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Fellows of the Academy,

Within the Academy much has been accomplished over the past few months. I am combining the January and February newsletters due the extensive amount of activity occurring since the first of the year. There is considerable work progressing within the many committees that are currently endeavoring to enhance the orthopedic specialty of the chiropractic profession. Academy committees continue to acquire new committee members. If you feel your talents would enhance the orthopedic specialty your time would be greatly appreciated. Please send an e-mail to [pressdc@dcorthoacademy.com](mailto:pressdc@dcorthoacademy.com). A little effort by all is far greater than a lot of effort by a few.

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### **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC ORTHOPEDISTS CONVENTION 2009**

The annual ACCO convention and orthopedic specialty conference this year is co-sponsored by the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists and the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists in San Antonio, Texas May 8th 9th and 10th 2009, at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, on the riverwalk. It will be a great educational program in a splendid venue. It is a fantastic opportunity to mingle with the orthopedic specialty coalition and members of the Academy (ACO), American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO), Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics (CCO) and the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists (TCCO). This is a great opportunity to talk about and exchange ideas for the future of the specialty. Many of the ongoing activities in orthopedics will be discussed at this venue. Continuing Education credits for state license requirements have been applied for in all 50 states by Southern California University of Health Sciences/SCU (LACC).

The many orthopedic specialty organizations of the chiropractic profession including the Academy, ACCO, CCO and TCCO will have their annual meetings at this conference. Come join these groups!

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### **ACADEMY e-JOURNAL AND FCER PARTNERSHIP**

The Academy e-Journal with DCConsult of the Foundation of Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) have partnered in a unique program to have case reports, clinical topics and other chiropractic orthopedic investigative/research work promulgated on DCConsult.

Recently FCER undertook moving DCConsult, a site designed to meet the evidence-based information needs of the chiropractic profession, into the free-access domain. The content has changed and the search engines are more powerful. The DCConsult website is now available to Google searches and "clicks," both activities earning the orthopedic specialty and chiropractic profession valuable exposure, far beyond usual profession-only users.

The Academy e-Journal editorial board has recently added contributing editor positions from the ACCO, CCO and TCCO. This collaboration further strengthens the orthopedic specialty area of the chiropractic profession to advance the clinical outcomes, safety and efficiency of the specialty with scholarly studies, research and articles from peer reviewed journals, scholarly journals, treatises, and texts used by university programs and colleges of chiropractic in developing syllabi and curriculum material used in post graduate training and graduate level education in the profession and orthopedic specialty.

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### **CONGRESS OF DIPLOMATES**

The Congress of Diplomates will meet for a Presentation of Papers Saturday evening 9 MAY 2009 at the ACCO conference from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. This year's presentations will focus on the basics of writing case reports and a clinical topic of interest on complete resorption of a free fragment disc

herniation in the lumbar spine confirmed by follow up MRI.

#### ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you have not had the opportunity to check out your listing in the Academy membership directory please do so. The current membership list is posted by state for US listings and by country for international listings. To search the Academy member directory listing page simply use the Windows control (ctrl) + F or Mac Command (cmd) + F computer function to find the listing.

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#### STATE SPECIALTY RECOGNITION

Over the last several years state boards of chiropractic examiners have begun a process to recognize chiropractic specialties. Many states have adopted board rules and additional codes to the state chiropractic law that mandate board approval for chiropractic specialty recognition. The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists has been instrumental in the state application process to insure recognition of the chiropractic orthopedic specialty. Application and supporting documentation has been submitted on behalf of the coalition of all orthopedic specialty groups of board certified chiropractic orthopedists. The Academy has an extensive portfolio of supporting documentation that meets or exceeds the requirements of all state chiropractic boards for the purpose of specialty recognition. If any board certified chiropractic orthopedist (DACO, DABCO) or state orthopedic group encounters any difficulty with recognition of the orthopedic specialty please contact the Academy for assistance.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS

##### MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM PM&R

Having an accredited advanced graduate level degree recognized outside of the profession will place a chiropractic physician or chiropractic orthopedist on the high ground in the health care community when one has the added credential of a Masters or PhD level degree.

Northwestern Health Science University is on track to implement the Master of Science: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Degree program in the fall of 2010.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS - ORTHOPEDIC DIPLOMATE PROGRAM

Palmer College of Chiropractic is again offering the Orthopedic Diplomate program. The program will begin in September 2009 in Davenport, Iowa on the Palmer College campus. The first session live date is Sept. 26-27, 2009. This is a hybrid program featuring 17 live sessions and an online component. Learners will be able to complete the full diplomate in approximately 2 years.

If you are interested or if you know a group of doctors in your area that wish to attend the Orthopedic Diplomate Program contact Palmer Continuing Education at (800) 452-5032.

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#### FALL 2009 - ACADEMY DIPLOMATE EXAMINATION

The next orthopedic specialty board certification examination leading to Diplomate of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DACO) status will be held on the campus of National Chiropractic College / NUHS in Lombard, Illinois on 14 NOV 2009. Plan to attend an orthopedic board review. For more information please visit the Academy Diplomate Exam Page.

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The Academy is grateful for your participation and continued dedication to further advance the specialty and the chiropractic profession. It is only through your support and team work that the specialty is able to continue these professional advances.

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

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