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MAINTAINING OUR MOMENTUM IN 2007

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"The Council that's on the Move!"

Dear Members,

As we move into 2007 the Executive Committee will be continuing hard at work for the membership. Following a highly successful 2006, once again we have a very aggressive agenda to highlight and position this specialty and its members as leaders in not only our profession, but also with regard to a national presence with organizations such as OSHA. Keep in mind, however, that the Executive Committee is here specifically for you with single main objective - that being to help you to become successful in your own efforts to practice within this specialty of chiropractic occupational health. Let us know how we might best do that.

In recent weeks we have updated the website, and have begun putting together a membership package (see pg. 3) which will include valuable information concerning press releases and much more to help you better highlight your accomplishments within each of your own communities.

We have also contacted many of the chiropractic colleges to investigate the possibility of starting student ACA occupational health clubs or organizations, investigate other continuing education opportunities for our member doctors, and lastly to look for other avenues to create awareness about the postgraduate Diplomate program. You can order the sessions by order form on page 4, or by going to the website of Northwestern Health Sciences University at <http://www.nwhealth.edu> and clicking on the continuing education link. The first three sessions are available for sale now with the remainder of Phase 1 to become available for sale right after the New Year.

We continue to work with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as an equal participant relating to the development of the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME) guidelines. Dr. Mike Megehee, a member of the Council's Executive Committee, has been nominated for

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the role of Chief Medical Examiner for the FMCSA. In addition, I have been interviewed and quoted in an upcoming article for the national publication “Inside OSHA”, concerning our role with prevention of injuries, and interestingly, the treatment and prevention of the most common injuries among our nation’s military personnel. There’s more...

In the early part of next year we plan to work with the American Board on Chiropractic Occupational Health (ABCOH) to finalize our continuing education certification and re-certification requirements. The Council will move forward with efforts to develop a strategic alliance with OSHA, and as well work to increase efforts for greater awareness for this specialty by providing articles for chiropractic magazines and journals. There is a lot to get done but the Council has the right people to effectively accomplish Council priorities.

In closing, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to those who continue to work so hard for each and every one of our members. The members of the Executive Committee are some of the hardest working and dedicated professionals I have ever worked with in my many years of being a member of this great chiropractic profession. So, my hat is off to each one of you!

We are indeed “A Council on the Move”!

May the holidays bring all of you great peace, joy and happiness, and may we all be successful in whatever we do in 2007.

Sincerely,
David Thorpe, DC, DACBOH
President, ACACOH

PHASE 2 – DIPLOMATE PROGRAM: CHIROPRACTIC OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & APPLIED ERGONOMICS

Northwestern Health Sciences University is offering the second year, Phase 2. Speakers, dates and topics are:

October 7-8, 2006: Theodore Oslay, DC –
(session completed)

November 4-5, 2006: Rob Scott, DC –
(session completed)

December 9-10, 2006: Steve Yeomans, DC, DACBOH – (session completed)

January 6-7, 2007: Mr. Brian Halliday
“Accident and Injury Prevention - Worksite Hazards Analysis”

February 10-11: Rosie Ward Ph.D.:
“Workplace Wellness”

March 10-11, 2007: Elizabeth L. Auppl; Steve Hollander; Dawn Soleta; Joseph J. Sweere, DC, DACBOH
“Returning the Injured Worker to the Workplace” (titles per individual speaker vary)

April 14-15, 2007: David Gilkey, DC, DACBOH; Joseph Sweere, DC, DACBOH; Michael Bawek, DC
“Preliminary Field Study Reports for Class Participants Interested in the DACBOH Certification”

May 5-6, 2007: Steven Baer, DC, DACBOH
“Forensic Considerations in Occupational Health and the Functional Capacities Evaluation”

June 2-3, 2007: Dr. Stacy Thornhill
“Physical Rehabilitation of the Injured Worker”

July 7-8, 2007: Scott Bautch, DC, DACBOH
“Identifying and Responding to Employers’ Needs”

Contact Northwestern Health Sciences University at 952-888-4777, ext. 249 to learn more or visit the web site at <http://www.nwhealth.edu>.

PHASE ONE (1): You may order the DVD set for Phase 1 by using the order form on page 4 of this publication. Questions should be directed to Diana Berg or Jennifer Bell at Northwestern Health Sciences University by calling (952) 888-4777, ext. 249. **See page 4 (below).**

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION PROMOTES CHIROPRACTIC TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

*Submitted by Kristen Whinnett,
Florida Chiropractic Association*

The Florida Chiropractic Association (FCA) once again participated in the annual symposium of the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute, promoting the profession to the thousands of claims adjusters, rehabilitation professionals, attorneys, case managers and physicians attending the August 13-16 event in Orlando, Florida.

