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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON:
RICHARD SIMMAN, MD, CWS, FACCWS



REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT
ERIN K. KELLY,
CNP, CWS, FACCWS
Ohio Regional Director

Dear Fellows of The College: We continue to make progress in achieving our goals. I would like to give you an update on our achievements in the last few months.

We are delighted to announce that Elsevier, one of the largest medical publishing companies, has accepted to host and endorse our journal which will be issued for the first time in January 2009. Subscription to the journal will be included in your annual fellowship dues. I would like to thank my colleague, Dr. Steve Abraham for his hard work and dedication with this project. A special thanks also goes to Elsevier for their support. This will be your journal and we encourage you to send us your papers for review and potential publication.

Our regional Directors continue to offer regional meetings to provide education to the wound care community and increase membership. See Erin Kelly's Regional Director Report for a summarization of the activities for the Ohio Region.

Dr Neil Sharpe, Medical Director of the wound center at Norton Suburban Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky was nominated the Honorary Fellow of The College for the year 2008 in recognition of his contributions to wound care and support to The college.

The Back to Basic course held in Texas was a success and more courses are being planned for Boston and Altoona, PA in the near future. An advanced wound care course is being developed for those in clinical practice and who will be preparing for their future recertification examination. We will be holding our membership meeting at the clinical symposium in Las Vegas on October 29th and I look forward to your participation.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support to your College which is the only multidisciplinary membership organization representing professionals certified in wound care.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Simman,
MD, CWS, FACCWS
Chair, Board of Directors
The American College of
Certified Wound Specialists

Back in April 2007, Dr. Simman approached me with the concept of developing a Regional Directors role for The Colleges membership committee. The goal for creating this role is to increase membership, promote educational programs, and personalized networking. The achievement of this goal will produce a broader and greater membership through more personal and more frequent contacts. Many national professional organizations have either state level affiliates (e.g. National Quality Organizations) or in some cases, multiple regional affiliates within a state (e.g. Healthcare Executives and Advanced Practice Nurses Assoc.). As our evolution continues, we strive to increase our membership and educational opportunities.

Work began with a teleconference with The College leadership to brainstorm on the role and responsibilities of the Regional Director. Participants then personally contacted The College members to discuss the role and recruit Regional Directors. In July of 2007, letters of confirmation were mailed to interested Fellows from the membership committee chair, Dr. Simman. In August, existing Regional Directors were assigned to cover the 50 continental states.

The first Ohio Regional meeting was held in September 2007. A pharmaceutical representative

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REPORT, cont.**

sponsored the meeting and the speaker. Invitations were sent out via electronic mail to all Fellows and CWSs. Meeting notices are also posted on the ACCWS website. In addition, follow-up phone calls were made to personally extend invitations to the aforementioned. The Ohio Regional Director and Dr. Simman also welcomed wound care professionals in the medical community and workplace to promote both The College and the Academy. Two additional meetings were held in February 2008, and May 2008. Attendance increased with dedication and persistence. A significant accomplishment for the last meeting was the continuing education credits offered to physicians and nurses. This was made possible through collaboration with a local hospital's continuing education department.

Additional teleconferences were lead by Dr. Simman to offer support and momentum to Regional Directors. Our goal is to provide quarterly meetings with educational credits throughout the Ohio region. Please keep your e-mail addresses current with The College and Academy in order to receive meeting notices and invitations. Our next meeting is planned for this September. I would welcome any comments or questions regarding the Regional Directors role.

Kind Regards,

Erin K. Kelly, CNP, CWS, FACCWS
Ohio Regional Director
erin.kelly@wrightstatephysicians.org

**HEADQUARTERS STAFFING CHANGES
Chris Murphy, Executive Director**

Effective July 1, 2008 Becca Dietrich will assume the position of Executive Director of The College. Becca has been working "behind the scenes"

for the last few months to get up to speed on The College activities and initiatives. Becca has a Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Nonprofit Management and a Certificate in Association Management from George Mason University and is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Allegheny College with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies.



