



Message from the President

When I was flying to Miami for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) and writing this column, I wondered why Miami's weather had been in the 70's and 80's earlier in the week and now rain and highs in the 60's was in the forecast. So much for a warm and sunny break, but the AAD meetings of the past always seem to bring foul weather.

I thought I would give you a few AOCD tidbits. First of all, thanks to all involved in making our Midyear Meeting in Winter Park, Colo., a success. To Program Chair and First Vice-President, Rick Lin, D.O., FAOCD, who with the help of Second Vice-President Alpesh Desai, D.O., FAOCD, put together a terrific program. Not only did we have several great guest speakers such as Whitney High, M.D., lecturing about bugs and Lisa Swanson, M.D., discussing pediatric dermatology (just to name a few), our residents did a fantastic job with their presentations. And speaking of outstanding residents, congratulations to the Koprince Award winners for the Midyear Meeting: Aleksandra Brown, D.O.; Leilani Townsend, D.O.; Geeta Patel, D.O.; and Stacy Rosenblum, D.O.

I would be remiss if I left out our wonderful national office staff for their contributions in making our meeting run smoothly. Thank you to our Executive Director, Marsha Wise, and her staff, Shelley Wood, John Grogan, and production/IT guru John Wise.

Another congrats goes out to our AOBD Chair Stephen Purcell, D.O., who has recently been nominated to serve on the AAD Nominating Committee. This is a major position on an important AAD committee and Dr. Purcell will serve us well. Also, I want to congratulate the 30 AOCD members who passed the AOBD board examination taken in San Diego last year. You now qualify to be a Fellow of the College, so please contact the AOCD office to verify your status.

I recently attended the Board of Osteopathic Specialty Societies (BOSS) meeting in Chicago with our Executive Director and BOSS representative Bob Schwarze, D.O., FAOCD. Much of the discussion was about the possible merge with the AOA and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. AOA Executive Director John Crosby, D.O., was present and reminded us all that discussions are still in the early stages and there are still many questions to be answered about this possible merger. A big thanks to Dr. Schwarze for his dedication to being our BOSS representative for the past several years. Bob will finish his term this year, and Bradley Glick, D.O., FAOCD, will take over that position in 2014.

Looking ahead to our Annual Meeting in Las Vegas this coming October, Program Chair and President-Elect Suzanne Sirota Rozenberg, D.O., FAOCD, has put together an excellent meeting. The meeting will start on Tuesday, Oct. 1, with lectures beginning that morning, the AOCD Business Meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., followed by the President's Celebration later that evening. More lectures will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. This year's OMED will be at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino Convention Center.

On the political scene, I have recently teamed up with AOA President Ray Stowers, D.O., sending letters to state representatives in Nebraska, Hawaii, Maryland, and Washington State with the hopes of passing legislation against the use of tanning beds for minors.

So as I make it to Miami, even though the temperature outside is winter for this area, a glimpse of sun through the clouds reminds me that spring will soon be here. I wish all of you well and hope that spring 2013 will be a great beginning.

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New Staff Member Joins AOCD Office

The next time you call the national office, the new friendly voice you hear on the other end belongs to Jami Johnson, the new Administrative Assistant. She joined the College this past January.

Her responsibilities include assisting in all office duties with a primary focus on updating membership data.

Mrs. Johnson holds an administrative assistant certificate from the Kirksville Area Vocational Technical School. Previously, she was a receptionist at Northeast Missouri Health Council's Family Health Clinic. Prior to that, Mrs. Johnson worked as a pharmacy technician.

"I look forward to all the new experiences I will have at the AOCD and working with a great team," she says.

Mrs. Johnson is married and has two children; Nora, 5, and Trae, 3. She resides in Kirksville.



Osteopaths Shine on National Stage as PCOM Residents Win DermPath Bowl



Left to right: Drs. Soro, Lewars, Oram and Groysman

Residents from the Lehigh Valley Health Network/PCOM program, under the directorship of Stephen Purcell, D.O., FAOCD, won this year's DermPath Bowl at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) held last month in Florida.

The winning team members are as follows:

- Tatyana Groysman, D.O., third-year resident
- Marie Lewars, D.O., third-year resident
- Christian Oram, D.O., second-year resident
- Luis Soro, D.O., second-year resident

"This is quite a proud moment for our residency program as well as osteopathic dermatology," Dr. Purcell noted. "Our residents were outstanding! They developed a system to help each other and were able to handle the pressure as they progressed through the competition. It was simply an amazing performance!"

"The allopathic dermatology community can no longer claim superiority in terms of dermpath when you have an osteopathic program that takes down the likes of Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, and other ivy league programs," noted Michael Morgan, M.D., Managing Director, DermPath Diagnostics Tampa, Atlanta and Pensacola, who has run the DermPath Bowl at the AAD's annual meeting since it debuted in 2007. "It really opened the eyes of the allopathic leaders in dermatology that the osteopathic dermatology residency programs have arrived."

Forty-eight residency program teams from across the United States and Canada competed head-to-head in this single elimination dermatopathology competition. Equipped with microscopes and clinical history only, each competing team diagnosed two cases. The declared winners advanced to the next round. The champions took home a \$5,000.00 unrestricted educational grant.

For those who want to know what all of the buzz is about, you will have an opportunity to find out as the DermPath Bowl will return this year to the AOCD's Annual Meeting to be held in Las Vegas. It's only fitting that the DermPath Bowl makes its return to the College at this meeting as it debuted at the 2008 Las Vegas Annual Meeting.