Dear WHS Members and Colleagues,

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Wound Healing Society and Symposium on Advanced Wound Care in Denver is only a few days away! I am looking forward to welcoming you and sharing exciting science and fantastic networking opportunities among our WHS members and friends. The Program Committee, chaired by Sashwati Roy and Aamir Siddiqui, has done a wonderful job coordinating with the SAWC to provide a program that appeals to all our members.

Of specific note is the fact that they have designed a stand-alone meeting for a day and a half for our members where we can discuss “hard core” science and cutting-edge research. Just like the Good Old Days!! Then we will join in with the SAWC and have our WHS track. In addition, the Wound Healing Society Foundation has initiated an annual Thomas K. Hunt Endowed Lectureship that will begin this year. And remember to renew your membership in WHS to get the discounted meeting rate plus the journal and all of the other member benefits.

Thank you for your continued support and membership in the Wound Healing Society and come join in the celebrations to commemorate our 25th Year Silver Anniversary in Denver, the Silver City. Please feel free to contact me at rdiegelm@vcu.edu. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and suggestions.

See you in Denver!

Cheers,
Robert F. Diegelmann, Ph.D.
President of the Wound Healing Society

Don’t forget to visit http://www.woundheal.org to get all the latest news — and renew your membership if you haven’t already.
From the Editor
By Manuela Martins-Green, University of California-Riverside

Farewell

As I bid farewell as editor of the WHS newsletter, I want to take the opportunity to thank the WHS leadership for giving me the opportunity to serve as the editor for the last three years. A year ago, I decided that I would only be able to remain editor of the newsletter for one more year. Now, here we are a year later and I am writing my last editorial piece. It is not without sadness that I do so. We have had many challenging times along the way, but also many rewarding times, especially when we see the final product.

I say ‘we” because this type of endeavor can only come to fruition through teamwork. I want to express my thanks to Luisa DiPietro, then incoming President of the Society, for being encouraging and supportive when I proposed a newsletter with broader scope. We have moved from a short write-up to a more elaborate and informational piece. This was only possible because of the enthusiastic response of those of you who contributed to the content and the continued support of Presidents Harriet Hopf and Bob Diegelmann and the WHS Board of Directors. Thank you is also in order to Crow-Segal CEO Phil Pyster, who was initially the support person for the newsletter and put the process in motion, and to staff members Bobby Davis and Lane Wadsworth. Both Bobby and Lane played a vital role in the design and appearance of the newsletter and did it all in an invisible manner.

As I reflect back on the several years that I have been serving the society in various capacities, being the editor of the newsletter has been one the most rewarding activities I have engaged in. In every letter we have highlighted the Society achievements, the achievements of our members through awards and honorary mentions, the annual meeting program, featured a special contemporary topic, profiled one of our members, added an article on a specific issue that the membership might want to know about, and included advertisement for those who have contributed to the society monetarily. As evidenced by the content of the last few newsletters, the society is prospering -- the membership is engaged and the leadership is providing new directions.

I am very pleased that Dr. Dayanjan Shanaka Wijesinghe has accepted the invitation to serve as the new editor for the newsletter. Shanaka, as he is known by most, obtained his PhD from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine in December of 2008 under the mentorship of Charles Chalfant. His thesis work was focused on bioactive lipids involved in inflammation and the development of bioanalytical techniques to investigate their activities and functions. Following his doctoral studies and as a NRSA Postdoctoral Scholar under the guidance of Bob Diegelmann, he applied his knowledge towards the study of lipid mediators in wound healing. Thereafter, as a Career Development Award recipient, he transitioned to the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center as a research scientist to continue his studies on wound healing as it relates to veterans.

Currently Shanaka is leading the group developing systems-level lipidomic analysis at VCU School of Medicine while continuing his research in lipid mediators of wound healing. His goal is to develop multiplex methods that will allow the development of targeted treatment strategies for chronic and difficult-to-heal wounds based on multi-parametric biochemical data. Shanaka has already made many important contributions to the society, and I now look forward to many interesting issues to come under the able leadership of our new editor.
One thing that has not changed about biomedical research over the years is that “success requires that the person be able to do good research, make discoveries, and publish in recognized journals.” Accomplishing these goals always has been and always will be among the greatest challenges for every scientist, junior and senior. With that in mind, a junior scientist may be defined as a graduate student involved in dissertation research, a post-doctoral fellow, or someone who is in his/her early career stage in either academia or industry (1).

Accordingly, scientific research involves three principal activities: (i) bench research which includes research designs, experimentation, data collection and analysis, and reporting, in either oral or written form; (ii) research collaboration; and (iii) research funding. The degree or effort for each activity may differ depending on the training or career stage of junior scientists (see Figure 1).

Here, we give a rough estimation of the proportional research activities matching each career path or research rank with the level of research activity, collaboration, and funding required to support that career path. The effort required across career paths remains relatively stable regardless of the area of science; i.e., basic or translational science, clinical science, or behavioral and social science.

When a postdoctoral fellow or an academic career scientist is asked nowadays the question: “What is the most pressing issue in the person’s career or career training?” the frequent answer is “research funding.” When digging a little deeper, the root cause of the issue appears to be, essentially, that greater research effort is required to accomplish science projects and to obtain grant funding to support research. The latter is weighed down further by the increasing number of applicants competing for what is currently a relatively stagnant or decreasing pool of grant funding in proportion to the number of scientists.

Concerning research effort.

We are facing a knowledge explosion in science that parallels the advancement in instrumentation. Accordingly, the range of biomedical research expands from genomics to gene regulation, to protein expression and proteonomics, all the way to computational and systems biology and therapeutics, and extends into the behavioral and social sciences, each with subdivisions that are increasingly finely defined. Such breadth, as well as detailing in research disciplines, is reflected in graduate programs of most universities, which demand that each scientist under training not only know in depth their specific discipline, but also to be informed of what the discipline implies in the broader context of biomedicine.

One good example of how this might impact one’s career training path is the choice of postdoctoral training by Justin Hall, PhD, a Postdoctoral...
Fellow, who graduated with a degree in Chemistry (Medicinal Chemistry) and a minor in Physics. There were three major types of institutions for Justin to choose from for his postdoctoral training: academic, national laboratories, and private industry. Justin decided to accept a postdoctoral training opportunity in the R&D environment of a major industrial company. The environment affords him the depth as well as the breadth of training in biomedical science while avoiding the pressure of grant applications to finance the research. Nonetheless, the well-known facts of a career in industry are the limited freedom in choosing research topics of one’s interest and career tenure.

