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Message from our Chair:



Richard Simman, MD, CWS,
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Chair

The second issue of our journal has now been published and I hope that you enjoyed reading it. We are proud of our accomplishment and look forward to our next step in our ultimate goal of having a highly ranked indexed journal. Your comments and feedback are appreciated. We look forward to your participation in this process of making your journal, The Journal of The American College of Certified Wound Specialists, the premier periodical publication on wound care.

Our regional directors program continues to grow. In the last month the California chapter has held a successful meeting at USC, the Wisconsin chapter held a meeting in Milwaukee with over 35 participants and the Ohio chapter held their 6th meeting with over 30 participants.

The Education Committee of The College is in the final stage of finalizing the application for recognizing wound centers of excellence. The application should be available in the near future. We will keep you updated through our webpage and newsletters. The physician examination committee of the AAWM has completed the exam review. The first examination on wound care for physicians will be administered this year. The new title will be CWSP (Certified Wound Specialist Physician). Again the goal of this process is to elevate the standard in wound care amongst physician wound care providers. This will ultimately improve patient quality of wound care and safety.

We are proud to announce our nomination of Dr. Garit Mulder, DPM as The College Honorary Fellow of this academic year. Dr. Mulder is a Professor in Surgery and Trauma at UCSD. His contributions to wound care, both clinical and research, is well recognized in the wound care community.

Our coming up membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin and Wound Care in San Antonio, Texas this October. I encourage you to attend the meeting to network and socialize with your fellow wound care colleagues and show your support for The College. Volunteers are needed to serve on The College committees. If you have the time and the knowledge to serve your College please contact David Abts at dabts@theccws.org. Enjoy the summer and be safe.

Regional Director Report: California



Rose Hamm, DPT, CWS,
FACCWS

Wound care specialists from Southern California met at USC-University Hospital on May 9, 2009, to learn, network, and support wound management as a medical specialty. Organized by ACCWS Board Member Rose Hamm and hosted by KCI, Inc., the event brought over 20 clinicians of multiple disciplines together to hear Carrie Sussman, SPT, motivate and inspire with "Reflections of Twenty-five Years of Wound Management" and to learn about "Advances in Negative Pressure Wound Therapy." The informal venue with a buffet lunch was conducive to sharing challenges, successes, and knowledge related to difficult wound diagnoses. The group unanimously agreed to continue the Regional Meetings quarterly, preferring to meet at host facilities on Saturday mornings. Topics of interest identified for future meetings include silver technology, collagen biological dressings, biophysical agents, compression bandages, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Our thanks to the supportive staff of The College and to KCI, Inc., for their help in making this first Regional Meeting possible. Anyone interested in participating or helping to organize the next meeting in August should please contact Rose Hamm at rhammpt@msn.com or 323-442-8831.

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Marketing, Exhibit, and Industry Committee Report



Donald E. Mrdjenovich, DPM, CWS,
FACCWS.
Chair of the Marketing, Exhibit,
and Industry Committee
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of the Board of Directors

Values are multi faceted. All of us place different values on different aspects of our lives. Noticing a recent marketing campaign demonstrating different values for the same items by a large financial institution the value of the ACCWS came to mind. The value of the ACCWS for some may be added credibility, others professional pride or self-preservation. Then there are those still in a state of dormancy that place it on the 'someday' list. Of course when one associates with premiere wound specialists who take the extra step to become Fellows of The College one can only think credibility, professional pride, self-preservation of one's hard earned credential. In addition, it is up to each of us who have taken that extra step and put forth the extra effort to get those dormant colleagues to turn 'someday' into today.

The College is in an interesting position in the wound world and overall health arena. We have so much to offer our Fellows, other health care professionals and the public at large. The vast majority of our members are the top wound specialists in their professions. Scores of our projects are under way and numerous amounts have already developed into recognizable entities. The task at hand for our membership, however, is to continue marketing through word of mouth, symposium exhibits and building bridges with industry members.

