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**Wound Healing Society Bulletin**

**News & Views**

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**Message from the President**

**By Allen Holloway, MD**

Dear Members,

As my first communication to the Society, may I welcome our new members and encourage you to join actively in the activities of the Society. We are always looking for members who would like to contribute their ideas and input to the Society by serving on our various committees.

Over the past year, we have enjoyed a relatively stable period with membership increasing to 556. The second annual meeting in conjunction with the SAWC and the AAWC took place at the end of April, and from the surveys received, it was a success. The Society continued to provide a major portion of the scientific content, and a number of the concerns with the first meeting were addressed. Additionally, several members of the Board of Directors attended the planning meeting for next year's combined meeting that will take place at the Gaylord Resort outside Dallas, Texas on April 25 - 29, 2009. Planning is well underway for both combined sessions and our own sessions, and we continue to address concerns of our members relating to this new joint effort. Additionally, in August 2009, the WHS will hold a joint meeting with the European Tissue Repair Society in Limoges, France, and we encourage members to submit...
The journal, Wound Repair and Regeneration, has continued to flourish under the leadership of Pat Hebda who took over as Editor last year. Submissions have increased with a continuing improvement in quality and the impact factor has again improved. We encourage our members to continue to submit their work to the WRR, with an additional membership benefit being a 25% decrease in charges for color pages.

As many of you are aware, over the past 2 years, through a grant from the Wound Healing Foundation, the WHS has developed and published guidelines for both the treatment and the prevention of chronic wounds. This extensive and somewhat unique project involved widespread participation of all of the stakeholders in evidence-based wound care, including several publicly held meetings. The end result has been a consensus of valid procedures and practices for chronic wounds, based on the best current evidence. These have been published in Wound Repair and Regeneration and they can be viewed on our website. The guidelines have been adopted by several professional societies and groups as well as being utilized by several US governmental organizations. Currently in progress is a similar set of guidelines for the care of acute wounds which will be published in WRR shortly as well as being available on the website.

In our efforts to provide increased benefits to members, work is currently progressing to update and improve the website. We are striving, in the face of an increasing array of information available on a variety of websites, to make it a site members will want to visit frequently for current relevant information on the Society including meetings and upcoming events, as well as basic and clinical science.

We continue with ongoing educational program development and presentations that include online webinars focusing on timely and relevant topics, with more being planned.

As part of the effort to keep the Society running smoothly, the Board of Directors holds monthly teleconferences to keep the leadership informed and involved with relevant events. Additionally, the Board and Committee Chairmen will continue to hold an annual strategic planning meeting in November to help identify and plan for future needs and directions for the society.

As always, we solicit and welcome input from our members, so become involved and help to make it representative of our wishes and goals.

*Allen Holloway, MD*

*President of the Wound Healing Society*
The WHS announces the development of a new yearbook series, Advances in Wound Care. The Editor-in-Chief for this annual series will be Profesor Chandan K. Sen, Director of the Comprehensive Wound Care Center at The Ohio State University Medical Center, with the first volume to be released in Spring 2010. The series is based upon the premise that the successful advancement of the wound healing discipline depends on effective integration of scientific discoveries and wound care practices. The science of wound healing is heavily interdisciplinary in nature. Even for accomplished scientists, staying abreast with the latest developments in the science of wound care is a daunting task. For wound care professionals it is almost impossible to closely monitor relevant scientific developments in such a diverse atmosphere. Thus, there is a fast growing gap between the frontiers of science and the quality of education and patient care.

The objective of the series is to make an annual digest available that will review the developments during the past year in simple terms addressing a broad audience. The goal is to provide a simple yet authoritative desktop reference for wound care professionals as well as graduate students who may not have sufficient exposure to aspects of wound healing other than their specific area of study. Seminal basic science discoveries will be highlighted with the intent to explore the future potential in wound care. Year after year this series will be released at the annual conference of the Wound Healing Society. The series hopes to establish itself as the one stop reference material for a 360o coverage of the sciences of wound care.