The number is on the rise of junior scientists under training and on the way to career independence.

Data from the NSF (National Science Foundation) “Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates” (which includes all sources of support, not just National Institutes of Health (NIH) and surveys US degree-granting institutions about their US- and foreign-trained PhDs) show that the vast majority of basic biomedical postdocs are supported on federal research grants, and this number has grown considerably over the past decade. It parallels the growth of basic biomedical graduate students on research grants and the increasing number of PhDs granted in biomedical science in the US over the past decade. In fact, the steep increase in the number of biomedical PhDs awarded began in 2004, and reflects an increase in graduate enrollments that began with the doubling of the NIH budget from 1999 to 2004.

In addition, there has been an influx of foreign-trained postdocs that comprise about two-thirds of the total postdoc population. Apparently, there is increasing pressure to obtain grant support for research, not only because of the rising population of applicants, but also because of the current economic environment.

Sources of research funding.

Training grants from institutional, private, and public sources are available on a competitive basis. To mention a few, the Extramural Funding Office of NIH is implementing recommendations and the identified needs of the scientific community by extending the F30 (individual fellowships for pre-doctoral training which lead to a dual degree) and F31 pre-doctoral fellowship programs to most NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs). The other source of postdoctoral support that has been growing over the last five years is nonfederal support, defined as support from state and local governments, institutions, foreign sources, foundations, industry and other private sources.

The NIH “Pathway to Independence” (K99/R00) awards provide postdoctoral researchers a way to achieve an independent research position. In addition, many institutions provide start-up funds to assist and foster career independence, and NIH has historically been more generous on the funding scale for “new investigators” for investigator initiated R01 grants. In view of the current competitive environment, careful evaluation and planning of one’s research effort and career seem essential and prudent.

The followings are major career challenges and considerations for junior scientists, which we have observed, different now from 30 years ago:

1. Graduate Students: What will I do with my degree in science given the scarcity of jobs? Realistically, every student should be considering alternatives, as opposed to the past, when one probably could assume that an academic career path would be available to those who wanted it. Although raising funds for research is generally not an issue for most graduate students, learning how to apply for research grants may be fruitful in the long run.

2. Postdocs: Depending on the answer to #1, the directions and concerns might be quite different; for instance, academic science vs. industry vs. science policy. For the purposes of this essay, assuming the goal is academic science, then challenges for postdocs include the increased time of the postdoctoral period that has changed over the past 30 years from 1-2 years to 5-6 years (with implications for family life) and the need to get funded (e.g. K award) to obtain a job.

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The Wound Healing Society

Blast from the Past: 1998 Annual Meeting
Harriet W. Hopf, MD

The Wound Healing Society Eighth Annual Meeting was held at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City from June 17-20, 1998, and continued the practice started in 1997 of a joint meeting day with the Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society. None of our usually reliable archivists owns a copy of the program from that meeting; I have an excuse—I brought along my six-month-old. I do remember the meeting as having outstanding science and wonderful collegiality. Downtown Salt Lake was easy to get around, the weather was beautiful, and there were even some great places to dine.

A number of familiar names presented abstracts at the meeting (thank you, Wound Repair and Regeneration for electronic archives). In the Clinical Studies and Wound Management Considerations category, Deepak Kilpadi presented an abstract on laser Doppler imaging for the assessment of wound state. George Cherry had several abstracts on venous ulcers and edema. Vince Falanga presented hot off the presses data on the RCT for the human skin equivalent ApligrafTM. Dave Margolis presented data on the value of simple wound measurements vs. planimetry and Diane Cooper and Marty Robson presented work on ease of closure as an endpoint for efficacy. Caroline Fife presented some early database results on cost-effectiveness of compression. Nancy Stotts presented data validating the PUSH pressure ulcer instrument.

In the Laboratory Studies category, Tom Mustoe’s group presented on augmented inflammatory responses and altered wound healing in Cathepsin G -/- mice, the effect of age and ischemia on wound healing. Stephanie Bernatchez presented on histological characterization of a delayed healing model in pigs. Pat

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WHS 25th Anniversary Celebration in Denver
Sashwati Roy & Aamir Siddiqui, Co-Chairs, WHS 2013 Program Committee

Did you know?

• In 1935, the cheeseburger was invented in Denver.
• In 1994, Denver Airport became the largest in the USA at 53 square miles.
• In 2013, Denver will host the 25th Anniversary of the WHS.

If you missed the first two, make sure you don’t miss the third. Time is running out to register for the 2013 SAWC/WHS annual meeting. The program committee is proud to bring to you the annual meeting of the Wound Healing Society, to be held from May 1-5, 2013 in Denver, Colorado at the Colorado Convention Center. It will again be held in conjunction with the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC). This successful collaboration remains the largest interdisciplinary wound care conference, where cutting-edge science and evidence-based clinical care are presented in a single venue.

We continue to attract the best speakers as well as enthusiastic participants.

The program committee has organized the meeting to honor the past, showcase present innovation and develop future breakthroughs. The Wound Healing Society scientific meeting will begin on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, one day earlier than the SAWC. The SAWC meeting will continue for one day after our program formally ends. This is designed to promote a smaller, more intimate scientific program within the setting of the 2,000 attendee larger symposium. This will allow participants to experience all that this annual event has to offer.

Highlights of the Silver Anniversary program include:

1. 25 years of the Wound Healing Society. We will look back at many of the important people and ideas of the WHS over its history. Previous presidents of the WHS will give their prospective on our society’s legacy. The opening lecture on day one will be presented by Luisa DiPietro, who will provide a brief historical perspective on wound research, followed by discussion on cutting-edge current science from her laboratory.

2. WHS Keynote Speaker: Timothy M Crombleholme, MD, a world-renowned scientist and surgeon from the University of Colorado, will enlighten us on the past, present, and future of regenerative wound healing science. Dr. Crombleholme’s clinical investigations include a National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded multicenter trial to determine the best treatment for Twin-Twin Transfusion Syndrome and research on new techniques for open fetal surgery and fetoscopic surgery. His laboratory research includes NIH-funded studies of gene therapy in tissue repair, fetal gene therapy, and the role of the fetal fibroblast in fetal wound healing.