The Marketing, Exhibit and Industry Committee strives to promote The College mission to let our voice be heard and to assure financial viability well into the future. We look to build relationships with industry in a collaborative and educational manner. Our ultimate goal is to be 100% self sufficient with financial support coming from our membership. These efforts are challenging during our foundation building phase of growth. The growth potential is only limited by the efforts and dedication of the current and future ACCWS members. Our strength is based on the fact that we are a membership organization that requires possessing a credential that is recognized for a body of knowledge tested through an examination process. It is independently sought and obtained through our own individual efforts and motivation. It is only natural to be proud of our accomplishments. It takes an extra step to champion ones credential by supporting the one membership organization that works to advocate for you. There is no other organization that has the CWS and CWCA credentialed wound specialist's interest as its top priority. Simply said our organization can move mountains if every CWS and CWCA jumped on the wagon to assist our efforts.

You may have noticed the donation requests within our communications. It costs real money to bring you services. Cost are incurred in circumstances as simple as calling the membership director with your questions, checking out the website to see what is currently being offered in the education arena, not to mention the programs that are supporting your reimbursement issues, regional directors meetings, and organizing and publishing of a premiere Journal. There is still so much more your College can do in the future.

The first step toward championing the goals of The College is involvement. Invest in your credential and future and join this committee or one of the several others offered by The College. Donate your time, talent and treasure. Fellows as they say 'brother can you spare a dime?' If every current member donated a mere 10 cents a day (\$36.50 per year) The College could build those financial reserves that are so important to survival. How many of us have wasted this much money just in purchasing things we thought we needed but end up in a drawer somewhere? Please consider donating in addition to your dues. Another method is to bring on more members. Promote the importance of membership and encourage your colleagues to join. One final suggestion is to promote The College to those industry members with whom you may have affiliations. It may be that your industry "friends" would sponsor a Regional Directors educational meeting or consider membership in the Corporate Advisory Council (CAC). The CAC is a valuable tool for The College not only monetarily but also in building relationships and allowing the voice of the Fellows to be heard in the 'think tank' style discussions and other related services.

The College will be exhibiting at the SAWC Fall Conference and we are working on our schedule of exhibits for the next year. We are confident that our current and future members will value the ACCWS as an entity that should and will be held as an extremely worthy aspect toward ones daily professional development.

Welcome 2009 New Fellows:

Erin Alexander, CWS, FACCWS
Sandra Aronson, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Joseph Bergstrom, DO, CWS, FACCWS
Vincent Bianca III, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Michelle Broers, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Karen Brown, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Elizabeth Camp, BSPT, MSPT, CWS, FACCWS
Alan Coulson, PhD, MD, FACS, CWS, FACCWS
John Deacon, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Charles Dennis, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Ronald Discenza, MD, FACP, CWS, FACCWS
Susan Easton, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Philibert Fluck, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Robert Galasso, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Alvin Halili, BS, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Kari Harrison-Carrel, RN, CWCA, AACCWS
Gustav Ibranyi Jr., BS- DPM, CWS, FACCWS
Barbara Isaacs, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Paolo Jimenez, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Dennis Kathcart, RN, ACHRN, CWS, FACCWS
Daniel Keane, DPM, FAFAS, CWS, FACCWS
Kathleen Kelly, MD, CWS, FACCWS
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Judith LaJoie, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Denise Levy, DPM, CWS, FACCWS
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Biddy Smith, BSN, CWS, FACCWS
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Michael Yutzy, DO, CWS, FACCWS

JACCWS: Third Issue is available



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ACCWS NEWS

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As the activities of The College increase, we are looking to all the ACCWS members to volunteer time to the committees of The College. This is your College and we need you to help us to continue to grow and succeed. If you are interested in any of the following Committees, please contact David Abts at dabts@theccws.org.

Education Committee:

Investigates and develops educational activities for Fellows, establishes frameworks for educational programs targeted to the wound care profession. Chair Jayesh Shah MD, CWS, FACCWS.

Marketing, Exhibiting & Industry Committee:

Establishes marketing and exhibiting avenues for the ACCWS to promote its mission to the wound care community and beyond. Chair Donald Mrdjenovich DPM, CWS, FACCWS.

Membership Committee:

Establishes new methods of reaching out to CWSs and CWCAs to join the ACCWS and work with Regional Directors in putting on events in their area. Chair Richard Simman MD, CWS, FACCWS.

