Cerrillos Road is the main arterial highway with many larger and national chain stores located there. Shopping centers include De Vargas Center, Santa Fe Place, and the Santa Fe Outlets.
- Explore the traditional Native New Mexican cuisine in all its forms and subtleties. Additionally, the city is home to a host of Italian, Chinese, Sushi, Thai, Indian, Organic, Mediterranean, French, and Vegetarian restaurants.
- The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce provides a list of member restaurants at www.santafechamber.com.

A major center for alternative healing, Santa Fe offers a number of bookstores, lectures, and workshops.

Evening Events
Among the events being planned is an evening reception to be held at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum on March 29. The museum, which displays drawings, paintings, pastels, sculptures, and watercolors that O’Keeffe produced between 1916 and 1980, will also serve as the backdrop for a dinner.

AOCD to Celebrate 50 Years

The AOCD will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2007. Look for articles that highlight the College’s accomplishments over the last 50 years in upcoming issues of this newsletter.
Website Visits Soar
by Jere Mammino, D.O., FAOCD, Internet Committee Chair

For the first time ever, the number of visitors to the AOCD web site (www.aocd.org) will be more than three million for the calendar year 2006. That figure is up from the approximately 2.1 million visitors in 2005. More than 95% of the individuals visiting the web site view the Dermatology Disease Database section. This is a testament to the wide use of the Internet for health information.

Given that the disease database has received so much attention by the public, a top priority for next year will be to expand the list of diseases, as well as update the original listings created five years ago. The new members of the Internet Committee, which will be responsible for making this upgrade, are as follows: Drs. Aaron Bruce, John Hibler, Alika Madan, Bryan Sands, and James Towry.

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Position available in Northern VA. A family-oriented dermatology practice in a suburb of Washington DC is seeking a physician to join a staff of 2 physicians. The practice involves general and cosmetic dermatology including lasers. The position is part-time initially with potential for full-time. E-mail inquiries/resume to info@excelderma-tology.com or fax to 703-827-7011. Inquiries/resume to info@excelderma-tology.com or fax to 703-827-7011.

Dermatology opportunity in Chicago, IL. Excellent, full-time or part-time opportunity to join a busy, well established, four-dermatologist practice in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology (lasers, nUBV and PUVA) with opportunity for Moh’s. For more information, contact katana@pol.net.

Dermatology opportunity in Florida. Dermatology opportunity for a board eligible/board certified dermatologist in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. Top salary and bonus package with attractive benefits offered. Immediate partnership available. To apply, please contact Gregory Papadeas, D.O., FAOCD, at 303-368-8611 or my3kouklas@frii.com.

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Practice Opportunity in Denver, CO. Group of 12 dermatologists seeking to add another! We offer a broad base of medical, surgical, and cosmetic patients. P/T or F/T with superior compensation and benefits. Beautiful, 4-season climate. Please contact Gregory Papadeas, D.O., FAOCD, at 303-368-8611 or my3kouklas@frii.com.

Connections Keep Companies Collaborating with College

What leads corporations to collaborate with the AOCD? Sure, there’s the obvious benefit of having their products and ideas gain exposure at the College’s meetings. But that’s not the whole picture.


“For us, it’s the AOCD’s positive, can-do attitude. That’s what attracted and motivated us to work with the AOCD,” notes Bernhard Schefter, PhD, President and CEO of Intendis, Inc., in Pine Brook, NJ. The US subsidiary of Schering AG entered the dermatology market in 2000 and began collabora-tions with the College the following year.

The AOCD may be small in numbers, but not in attitude. When Intendis was evaluating the derma-tology market, it looked at the various professional organizations. The AOCD membership stood out as a knowledgeable, flexible, and creative group of dermatologists, says Schefter. “We figured out right away that the AOCD is a fast growing organization in dermatology.” Currently, Intendis is a corporate sponsor and annual meeting sponsor. In 2005, the company began sponsoring the newly established Intendis Mentoring Grant, which provides residents an opportunity to study with a leading expert.

“It is a very valuable dermatology organization that had been overlooked in the past not knowing enough about its infrastructure and philosophy,” says Bentely, whose company has worked with osteopathic specialists, mostly in family medicine. “Osteopathic derma-tologists shouldn’t be ignored because they have a different medical approach. They are physicians who are very valuable in the education and prescribing of dermatology medicines.”

Dorothy Germino, Medical Educa-tion Manager at Coral Gabler, FL-based Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., which has been collaborating with the AOCD for more than five years, echoes these sentiments. “The AOCD is an important member of the dermatology community,” she says. Stiefel has provided support for educational grants, meetings, the resident textbook, and the Koprince Award.

The College has a lot to offer in the way of education not only to its members, but industry, as well. Collabor-ating with the College is a way to demonstrate Stiefel’s commitment to the field and learn from the member-ship, says Germino. It’s an opportunity for Intendis to gain further insight into future trends of the dermatology specialty, adds Schefter.

Moreover, the AOCD membership has been very receptive to developing industry relationships, says Bentely, whose company predominantly supports educational initiatives at the midyear and annual meeting. “They’ve embraced industry to help us understand how we can be a better resource for them, their patients, and the College,” he says. “It’s an extremely friendly and sincere group.” Having one person serve as the corporate contact helps streamline the process, says Bentely, adding that not all organiza-tions are that efficient.

In addition, the meetings afford an opportunity to connect not only with academic dermatologists, but the resi-dents and office-based dermatologists, he notes. “The meetings have a very intimate feeling,” says Bentely. “The physicians make themselves available. They dialogue with us and take the time to include us.”

It’s that kind of connection that makes corporations want to collabo-rate with the AOCD. Schefter concludes, “As we grow as a company, we also want to continue to grow and support initiatives with the AOCD and its residents.”
Speakers Lining Up for Midyear Meeting

The list of guest speakers is almost complete for the Midyear Meeting. Guest speakers slated to speak during the 3-day morning half sessions (between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.) include the following:

James Del Rosso, D.O.
Topic: Latest Trends in Dermatology

Layne Nisenbaum, D.O.
Topic: Fillers

Eugene Conte, D.O.
Topic: Urticaria

Abel Torres, M.D., J.D.
Topic: Medical/Legal Issues

Gerald G. Kruger, M.D.
Topic: New Treatments for Psoriasis

Theodore Rosen, M.D.
Topic: To Be Determined

Tony Barrett, M.D.
Topic: Dysplastic Nevi in 2007

Eric W. Baum, M.D.
Topic: Acutane Update-2007

Ronald Hansen, M.D.
Topic: Pediatric Dermatology-2007

Christopher Sartori, M.D.
Topic: Herpes Update-2007

Mark S. Nester, M.D., Ph.D.
Topic: Non-invasive, Minimally Invasive Light Therapies

See page 12 for more details.