3. Hunt Lecture
   This year, the Wound Healing Society Foundation has initiated an annual Thomas K. Hunt Endowed Lectureship. Dr. Thomas K. Hunt will present the first lecture in this series this year. Dr. Hunt is Professor Emeritus, Director, Wound Healing Laboratory, University of California-San Francisco. Dr. Hunt is one of the founders of the WHS. His legacy includes integral roles of hypoxia and lactate, as well as his numerous protégés within and outside the field of wound healing. Calling him a founding father should not distract from his continued impact on this field.

4. Joint Session with Collaborating Organization. The WHS is proud to announce that this year’s joint session is with the Society of Investigative Dermatology (SID). SID was established in 1937 to advance and promote the sciences relevant to skin health and disease through education, advocacy, and scholarly exchange of scientific information. The topics to be discussed in this plenary session include cell-cell interaction and keratinocyte dysfunction.

5. Young Investigators Plenary Session. This recognizes young, talented scientists submitting the most meritorious Abstracts as judged by a panel of top experts in the field. The top
four candidates will be awarded the Young Investigator Award.

6. **General Plenary Session** miRNA will be the theme of the general session. MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are small non-coding RNAs that hold tremendous therapeutic potential in regenerative tissue repair. Chandan Sen will discuss the role of microRNAs in regenerative medicine. Marjana Tomic-Canic will present significance of miRNA in wound epithelialization and Kenneth Liechty will review the significance of miRNA regulating wound fibrosis outcomes.

7. **Animal Model Roundtable.** The field of wound healing is highly dependent on prehuman testing in animal models. Unfortunately there is little consensus regarding how best to apply the numerous animal model options. This session will be a venue for researchers and interested participants to discuss and define parameters by which a logical and transparent paradigm can be developed to answer questions regarding the appropriate use of animal models.

8. **3M Fellowship Program.** This session highlights both the 2013 3M Fellowship winner as well as a comprehensive presentation from the 2012 winner.

9. **Awards Presentation.** WHS regularly recognizes individuals who have made contributions to the field of study as well as the organization. The awardees range from new researchers starting out to established scientists who have added so much to the organization and the field of wound healing. These awards are presented during the reception and business meeting.

10. **Plenary Sessions (six).** WHS will present new innovative concepts in the field of wound healing sciences. Topics include Omics, Inflammation, Skin Regeneration, Fibrosis, Extracellular Matrix, and Wound Infection and biofilms.

11. **WHS Members Reception.** When the science is done, it’s time to socialize. Don’t worry; we probably won’t put it on Facebook. The reception is a chance to catch up with old acquaintances and make new friends. The Blue Bear Cafe in the Convention Center is the perfect setting for this. The reception follows the business meeting and awards presentations. New awards this year include Junior Faculty and Organogenesis Translational Regenerative Science.

12. **Meet the Mentors Session.** This popular session returns and is designed to network, encourage, and build relationships with young investigators in the field of wound healing. Confirmed moderators include Robert Diegleman, Harriet Hopf, Paul Liu, Jeff Davidson, Luisa DiPetro, Manuela Martins Green, Tom Serena, Joyce Stechmiller, Chanden Sen, Andrew Baird, Laura Parnell, Stephanie Bernatchez, and Barbara Bates-Jensen. Sign up early to reserve a space at discussions that most interest you.

13. **Job Fair.** The annual meeting of WHS is an international gathering of all members of the wound healing community. It’s an opportunity for making professional connections. The Society wants to make these connections easier. We have developed a platform and venue for these connections. Please see advertisement in this newsletter for details. Industry, academic, and health care employers are encouraged to participate. Bring your CV and a firm handshake to the WHS booth and the WHS network room.

14. **5K Walk/Run.** The Wound Healing Foundation in conjunction with the Barbara Bates Jensen Foundation have joined forces to exercise your body while you exercise your mind. We announce the first SAWC/WHS annual meeting 5K walk/run. It’s a good way to prove you conquered the Mile High City. The run on Friday May 3 is open to all level of athlete, from marathoner to couch potato. The race will begin at the Confluence Park at the convention center. Although not officially ending at a watering hole, no one will be prohibited from enjoying the fruits of their hard earned respite. Proceeds will go the Wound Healing Foundation and Wounded Warrior Project to support sponsored research. Please note: the altitude does present some special problems for those not used to it, so consult with Barbara or other race organizers when you get there about how to prepare.

When making your reservations remember that the Denver Sheraton (1550 Court Place) is considered our home hotel but all listed hotels are within easy walking distance to the convention center. We are all busy and saddled with deadlines and commitments. The annual meeting is a chance to relax, recharge, and reconnect. Don’t miss your chance to see it all in Denver May 1-5, 2013. Put your research where people will see it. WHS/SAWC 2013 is the place for cutting edge science.
National & International Meetings

April 23-26, 2013
American Burn Association Annual Meeting
Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, CA
312-642-9260
www.ameriburn.org

May 1-5, 2013
Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Spring Meeting
Wound Healing Society Annual Meeting
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO
http://spring.sawc.net
www.woundheal.org

June 13-15, 2013
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Lowes Royal Pacific Resort, Orlando, FL
919-490-5140/877-533-8467
lisa@uhms.org

June 16-21, 2013
Gordon Research Conference on Wound Repair
Colby-Sawyer College
New London, CT
www.grc.org

October 23-26, 2013
Tissue Engineering International & Regeneration Medicine Society (TERMIS) Fourth World Congress
Shanghai, China
www.termis.org

December 14-18, 2013
American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA
www.ascb.org

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Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Annual Conference
Marriott San Diego Marquis and Marina and the Hilton Bayfront, San Diego, CA
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Kenichi “Ken” Tamama and I were honored to be selected to present at the WHS-JSWH Joint Symposium in Sapporo. Laura K. S. Parnell also attended as a moderator and greatly facilitated our arrangements and communications beforehand and throughout the Congress.