PAC Committee:

Garners opportunities to advertise directly to a specific target market and to provide research in the political arena. Chair Staci Roberts MPT, CWS, FACCWS .

Provider Relations Committee:

Raises the awareness of the presence of an advanced level of wound care practice with the opportunity to provide awareness of "Best Practice Care" facilities. Chair Aimee Garcia MD, CWS, FACCWS.

Regional Director Report: Ohio



**Erin Kelly, RN,
CWS, FACCWS**

The Ohio region of the American College of Certified Wound Specialists held their sixth meeting in Dayton, Ohio on May 27th. Planning for the meeting began as early as March of 2009. Once the pharmaceutical representative has confirmed support, the work gets underway. If the company is large enough to offer a grant application process, then the plan to secure continuing education credits is initiated.

Details for the management of a meeting include location selection, speaker availability and determining topics of discussion. Once finalized, an announcement is sent to all Fellows via e-mail from The College.

Our May meeting was well attended by many area wound care professionals which was possible through local networking of the regional Director, Erin Kelly. Continuing education credits were offered for physicians and nurses. The meeting began with an introduction and summary of The College organization and concluded with both speaker and Cubist Pharmaceuticals acknowledgements by Erin.

The Regional Directors have agreed to commit to hold two meetings per calendar year. Two other regions have held their first meetings, in Wisconsin and California. Other directors are in the planning phase of meeting development.



**Above:
Meeting Attendees**

**Below: Speaker Dr.
Burdette**

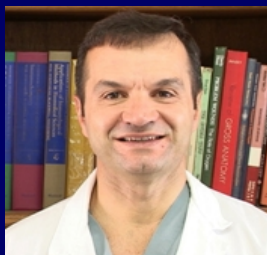


ACCWS NEWS

**ACCWS Headquarters
Update:
2009 Honorary Fellow**



Dr. Gerit D. Mulder, DPM,
MS, HFACCWS



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Complimentary Copy of
*WoundSource***



Doctor Gerit Mulder is Director of the Wound Treatment and Research Center at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. He is a full time faculty member in the Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma/Burn and Professor of Surgery and Orthopedics. Doctor Mulder has been involved in research, education and clinical treatment related to tissue repair and chronic wounds for over 25 years. He is an internationally recognized speaker, clinician, and researcher and has published extensively in numerous medical journals and books. Currently he is on the editorial board of "Wounds" and "Advances in Wound Care". He is extensively involved in national and international education related to wound treatment.

WoundSource: The Kestrel Wound Product Sourcebook will be mailed to all members this July as a result of a new collaboration between ACCWS and Kestrel Health Information, Inc. *WoundSource* has been published annually since 1998 and contains summarized, reviewed and comparative information on over 1200 wound care products. Diane Krasner, PhD RN CWCN CWS BCLNC FAAN, is the Clinical Editor of *WoundSource*. Woundsource.com is the online version of *WoundSource*

Back to Basics: An Introduction to Wound Care:

The College is offering "Back to Basics: An Introduction to Wound Care" in partnership with Anne Arundel Community College Main Campus located in beautiful Arnold, MD.

Where:

Anne Arundel Community College
101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012-1895

Please Note: This Course is being held on Main Campus in Arnold MD, and not the Glen Burnie Campus.

When:

October 17, 2009

Back to Basics serves as an excellent one-day refresher course for professionals who feel they could use a tune-up in Basic Wound Care. This course is designed to provide healthcare practitioners with an overview of current wound healing practices and technologies. Participants will gain knowledge of clinically useful information that can be supplied in the management of patients with various wound types.

You may also earn three hours of your continuing education credits needed as part of the CWS/CWCA annual re-certification. This course has also been approved by the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for 0.6 CEUs and the Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice for 6.25 contact hours or 0.6 CEUs.

For a complete description of the course and course fees, visit [the registration website](#) or call (410) 777-2325. For general questions (not registration) about the course, contact Pat Barnhart at (410) 777-2939.

Please visit [our website](#) for more information on our various ACCWS endorsed wound care prep courses.