Becca Dietrich

Becca comes to The College with over 10 years of association management experience having served in a number of executive management positions.

David Abts will continue to serve as the Director of Membership Services and I will continue working with The College in a management advisory and oversight role.

Please join me in welcoming Becca to the American College of Certified Wound Specialists.



**12th Annual
Wound Care
Congress**

September 25 - 29, 2008
Gaylord Palms™ Resort
& Convention Center
Florida

For more details visit
<http://www.woundcare.com>



**Third Annual
Wound Care
Symposium**

Beneath the Surface: In-depth Focus
on Cutting-edge Wound Care from
the Foundation Up

September 26, 2008
Doral Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort
Miami, Florida

For more details visit:
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**Pressure Ulcers
in an Era of
Increased
Accountability:
Meeting the Challenge**

October 3, 2008
The Millennium Centre

For more details visit
[http://com.etsu.edu/default.asp?V_SITE_
ID=15](http://com.etsu.edu/default.asp?V_SITE_ID=15)

CALLING ALL FELLOWS OF THE COLLEGE!!!

**ACCWS Annual Membership
Meeting and Reception**

October 29, 2008
Rio All Suite Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV

Meeting: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Reception: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Please visit our website for additional information
<http://www.theccws.org>

**Clinical Symposium
on Advances in Skin
& Wound Care**

October 27 - 30, 2008
Rio Hotel & Casino,
Las Vegas, NV



**ACCWS
Sponsored CWS
Prep Course**

October 26 - 27, 2008

ACCWS sponsored CWS Prep-Course
being held at the 2008 CSASWC
in Las Vegas, NV

For more details visit
<http://www.theccws.org/course01.html>

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE AUTHORS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS



Steve E. Abraham, DPM, CWS, FACCWS
Authors and Research Committee Chair



Luther C. Kloth, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Education Committee Chair

The Authors and Research Committee is proud to announce that the Wound Care Journal of the ACCWS will publish it's first issue in January of 2009. This is a peer reviewed journal that will be indexed. For instructions on submitting manuscripts please contact the Editor-in-Chief via email at accwsjournal@theccws.org or see the ACCWS web site for details. The submission process will be an on-line procedure through Elsevier Publishing Company. Peer review of manuscripts will also be expedited through a state-of-the-art on line review process.

The Education Committee is collaborating with the Authors and Research Committee to build an educational and resource website. The site will include a chat room, a message board, a medical-pedia and other educational resources. The chat room and message board are operational now and their links can be found on the ACCWS "Fellows Only" portion of the web site. The educational resources will contain a list of ACCWS endorsed wound courses, "what do you know" wound quizzes and more.

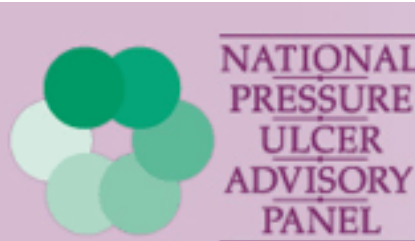
This is an exciting time for the ACCWS. Please consider submitting manuscripts on wound care related topics for publication in our Journal. We will accept original research (in vitro, in vivo, human subject), review articles, new procedures, and case studies.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Staci Renea Roberts, MPT, CWS, FACCWS

Senators Baucus and Grassley introduced a Bill (S. 3144 - Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Acquisition Reform Act of 2008) to delay the medical equipments bidding program. Please visit The ACCWS website for more information on the proposed legislation.



The College has joined the Collaborating Organization Council of the NPUAP

For more details visit <http://www.npuap.org>



2008 Honorary Fellow Dr. Neil Sharpe
Pictured from left: ACCWS Chair Richard Simman and Honorary Fellow Dr. Neil Sharpe.

Wound Care 101 Presentation

August 28 - 29, 2008

Tan Tar-A Resort
Osage Beach, Missouri

For more details visit <http://www.theccws.org/pdf/Synergicare.pdf>

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CERTIFIED WOUND SPECIALISTS (ACCWS) IS PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

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