After a few days of sightseeing in central Japan, I was fortunate enough to encounter Laura immediately upon my arrival in Sapporo. Given that Hokkaido was the birthplace of beer in Japan, we felt compelled to conduct pre-meeting research at the Sapporo Beer Museum. In our self-guided tour, assisted by a fabulous diorama depicting how beer goes from the basic ingredients of hops, barley, and water to a tasty golden beverage that is shipped by land and sea, we learned about the history of Sapporo, with an emphasis on beer and agriculture. We concluded with a comparative effectiveness trial comparing Sapporo Classic to Black Label and Kaitakushi (original recipe from the Meiji period). Lunch at the Sapporo Beer Garden consisted of a specialty called a “Genghis Khan” and we were able to add Sapporo Five-Star to our repertoire.

We returned to the hotel in time to meet up with Ken, who had just arrived from Tokyo, and to prepare for the Chair’s dinner. Dr. Ichiro Ono had arranged an “informal” gathering of the WHS-JSWH attendees, including his wife, several of his collaborators, JSWH board members, Laura’s co-moderator Dr. Yoshikiyo Akasaka, and Naomi Inomata, MD, PhD, a plastic surgeon who would also be presenting in our session. We enjoyed an exquisite dinner at the Saveur restaurant, which was just large enough to entertain our party of 10 people. Dr. Ono emphasized his vision of increased collaboration between the societies and mentioned the JSWH session the WHS had hosted in Dallas, Texas three years prior. Towards the end of the evening, Dr. Ono allowed each of us to share our gratitude with the group and our intended goals of increased collaboration. Everyone agreed that discussing wound healing research project ideas was beneficial for the researchers because we push each other to be better, but in the end, the patient benefits the most for more optimal treatment.

That evening and most of the following day we had the winter wonderland that Dr. Ono had promised to Laura. Several inches of fresh snow made for a beautiful day of touring Otaru, a seaport city known for its fishing, glass blowing, and exceptional snowfall (we were just at the beginning of the 260 inches that will fall between now and March!).

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The JSWH meeting runs over a three-day period. The opening reception of the Congress was held at the Royton Hotel and included a buffet and jazz quartet selected by Dr. Ono. This was followed the next day by the 2.5 hour Joint Symposium entitled “From Bench to Home Through Bedside.” Drs. Parnell and Akasaka moderated this English-only session. Representing the WHS, Dr. Lisa Gould presented her research on the Adipose Derived Stem Cell Secretome and Dr. Tamama presented his research on EGR Signaling in Mesenchymal Stem Cells. This was followed by JSWH member Dr. Kyoichi Matsuzaki presenting his research on the use of cultured epithelial autographs for treating vitiligo and Dr. Naomi Inomata presenting her work on the origin and trafficking of fibrocytes. Elof Eriksson, MD, PhD gave the keynote address, describing the past, present, and future of transplantation, including a wonderful account of the history of skin grafting, as well as the state-of-the-art face and hand transplants that he has been involved with at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

A luncheon symposium followed the keynote on the use of bFGF in Japan. Our delegation then attended the JSWH Young Investigators session highlighting the work of seven selected young researchers. The presentations were outstanding and consisted of both cutaneous and organ wound healing. Although this session was presented entirely in Japanese, we were very impressed by these junior investigators’ ability to field our English language questions.

That evening, a video collage of scenes from Hokkaido and a professional dance demonstration complemented the Society banquet. After many photos, “arigatos” and bows, we said sayonara for now. Although the meeting was small and the language barrier constricted our participation, Drs. Ono and Akasaka, on behalf of the JSWH, expressed their sincere gratitude and hope that our collaboration will continue with a repeat Joint Symposium in several years. Our hosts graciously provided a travel stipend, hotel and registration for our four-person delegation, and ensured our participation in both Hokkaido culture and the JSWH annual meeting. We look forward to staying in contact with our new friends and colleagues, and sincerely hope the WHS and JSWH will continue strengthening the ties that bind our societies.
In 2012, Sadanori Akita, organizer of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS), contacted the executive board of WHS. The WUWHS offered the WHS two scientific sessions of any topic and generous meeting expenses support for 10 WHS speakers. In exchange, the WHS would have a global platform and would promote the meeting through e-mails and the website.

Hot Topic Session Speakers: Andrew Baird, Laura K. S. Parnell, Harriet Hopf, Boris Hinz and Tim Crombleholme.

The first WHS session was on “Hot Topics in Wound Healing.” Boris Hinz opened the session with the mechanics of fibrosis: activation of TGF-beta1 by force showing the impacts force has on cells. Andrew Baird followed with sentinel factors, homeostasis and the control of wound resolution, and drilled down into the epigenetics of wound healing. Tim Crombleholme then gave a presentation on the role of endothelial progenitor cells in neovascularization and wound healing and discussed nuances of each. Harriet Hopf then gave a lecture on personalized medicine: What does that mean for wound healing? She also focused on the genetic components we each carry. Laura K. S. Parnell closed the session on the impact of itch on healing and novel modulation mechanisms and explored the characteristics of pruritus.

The second WHS session was on “Systems Biology/ in silico approach.” Bob Diegelmann spoke on the integrative systems biology analysis of critical illness and injury and the modeling used in his lab. Paul Higgins was unable to attend due to a family emergency, but had planned to speak on a systems biology approach to wound healing and fibrosis: from gene discovery to function. Helen Byrne then spoke on the role of angiogenesis in wound healing: a theoretical perspective based on systems biology mathematics. Pat Hebda followed by presenting the dynamic transcriptome of fetal and adult wound healing results from her studies. Paul Liu closed the session by speaking on the mathematical modeling of wound healing - towards an in silico trial.

Systems Biology Session Speakers: Bob Diegelmann, Helen Byrne, Pat Hebda and Paul Liu.

The audience feedback on the WHS sessions has been highly complimentary of the quality and uniqueness of the presentations. Since returning from the meeting, there have been several societies wanting to increase the interactions and collaborations with the WHS and our members. While at WUWHS, WHS spoke with representatives of both developing and industrial countries. Each group has a different perspective and path, but the common goal is to improve wound healing at a clinical level.

