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Good Morning Doctor,

I'm pleased to tell you that the Academy has completed its 9th Diplomate examination this month. There were 16 candidates taking the examination and 13 were successful for an 81% pass rate. The positive feedback from the candidates continues. They have been so helpful contacting their colleagues about the fairness, quality of the examination process, challenging material and how well the process is organized to name a few things. Three Diplomates were brought into the examination process for the first time. This is another measure the Academy uses to assure the examination process remains apolitical, as there are always new examiners who see the process. We have examined well over 100 candidates in the last 3 years.

We are in the process of getting dates and location firmed up for the spring 2008 Diplomate examination. The review class is in the development stages at present and that will be given this fall. Please watch the website for dates and locations. The next e-letter should have more information.

It was nice to talk to Academy members at the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO) symposium in Phoenix last month. It was a great convention. There were excellent speakers with material that was useful Monday morning. The Academy paper presentation had three papers; unfortunately one doctor was unable to be there to present his paper. Dr. Jim Demetrious had an excellent paper on trauma. It is to be published in *Osteopathy and Chiropractic*, and then we will get the rights to re-publish for the e-journal. Dr. Leo Bronston had an excellent paper on youth hockey players. It was for his Masters thesis. It is also going to be published in a peer reviewed journal. Dr. Linda Zange received the 2006 "Distinguished Service Award" from the Academy. Drs. Wendy Varish and Kim Skibsted each received the "Outstanding Achievement Award" for 2006. Thank you to all!

The 2010 project continues at a fast pace. A new Academy committee (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation) chaired by Dr. Roger Russell has been created. Roger was the chair of CCO's syllabus committee a few years ago. **We are now recruiting subcommittee leaders** for a number of areas, listed below. Members also serving on the committee are the Presidents of CCO, ACCO and the Academy plus two members from each group. This already has been a very active working group.

The PM&R Committee identified 10 **core categories** for the core advanced degree work. Six elective categories are suggested for more specialized training and may be folded into the program at a later date.

Core material:

- **Orthopedics**
- **Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (prosthesis-orthoses)**
- **Pediatrics**
- **Statistics**
- **Laboratory**
- **Neurology (inclusive training in performing and interpreting electro diagnostic studies)**
- **Radiology (Advanced Imaging Procedures)**
- **Spinal Manipulative Care (SMC)**
- **Biomechanics**
- **Clinical Interdisciplinary Protocols (working in multidisciplinary environments)**

Elective material:

- **Forensics**
- **Pharmacology (obtaining limited prescription rights)**
- **Manipulation under anesthesia (MUA)**
- **Interventional pain management procedures**
- **Surgical procedures**
- **Compliance (proper understanding of all potential pit-falls in multidisciplinary environments)**

If you have any interest in participating in this process, [please e-mail me](mailto:info@dcorthoacademy.com) from the website (www.dcorthoacademy.com) of your area of interest. You will be contacted. This is your opportunity to participate in the advancement of the chiropractic orthopedic specialty.

Everything flows, nothing stays still ... Heraclitus

I hope you have a wonderful Memorial Day week-end. Remember those who have kept us free.