Gisela Rodriguez and Kristen Whinnett, the FCA Insurance/Legal Liaisons managed the FCA exhibit and coordinated a first-ever lecture on Chiropractic. The conference was held at the beautiful Orlando World Center Marriott, offering a vast array of educational classes, and opportunities to network with individuals in the workers' compensation insurance and legal industries.

The conference offered creative and informative classes designed to educate the conference participants on the ever-evolving changes in the workers' compensation law at the state and national levels. It seemed that every aspect of workers' compensation and safety were topics of discussion for everyone. The conference attendees also had the honor of hearing Mike Ditka, a pro football Hall of Fame member since 1988, as the event's keynote speaker. He is known in the sports world for his gritty approach to winning and he leads by his code word "ACE: Attitude, Character and Enthusiasm." Charged with these ACE qualities, his talk generated the same for his listening audience (including some good laughs).

The FCA provided a booth in the exhibit hall where information on effective use of chiropractic for work-related injuries was disseminated to interested attendees. On August 15, 2006, the FCA presented its first sponsored break-out from 3:00-5:00 p.m., conducted by leaders involved in the FCA's Insurance Relations Committee. The topics discussed were as follows:

"Chiropractic Treatment Patterns: What Does the Data Say?" - Daniel Dodd, D.C.

"Effective Chiropractic Case Management: Reducing Disability Time & Cost of Claim" - William Nevius, D.C.

"Getting Injured Workers Back to Work" - Bruce A. Hansbrough, D.C. and Debra Hoffman, D.C.

"Is There Reluctance of Using Chiropractic Medicine in Workers' Compensation?" - Sissy Kammer of Nogar & Associates; and,

"What Cases Would be an Effective Referral to Chiropractic Physicians?" - Hector Pagan, M.D. and Oregon K. Hunter, M.D.

A question/answer period concluded the presentation. Gisela Rodriguez, J.D., prepared the presentation and handout materials, doing an outstanding job in getting everything ready for the conference-goers. Truly a team effort by the FCA committee and staff personnel, it was a resounding success, one that will be continued and expanded for the coming years.

Council "PERMCO" Membership Initiative: New, Improved!

You've heard of it – PERMCO – but wondered what it is. Simply stated – it's a new, improved membership package. It includes:

Promote and Position (members in areas of occ health locally, nationally). Receive a Media Release to submit to local media throughout your annual membership. Submit it to your local newspaper(s) especially.

Educational opportunity for DCs to acquire the knowledge needed for working with industry. The Diplomate program is available now by distance learning and other continuing education opportunities are available at various times for "Occ-docs", some counting toward re-certification for Diplomates.

Resources – Council Members already may enjoy discount prices on resources. Request the enclosed catalog of resources from the International Academy of Chiropractic Occupational Health (IACOHC); Council members get the same discounts on resources as IACOHC members do. Email eauppl@charterinternet.com for catalog.

Mentoring opportunities will be coming soon – learning from those who are successful. Learn from experts in the field – TBA soon. (If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact Vice President Dr. Fred Raschke at drfred@execpc.com to learn more.)

Communicate via an enhanced newsletter, announcements, and dissemination of news. Increased quality of membership newsletter, and increased number of announcements to you throughout the year.

Opportunity for you and your Council alike to have a presence at various occ-health and safety events around the nation and in your local community.



NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Occupational Health and Applied Ergonomics Diplomate Program DVD Order Form 36-Hour Introductory Module* \$275 for each 12-hour Session

Session 1: The Role of Chiropractic in Occupational Health Current statistics show that most of the injuries that occur on the job involve the neuromusculoskeletal system. Who knows how to prevent and treat these conditions better than anyone else? You, the chiropractor. Find out how you can translate your chiropractic skills into prevention and improved clinical case management of work and non-work related disorders. Discover how corporations are rapidly expanding a more conservative, prevention-driven approach to workplace health and wellness. **Joseph J. Sweere, DC, DABCO, DACBOH, FICC**

Session 2: Learn How to Promote Services with an Emphasis on Industrial Relations Discover what it takes to create profitable relationships with business and corporate employers. Real-world examples and proven techniques will be explored. **Scott Bautch, DC, DACBOH**

Session 3: DOT Drug Testing and Alcohol Screening Certification and DOT Physical Exams. You will become certified for official recognition to perform U.S. Department of Transportation screenings for your industrial clients and the general public. Discover how quickly and easily you and your staff can add this service to your practice and how by providing one of these services opens the doors for providing a host of services to industrial clients. **Elizabeth L. Auppl, CDSP/T, CASP/T; and Joseph J. Sweere, DC, DABCO, DACBOH, FICC**

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Check with your state licensing board(s) for approval of distance learning toward license renewal credits. The DVD format is approved by the ACBOH so you can earn hours toward the diplomate.

*** To order the complete Phase 1 package – contact Diana Berg or Jennifer Bell at 952-888-4777 ext 249. Diana or Jennifer can give you the details as well as the pricing for the package.**