WHS Members at the ASC Meeting

WHS-centric discussions take place anywhere there are members, most recently at the Academic Surgical Congress meeting in New Orleans on February 5-7, 2013. Both WHS Awards Committee Chair Ken Liechty and Membership Chair Sundeep Kewani paused for a picture while attending the meeting. Approximately 1100 surgeons attended the meeting.
WHS Elects Three New Board Members

The 2013 election for new members to the Board of Directors concluded on March 15, resulting in the election of three distinguished individuals. We thank everyone who ran for office, as well as all of those members who participated in voting. This process is important to your representation on the Board and we encourage your future participation!

Dr. Olivera Stojadinovic

Dr. Olivera Stojadinovic is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Dermatology & Cutaneous Surgery at the University of Miami. Her entire research career, starting from her post-doctoral training at the New York University School of Medicine, followed by the Hospital for Special Surgery of the Weill Cornell Medical College, has been focused on the mechanisms controlling wound healing. Her work has broken new ground in the field of chronic wounds, defining the first molecular markers of the non-healing chronic wounds. Dr. Stojadinovic's current research interests focus on molecular mechanisms of innate and adaptive immunity in skin, with an ultimate goal to translate new discoveries from bench to bedside. She has been supported by numerous NIH and industry sponsored grants. She has been an invited speaker and lecturer at national and international Meetings. Dr. Stojadinovic serves as a reviewer for several journals including Wound Repair and Regeneration, Journal of Biological Chemistry, Journal of Investigative Dermatology and Experimental Dermatology.

She is an active member of Society of Investigative Dermatology and the Wound Healing Society since 2005. From the first day she joined the WHS, she has taken an active role in WHS annual meetings and currently serves on the WHS Awards Committee and WHS Abstract Review Subcommittee. In addition, she has taken the initiative to develop a Job Fair at this year’s meeting to help match up our members looking for jobs with perspective employers.

Susan W. Volk, VMD, PhD, Diplomate ACVS

Susan W. Volk, VMD, PhD, Diplomate ACVS is an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Volk earned both degrees in the Veterinary Medical Scientist Training Program and did her surgical residency at UPenn before assuming a faculty position in 2007. Her research is focused on the role of the ECM inmodulating progenitor and reparative cell activities during tissue repair and evaluating the utility of adult stem cells to promote regenerative responses.

This NIH, private foundation, and industry sponsored research has basic and translational components, including clinical trials in veterinary patients. Dr. Volk also maintains an active clinical practice and teaches veterinary students, residents and graduate students. She is an active member of several professional organizations and serves as a board member of the North American Veterinary Regenerative Medicine Association.

Since joining WHS in 2005, Dr. Volk has participated in the annual meeting as a presenter, moderator, and/or judge, and has served on the Awards Committee for the last five years. As a Board member, her expertise with animal models, bench and clinical research, scholarly activities related to wound repair and regeneration, and dedication to education will allow her to advance the WHS mission.

Traci Wilgus, PhD

Dr. Wilgus is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology at The Ohio State University. She earned her Ph.D. from Ohio State and completed post-doctoral training at Loyola University Medical Center. She was a junior faculty member at University of Illinois-Chicago before accepting a tenure-track position at Ohio State in 2008. Her lab studies the role of inflammation and angiogenesis...
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in wound healing and skin carcinogenesis, and is particularly interested in scarless fetal healing. She currently receives funding from two NIH grants. Dr. Wilgus is an ad hoc reviewer for NIH and US Army research grants, and a permanent member of the Wound Panel for the Military Infectious Diseases Research Program.

Dr. Wilgus joined the Wound Healing Society as a graduate student in 2000. She served on the Website Committee (2008-2011) and is currently a member of the Awards and Program Committees. For the past five years, she has reviewed abstracts, served as a moderator, and helped organized the Meet the Mentors session for the annual meeting. She frequently reviews manuscripts for the WHS journals Wound Repair and Regeneration and Advances in Wound Care, and sits on the editorial boards for Ostomy Wound Management and Advances in Wound Care.

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Hebda’s group showed data that depth rather than extent of injury is key in supraglottic stenosis. Paul Ehrlich presented data on ECM receptor alterations in a patient with abnormal scarring. Tom Hunt’s lab presented evidence that hyperoxia stimulates VEGF production by macrophages and IGF-1 deficiency limits postoperative adhesion formation. Greg Schultz’ lab demonstrated they could transfec rat skin wound cells in vivo using a plasmid vector, while Tim Crombleholme’s demonstrated adenoairal gene transfer in a model of impaired wound healing. Manuela Martins-Green’s lab showed that an avian chemokine (cCAF) suppressed cell division of chicken embryo fibroblasts but stimulates the proliferation of keratinocytes. Bob Diegelmann’s group presented observations of the effects of TGF-beta-1 on contraction and closure of wounds in the fetal rabbit. David Greenhalgh’s lab looked at changes in MMP-2 and MMP-9 activity in wounds of diabetic vs. non-diabetic mice. Kel Cohen and Dorne Yager were also deep into investigations of proteases.

Jeff Davidson and Lillian Nanney shared an abstract on boosting of EGF receptors with a gene gun. Anie Philip identified expression of TGF-beta receptors on human skin microvascular endothelial cells.

Fifteen years later, we can recognize many of these contributions as the start of a new area of investigation or the crucial expansion of an old one. Some of the words that were unfamiliar at the time are now deeply understood contributors to wound healing. Our obsession with growth factors raged, but there was also the beginnings of a complex understanding of the interplay of factors in wound healing that is maturing today. As we prepare for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Wound Healing Society in Denver May 1-4, it’s fun to think about which of the abstracts presented this year will seem quaint in 2028 and which will have started a revolution.

**Job Fair at WHS/SAWC Annual Meeting**

Another new feature this year is the WHS Job Fair, which provides an opportunity for both PIs and employees to get together in person, share their thoughts and, most importantly, for current trainees to stay in the wound healing field.

Sign-up sheets will be provided at the WHS Registration Desk, Booth, and at the Day One reception.

WHS Job Fair will be located in the Networking Room (#504). A Bulletin Board for both employers and job seekers will be available there.

Olivera Stojadinovic, MD, Research Assistant Professor at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, put the Job Fair together.

See next page for more details

**Charcot Attack Wounds in Foot & Ankle Webinar Now Available!**

If you missed Dr. Panchbhavi’s presentation on Charcot Attack Wounds in Foot & Ankle, now is your chance to see it. The Wound Healing Society makes these videos available to its members. Check it out now, and see what you’ve been missing.