Features:
- Clinical Component with Sections on
- Chronic Wounds
- Acute Wounds
- Devices
- Dressings
- Emergent Focus Area (will change every year)
- Basic Sciences Component with Sections on
- Stem Cells
- Tissue Engineering
- Gene and Protein-based Therapies
- Oxygen
- Emergent Focus Area (will change every year)
- Succinct Chapters Authored by Top World-Experts
- Color Illustrations
- Itemized Conclusions
- Point-Counter Point
- Year after Year Continuity
- Membership Discount
- First Volume to be Released at the 2010 Annual Conference

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recognized at the 2008 Meeting in San Diego.

WHS Young Investigator Award Winners:

Sandra Saja Scherer, (ETRS Travel Award winner), Harvard Medical School (Denis Orgill Lab)
Joshua Vorstenbosch, McGill University (Anie Philip Lab)
Edward I. Chang, Stanford University (Geoffrey Gurtner Lab)
Arturo R. Maldonado, University of Cincinnati (Timothy Crombleholme Lab)

This award recognizes scientific excellence of Young Investigator Trainees in the area of wound healing research. The selection process involved identifying 8 outstanding abstracts for podium presentations in a special session at the WHS Annual Meeting from a pool of approximately 100 abstracts submitted by trainees. The 4 top scoring presenters were recognized as the Young Investigator Award winners. The criteria used were scientific content, originality, clarity of presentation, response to questions, and impact on wound healing research. The awards consisting of a certificate and cash prize were attributed at the 2008 WHS Annual Meeting. In addition, the highest scoring presenter from the 4 winners will have the honor of representing the WHS at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the European Tissue Repair Society (ETRS).

WHS Blue Ribbon Award Winners:

First Prize: Richard Nuccitelli and Team, BioElectroMed Corporation, Burlingame, CA
Second Prize: Nick Goldspink and Team, Renovo plc. Manchester, UK
Third Prize: Dale Telgenhoff and Team, Healthpoint, Ltd., Fort Worth, TX

This award recognizes excellence in science at poster exhibits by industry members at the WHS Annual Meeting. Each year, two or three winners will be chosen by the WHS Awards Committee based on the poster presentations' scientific content, originality, clarity, impact on wound healing research, and response to judging committee's questions.

To make a donation to the funds for the awards listed above or for additional information, please contact the Wound Healing Society at 407 647 8839 or visit the website www.woundheal.org.

The WHS Awards Committee includes Anie Philip (Chair), John C Lantis, Jie Li, Oluyinka Olutoye, Chandan K Sen, James J. Tomasek, and Tai-Lan Tuan

WHS Establishes the Anita Roberts Award

The purpose of the Anita Roberts Award is to recognize and promote outstanding Young Investigators in the area of wound healing research. The award honors the memory of Anita Roberts, former president of the Wound Healing Society (WHS) and a pioneer in the fields of wound healing and growth factor research, who passed away in May, 2006. The award is meant to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Roberts as an extraordinary mentor who supported and encouraged young investigators throughout her exemplary career.
The award will be given annually to a graduate student or post-doctoral trainee with the best research article, as a first author, published in the journal Wound Repair and Regeneration. The award is open to trainees world-wide who are members themselves or are sponsored by a WHS member. The candidates/articles will be selected by the WRR editors and forwarded to the Awards Committee for adjudication. The article will be judged on the basis of scientific content and impact. The availability and guidelines for the award will be advertised in the WRR journal and on the WHS website (www.woundheal.org). A provision will be included in the online WRR manuscript submission form to indicate whether a trainee submitting an article would like the article to be considered for the Award.

The Anita Roberts Award will consist of a monetary prize, a plaque, and free registration for the next WHS annual meeting. An Editorial on the award recipient and the winning article will be published in WRR. The award will be presented to the winner at the WHS annual meeting.

Should you have any news or notes you would like us to include in future bulletins, please email them to Luisa DiPietro at ldipiet@uic.edu or Phil Pyster at phil@crowsegal.com

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