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Dear Colleagues:

We are excited to announce that the Scientific Program for the 2009 Wound Healing Society Meeting has been completed! We cordially invite you to attend this year's meeting that addresses frontier subjects in Regenerative Medicine and Wound Repair and features leading scientists in the field. Please visit www.woundheal.org for the program update.

Highlights in this year's program include sessions on:
- Stem and Progenitor Cells in Repair
- Embryonic Tissue/Organ Morphogenesis
- Dynamics of Postnatal Wound Repair,
- Science and Validation of Pre-Clinical and Clinical Models in Wound Healing
- Novel Approaches in Regenerative Repair
- Positional Identity and Regeneration - a special General Session presentation by Howard Y Chang, MD, PhD of Stanford University that will highlight the essential basic science in molecular and cell biology and the genomics- as
well as proteomics-applied translational and clinical research in regenerative medicine and wound repair.

We are also pleased to announce that the candidates for the "Young Investigator Awards" representing emerging scientists in our field have been selected to present their work in the Young Investigator Award Session.

Furthermore, the inclusive Abstract, Blue Ribbon and Poster Sessions are organized in the fashion that provides maximum opportunity for interactions between the authors and the audiences.

This year's meeting also continues popular sessions from past meetings including the Meet the Mentor Session, the Principles of Wound Care (CME) and the Research Funding/Essentials in Preparation of Grant Applications. The latter session will be hosted by Drs. Richard Ikeda and Weihua Luo from NIH and a panel of senior scientists from our Society.

The meeting this year will be again held jointly with the Society for Advanced Wound Care (SAWC). The SAWC offers a host of exciting programs and sessions in the clinical science of wound care that are open to participants of the Wound Healing Society Meeting. Nonetheless, to further ensure a more focused environment for the members and participants of the WHS Meeting we have planned two receptions to welcome you. In addition, a Wound Healing Society chat room is reserved throughout the meeting for your convenience in meeting your colleagues, reading, or preparing for your presentations. Governing members and volunteers of the Society will again be stationed the Wound Healing Society Booth at the Exhibits for further interaction.

The members of the Program Committee and the Governing Board of the Wound Healing Society have labored hard to ensure the 2009 Meeting will be a nurturing and enriching experience essential for the advancement of your scientific and professional endeavors. So please register soon and join us from April 26 to 29, 2009 at Dallas.

Sincerely,

Bill Marston and Tai-Lan Tuan
Program Co-Chairs for the 2009 WHS Meeting

Wound Repair and Regeneration, the journal of the Wound Healing Society, is available online at http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118514169/home.
Due to a merger, the journal transitioned from Blackwell to the Wiley InterScience website in mid-June 2007. The journal continues to improve in almost every measure primarily due to the efforts on the hard-working Editor in Chief Pat Hebda.

**Fast Facts about WRR!**

- The impact factor for this year increased to 2.445 (from 2.23 in 2007, 9% increase).

- The number of new submissions per month increased to 23 in 2008 (up from 20 per month in 2007)

- The journal receives about 40,000 hits per month, 25% of which are for full text articles, while the others are for abstracts, TOC, references.

- Issues are running essentially on time, with online access available the first week of the first month of each issue.

- In 2008, the On-line Early feature enabled manuscripts waiting for issue assignment to become available and searchable through the Medline database.

- About 1000 print copies are produced per issue, with more for issue 2 as this contains the annual meeting abstracts and is used for promotion at the annual meeting.

- The journal had several large reprint orders for single articles on new wound healing products and therapies.

- The journal editorial review is very efficient, thanks in very large measure to the hard-working Section Editors Alan Wells, Lillian Nanney, David Greenhalgh, Finn Gottrup and Bernard Coulomb, along with the managing editor Flory Ferns-James. The time to decision is just 6-8.5 weeks, so authors receive rapid reviews of their work.

- The journal is being marketed in several ways, including targeted marketing to dermatology and the use of other in-house journals for promotion. In the area of advertising, efforts are underway to improve this by locating contacts in both US and European companies.

**New in 2009!**

- A dermatology resources CD-ROM, to include WRR, is planned for 2009.

- Compliance with NIH open access mandate, which became effective in April-Publisher will automatically post to PubMed Central 12 months after date of publication (This should become "active" in April 2009).

**WRR People behind the Scenes**

Managing editor: Flory Ferns-James
WRR Journal Account Manager: Elaine Musgrave
Elaine is our primary contact for the journal and oversees all functions. She works closely with the editor-in-chief and the publication committee to help make the journal successful and to achieve further improvements and adjustments to the changing climate of scientific publication.

WRR Production Manager: Matt Scanlon
Matt handles the publication process for each issue, and helps to create the overall "look" of the journal and to maintain quality assurance.

WRR Goals for 2009 - From the Editor-in-Chief, Pat Hebdal

- Continue efforts to streamline the review process.
- Accelerate the implementation of the WRR strategic plan with our new publishing team.
- Revamp and expand the Editorial Board with defined expectations of at least 6 reviews per year. (In progress-new roster will be published in issue 17.1).
- Provide an incentive plan for dedicated, reliable and ON TIME reviewers-and work with the publisher on a rewards system.
- Have at least one sponsored supplement and perhaps a focused topic issue.
- Increase subscriptions from ETRS and AWMA/AWTRS memberships.
- Maintain our good relationships with sister societies, especially the JSWH who has been and continues to be a strong supporter.
- Find ways to reach out to other WH societies in China, India, South America.

NEW REVIEWERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A REVIEWER FOR THE JOURNAL, PLEASE SEND CONTACT INFORMATION AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE/KEY WORDS TO PAT HEBDA (wrreditor@woundheal.org).

2009 Winter Symposium:
Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Management
January 25-27, 2009
Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, Colorado
Conference Website: www.hbdoctor.com

2009 Gordon Conference on Tissue Repair and Regeneration
June 14-19, 2009
Colby Sawyer College, New London, NH
Website: http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2009&program=tissuerep
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