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Friday, May 3rd 1:15- 2:15 pm
WHS Networking room #504

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I have known Bernard Coulomb (born on May 16, 1951) for many years, primarily when he was in charge of a teaching course on fibroblasts and wound healing at St Louis Hospital in Paris. Even if we have not published too many articles together, we regularly discuss not only about scientific aspects but also about meeting organization and training activities.

Bernard is a cell biologist trained at the University of Orsay (Paris XI), who initiated his PhD research at the Curie Institute in Paris. After a stay in the lab of Eugene Bell (MIT, Boston) in 1981, he transferred the technology of skin reconstruction from animal to human and from the US to France. He initially developed human skin in vitro models, which contributed to our understanding of human skin physiology, pharmacology, and pathophysiology. He also demonstrated that these human skin equivalents are useful modular tools for the investigation of wound healing. He observed the important role of dermal fibroblasts on keratinocyte behavior and the modulation of fibroblast functions by both the extracellular matrix and the epidermis.

In parallel, he investigated the possibility of grafting living skin equivalents to patients with giant naevi or burn injuries. These clinical investigations showed that fibroblasts are key elements within dermal substitutes, promoting rapid reorganization of a functional dermis. Although we now take this fact for granted, the concept was revolutionary at the time.

During this period, Bernard joined INSERM (National Institute for Health and Medical Research), where he was in charge of a cell biology research group. Focusing on fibroblasts, he contributed to demonstrate the diversity of this cell family depending on skin location and depth, but also across different tissues. Thanks to Bernard and other fibroblast researchers, we came a long way from considering fibroblasts as one cell type, to recognizing the tremendous heterogeneity of these mesenchymal cells.

In 2006, he seemed to turn his back on skin by leaving the Skin Research Institute at the Saint-Louis Hospital in Paris (where Louis Dubertret served as head of the department). He joined Antoine Lafont at the Georges Pompidou European Hospital--still at INSERM, still in Paris--to develop innovative strategies for arterial repair. He spearheads interesting studies based on the concept of transferring fibroblasts from oral gingiva to increase the repair and remodeling efficiency of other tissues with a healing deficiency. With Antoine Lafont, using in vitro and in vivo animal models, they could validate this concept in the context of arterial aneurism treatment, but also, in the treatment of irradiated burn lesions. So far, teeth did not grow out of the target tissues...

Even if Bernard initially hesitated to join the “research world” and also obtained a diploma of joinery in parallel to his PhD, Bernard is the prototype of a basic researcher. A strength of his research has always been his strong collaborations with clinicians, knowing that these interactions are obviously important to construct “from bench to bedside” projects without forgetting the patients and the legal aspects of clinical investigations.

In addition, his research work led him to participate in and to co-ordinate projects with industrial, clinical and scientific partners sponsored by the European Community. He participated in the development of fruitful exchanges between different countries, and between academia and industry.

Bernard has also profoundly influenced the fate of the European Tissue Repair Society (ETRS). He is a long-standing board member of the Society and was involved in the organization of many ERTS conferences.
meetings. He is co-organizer of the next ETRS meeting in Reims, October 23-25, 2013, so if you want to see him in action in his natural French habitat, you know what to do. In his function on the ETRS board, he contributed to develop and preserve the excellent relation between the ETRS and the WHS. Not incidentally, he is the current basic science editor of the home journal of both societies, *Wound Repair and Regeneration*.

With his wife Hélène (who was also researcher in a private institute, Ipsen Beaufour); his son Martin (born on May 12, 1980), a journalist and associate editor in the *Journal du Golf*; and his daughter Elvire (born on July 21 1985, an architect), they are quite often in the very nice island “Ile de Ré” on the west coast of France, where they have a pleasant house in the village Ars-en-Ré. Even if I regularly decline his kind invitation to visit him in Ars-en-Ré, I can also say that Bernard appreciates seafood, particularly when accompanied with a fruity local white wine. But you can also find him sailing with Hélène on the French Riviera! Finally, I don’t know when he is working!

**Wound Healing Society Foundation - Better than Ever!**

*By Laura K.S. Parnell, Precision Consulting, with comments from Annette Wysocki, University of Mississippi Medical Center*

This year, the Wound Healing Society Foundation is supporting five different activities that will occur before, during, and after the annual meeting:

1. 2013 3M Fellowship Award Presentation, May 1, 11:20 AM

2. Inauguration of the Tomas K. Hunt Endowed Lecture by Thomas K Hunt, May 1, 4:15 PM

3. WRO 5K race, proceeds to WHSF, May 3, 7:30 AM and race party at 8:30 PM

4. Warrior Game Infirmary dressing collection, May 4, 3:00 PM

5. Warrior Game Athletes Wound Care travel swag bags, Colorado Springs

Please join us on, May 1st, at 11:20 AM, for the presentation of the 2013 3M Fellow Award and Lecture. Immediately following the 3M Fellow Award presentation, please join us for the 3M Lecture to be given by Dr. Katherine A. Radek, the 2012 3M Fellow, who will present her research results made possible by the 3M Fellow Award on the impairment of epidermal wound healing responses by the cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway.

Please be sure to attend the inaugural Wound Healing Society Foundation Thomas K. Hunt Endowed Lecture, May 1st at 4:15 PM, given by Thomas K. Hunt, M.D. on lactate, oxygen, and wound healing.

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For the first time, the Wound Healing Society Foundation has teamed up with the OUCH! Bates-Jensen Wound Reach 5K Race at 7:30AM on Friday, May 3rd at Confluence Park. Thanks to the generosity and support of the Wound Reach board and race sponsors, including WHS, race proceeds will benefit the WHSF for the creation of a WHSF clinical research award. Join fellow racers, race sponsors, and the WHSF for a race party at 8:30 PM, May 3rd at the Paramount Café across the street from Lucky Strike! for a relaxing and fun environment with your colleagues.

As part of our awareness and outreach efforts, this year, the Wound Healing Society Foundation has decided to honor the Warrior Game athlete finalists for their athletic efforts while managing their wounds daily. The competitive Warrior Games were created in 2010 for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. The finals of the Warrior Games will be held May 11-17 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs (http://www.usafa.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123329489) the week after our meeting.

The Wound Healing Society Foundation has initiated and led two projects in 2013 that benefit the Warrior Games athletes. The first was made possible by the generosity of select wound care companies exhibiting at the SAWC-WHS meeting and the meeting’s organizers, HMP Communications and the North American Center for Continuing Medical Education (NACCME). HMP and NACCME graciously collected wound care supplies donated from meeting exhibitors for the Warrior Games infirmary. At the meeting, a special thank you sign will display contributing companies’ names, so please make an effort to thank them. On Saturday May 4th at 3PM, the Foundation will meet with the military representatives and present them with the donations.

The second Wound Healing Society Foundation project benefiting the athletes will occur during the Warrior Games in Colorado Springs after most of us have departed Colorado. The Foundation has partnered with Swiss-American Products to provide each participating finalist a wound care travel bag. Swiss-American Products funded the project because, “Supporting the military athletes and the Wound Healing Society Foundation is the right thing to do.”

The Wound Healing Society Foundation was founded in 1999 as the non-profit, charitable partner of The Wound Healing Society, dedicated to improving wound healing world-wide through funding research and education, such as funding the Wound Care Guidelines. The partnership between the Foundation and Society is an ongoing cooperative venture for developing resources to accomplish a vital educational and charitable mission: to advance the science and practice of wound healing. This is accomplished by focusing on awareness, education, and research.

The Wound Healing Society Foundation was formed to enhance the educational and research offerings of the Society and to provide wound patients, researchers, and healthcare professionals the opportunity to make a significant contribution in the critical area of wound healing. Through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and other foundations, the Wound Healing Society Foundation is committed to innovation and excellence as the expanding needs unfold in the 21st century.

To learn how you can donate or volunteer, please contact the incoming President of the Wound Healing Society Foundation Dr. Laura Parnell at l-parnellwhsf@hotmail.com or Dr. Annette Wysocki, the current President, at annettew@nursing.umass.edu or 601-454-6387. We look forward to seeing you in Denver!

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MEET THE MENTORS

A Brief History of a Special Session
By Phil Pyster, WHS Executive Director

The WHS Meet the Mentors session began in 2007 at the SAWC/WHS meeting in Tampa, Florida. This first session was early in the morning in the dark, dank far reaches of the convention center and drew only three attendees!

Since then, the program organizers have made many modifications to the session, moving it to lunchtime in 2008 in San Diego. By that time, we had some terrific mentors established, including Allen Holloway, Lisa Gould, Pat Hebd, Laura Parnell, Harriet Hopf, Alan Wells and more.

That year and each subsequent year, we have been averaging twenty to thirty participants. In Orlando in 2010, we had our first MTM including AAWC mentors. Back in Dallas in 2011, we held the first MTM with a featured guest speaker, at the suggestion of Tai Lan Tuan: Dr. Fred Grinnel from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. This was also the first MTM session promoted heavily as a joint venture of the WHS and AAWC.

In Atlanta in 2012, Dr. Harriet Hopf was the opening guest speaker and the MTM machine was now pretty well oiled, especially with the volunteer support of Traci Wilgus.

For this 2013 session in Denver, the MTM session came together fairly quickly. It still has roadblocks due to timeslot & location, but this year we have an extra weapon—the MTM pin for promotion of the session! We also now routinely have around 15 mentors who participate each year. This year’s guest speaker is Luisa DiPietro, DDS, PhD, WHS Past President and Director of the Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration at the University of Illinois – Chicago.

Meet the Mentors 2013
By Tracy Wilgus, Ohio State University

Friday, May 3, 2013 from 12:30 to 2:15 PM at WHS/SAWC Spring

Attention: students, post-docs, residents, and junior faculty members!

Attend the Wound Healing Society/Association for the Advancement of Wound Care’s “Meet the Mentors” session at the WHS/SAWC meeting in Denver. This session was designed with you in mind! The session will begin with a short talk by Dr. Luisa DiPietro “Cracking the NIH Code: The Grant Application Process Demystified”. Dr. DiPietro is a former Wound Healing Society President and is the Director of the Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration at University of Illinois-Chicago. We will then break out into round table discussions, where seasoned WHS and AAWC members will offer guidance on various career development topics.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to network and get advice from some of the most experienced investigators in the wound healing field. The session will be Friday, May 3, from 12:30 to 2:15 PM in Room 504. Seating will be limited, so mark your calendars now and don’t miss out on the chance to get your questions answered!

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MEET THE MENTORS

Friday, May 3, 2013 from 12:30 to 2:15 PM at SAWC/WHS Spring

Join us for a speaker presentation followed by Meeting the Mentors, who will answer your questions on the topics below.

SPEAKER PRESENTATION (12:30 to 1:00 PM)
Cracking the NIH Code: The Grant Application Process Demystified
by Luisa DiPietro, DDS, PhD., Professor of Periodontics and Director of Center for Wound Healing and Tissue Regeneration, University of Illinois-Chicago

1:00 to 2:15 PM   Concurrent “Meet the Mentors” Discussion Groups

Research Funding
Established investigators will be available to discuss research funding sources, grantsmanship, and how to navigate the NIH grant review process.
Mentors: Chandan Sen, PhD;
Alan Wells, MD, PhD;
Luisa DiPietro, DDS, PhD;
Jeff Davidson, PhD

Career Building
Mentors will answer your questions about the job search process (writing a cover letter, generating a CV, etc.) and provide guidance on how to build a successful career.
Mentors: Harriet Hopf, MD;
Manuela Martins-Green, PhD

Publishing & Authorship
Guidelines for writing/submitting manuscripts for publication and authorship issues will be addressed.
Mentors: Paul Liu, MD;
Robert Diegelmann, PhD

Translational Research & Product Development
Requirements for taking a scientific idea from the bench to the bedside and developing/marketing a new product will be explored in this session.
Mentors: Andrew Baird, PhD;
Stephanie Bernatchez, PhD

Getting Started with Clinical Research
Experienced researchers will offer insights on how to get started with clinical research, including optimizing study design and obtaining institutional approval.
Mentors: Tom Serena, MD;
Laura Parnell, MS

Giving Effective Poster Presentations
Established investigators will answer questions and provide guidance about how to present your research effectively.
Mentors: Barbara Bates-Jensen, RN, PhD

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR MEET THE MENTORS
Government Relations
Robert S. Kirsner, University of Miami

The WHS Government Relations Committee is focused on a long-term goal of increasing NIH funding in wound care. The first part of this effort is to better understand the current funding status for wound care across NIH institutes. We recently submitted the manuscript entitled, “NIH Funded Research for Cutaneous Wounds in 2012,” which reported the number of projects funded by the NIH and from which NIH institutions, as well as their overall dollar amount along with the funding mechanisms. We used search terms and metrics previously decided upon by members of this group, and searching the NIH website.

The next project will be to look at trends of NIH funding over time and the committee output will likely be continued manuscript submissions publication. The work will then begin in earnest to develop a plan to affect funding, and with board approval enact that plan.

If any WHS members are interested in participating, please feel free to contact me at rkirsner@med.miami.edu.

Membership
Sundeep G. Keswani, Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center and Sue Gardner, University of Iowa College of Nursing

The Membership Committee had a very productive year in 2012, with a near record number of new and total members. The Membership Committee aims not only to recruit new members but to ensure that our current members are receiving value for their continued support of the Wound Healing Society. This quarter we are actively working on initiatives to recruit past members to renew their membership and remind them that this is the Silver Anniversary year for the WHS annual meeting, which includes the enhanced basic science format. In addition, we also have crafted a new initiative to encourage our international members to bring their trainees to the annual meeting. There are several advantages of membership, some of which are listed below.

I encourage each of you to spread the word and recruit at least one new member.

WHS Member Benefits Include:

- Full-year subscription of the fully indexed and MEDLINE-listed journal of WHS: Wound Repair and Regeneration
- Networking opportunities in an atmosphere that promotes camaraderie among leaders in clinical wound healing research, industry and health care policy
- Free listing in our wound care clinics portion of the website to promote proper practices and increase patient base
- Discount for color publication charge in Wound Repair and Regeneration
- Forum for presentation of new ideas and research
- Free listing in and use of the online Membership Directory
- Registration Discount to the Annual Meeting
- Free career services
- Access to research grants and fellowships
- Reduced subscriptions to related journals

Guidelines Committee
Robert S. Kirsner, University of Miami

The WHS is updating our guidelines. As most know we currently have guidelines on treatment of Acute and Chronic Wounds (Venous Ulcers, Pressure Ulcers, Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Arterial Ulcers), as well as guidelines on prevention of each of the four common chronic wounds. Since their release over a half of a decade ago, new information has been published. The first revision is ongoing and Pressure Ulcer Guideline revisions are being led by Gayle Gordillo, MD. Arterial Ulcer Guideline revisions are led by Daniel Federman, MD; Diabetic Foot Ulcer Guidelines revisions are led by Larry Lavery, DPM, and co-chaired by David Margolis, MD, PhD; and the Venous Ulcer guidelines revisions are being led by Bill Marston, MD.

Each task force will create a technical report of new research since the release of the prior guidelines. As an example, the report for the Venous Ulcer Guidelines was recently published in Wound Repair and Regeneration. (Tang JC, Marston WA, Kirsner

If you are interested in being part of the task force, please contact either the task force leaders for the specific areas or me at rkirsner@med.miami.edu. The hope is to present the draft guidelines at the annual meeting for comment.

Public Relations
Manuela Martins-Green, University of California-Riverside

In the last couple of months, the committee has engaged in discussing ways to promote the engagement and contributions of junior scientists to the Annual Meeting. We have also worked with the Crow-Segal staff to make the Meet the Mentor session more visible at the upcoming Annual Meeting and made this the topic for our “You Might Want to Know” section of the newsletter, with a click button that takes people directly to a sign-up sheet in the website. Tracy Wilgus, who is heading this session this year, put together a very nice display of the content of the session and Phil Pyster wrote a short historical perspective on the Meet the Mentor session since its inception in Tampa Florida at the 2007 annual meeting. We are now pursuing the possibility that this session be held at a time that is more appealing to the participants, and also to have it listed in the registration so that people can sign up for it when they register for the meeting.

We are currently discussing the possibility of having a WHS/SAWC Press Day at the 2014 Annual Meeting and how we can use press releases to increase the visibility of our scientific accomplishments. The PR Committee is also working on developing a monthly “Journal Club,” which we hope will be done in collaboration with the Website and Education Committees. So StayTuned!

Publications
Luisa DiPietro, UIC College of Dentistry

The Publications Committee continues to review both WHS publications, Wound Repair and Regeneration and Advances in Wound Care, with a goal of providing assistance and suggestions to each Editor in Chief (EIC) in order to improve the journals. The committee is currently working to modify the WHS Bylaws to include requisite and specific quarterly reports from each EIC. Both EICs, Drs. Pat Hebda and Chandan Sen, enthusiastically support this idea.

The quarterly report format is under development, but will include metrics such as average time for review, average time to decision, number of manuscripts submitted, and other quantitative measures. The committee feels that these quarterly reports will allow them to better understand the activities of each journal. This ongoing assessment is designed to allow the committee to better support and advise the EICs on any issues that might arise.

Website
By Andrew Baird, University of California-San Diego

The Website Committee has continued its efforts to make sure that resources are available and user friendly for WHS members. You may have noticed the “new look” of the web site, including our return to the original WHS colors, a clear home page with much of the information culled away, and the inclusion of a hot topics section that outlines the critical activities ongoing in the WHS. These include our upcoming meeting in Denver and some key meetings of our “sister” societies such as the ETRS. Finally, we are continuing engage in “web patrol” activities, which aim to keep our web site updated, error-free, and relevant.

Finally, we are looking to join forces with other WHS committees to increase the value of membership and, in particular, we hope to work closely with the Publics Relations Committee to offer our first live “Journal Club” to WHS members. It will be your chance to meet the authors and ask them what we all want to know: “How did you get that immunoblot in Figure 4b? Mine never look so good!”

As always, we are looking for suggestions to make the web site more friendly and useful to WHS members, so please send in your comments. See you in Denver!!!!
The Wound Biotechnology Foundation (WBF) has as its primary mission the promotion of educational and research activities aimed at advances in tissue repair, wound healing, and regeneration. These activities are based on the belief that, ultimately, major advances in science and biotechnology will overcome the necessity for the standard wound care steps presently accepted and necessary to offset failure to heal.
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