Vitality Infuses ACFAS’ 2013 Record-Breaking Conference

High energy prevailed as a record number of conference-goers met in Las Vegas to reap the rewards of the 2013 ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference on February 11-14.

Providing an unmatched array of educational and networking opportunities, the College’s 71st annual conference drew an all-time high of 1,502 attendees who gathered to learn from peers and industry leaders, mingle with colleagues, make new connections—and grow professionally as foot and ankle surgeons.

In his keynote address, Ted Kennedy, Jr.—a name that needs no introduction—set the tone for the conference with his congenial and enlightening account of what it’s like to be a patient. (continued on page 9)
Since its evolution into a profession 100 years ago, podiatry has been striving and succeeding to achieve full professional parity with allopathic and osteopathic medicine. In 2008, APMA’s Vision 2015 was organized to push podiatry over the “parity goal line,” especially in podiatric medical school standards; and then, in 2010, CPME formalized three-year residencies. Forty-five states now include the ankle in their scope of practice statutes. And today, in California, the MD, DO, and DPM medical societies are working collaboratively on a common license; which, if successful, could be the model for the nation. Without question, full professional parity is within reach for all podiatrists.

What has been missing up until now, however, is a similar push for parity in the podiatric profession’s standards for continuing medical education. CME could be viewed as the last frontier of training parity.

Last fall, the Council on Podiatric Medicine Education (CPME), which accredits CME sponsors via their Document 720 and 730 standards, unveiled significant changes that would move podiatric CME closer to MD and DO CME standards, but ACFAS believes more could—and should—be done, now, at this unique point in the Vision 2015 timeline. So, the College recently submitted comments as part of CPME’s revision protocol. ACFAS believes that CPME’s CME standards should be equivalent or more stringent than allopathic CME requirements if podiatry is serious about professional parity. In some cases we are also calling for substantial measures to provide greater enforcement and disciplining of CME providers. Such steps are sorely needed. We fully recognize that these proposed changes would require additional revenue and staff, so ACFAS encourages CPME to assess the necessary fees to cover the costs of stronger standards.

Our Recommendations
A key recommendation we propose is the elimination of third party (or affiliate) accreditation. There is currently a strong movement in allopathic medicine to eliminate third party accreditation and ACFAS believes podiatry should take the lead. We believe that third party sponsorship should be eliminated to: 1) raise the professionalism of podiatric CME sponsoring organizations and their leaderships, 2) ensure better compliance of CPME standards, and 3) signal to the public that our profession takes lifelong learning and practice improvement as seriously as allopathic medicine.

A summary of ACFAS’ enhancement to CPME’s proposed revisions:
- Clearly define the types of organizations that may sponsor activities and the types that may not.
- Eliminate third party/affiliate sponsorship (see above).
- Require that educational activity design be connected to data demonstrating an educational need.
- Require that activities attempt to change more than the knowledge of attendees, establishing Moore’s Level of Outcomes 3 as the minimum requirement.
- Ensure independence of activities from all commercial interests.
- Add a participant whistleblower process that must be advertised to all attendees.
- Increase the level of scrutiny during the approval and re-approval process.
- Increase the authority of the CPME in monitoring compliance and requisite enforcement.
- Simplify and reduce the requirements regarding test validation of online or enduring education.
- Ensure confidentiality of materials provided to CPME.

Bottom Line: We Need a Stronger Sheriff
As podiatry stands on the cusp of full professional parity, the profession must ensure that CME standards are equal if not more stringent than allopathic medicine’s standards. And, frankly, this arena needs a “sheriff” with vastly more authority – and the will to use it.

You can view CPME’s proposed revisions (in red or purple) and ACFAS’ recommendations (in blue) at www.acfas.org/CMEreforms. We welcome your comments on anything regarding the efficacy, ethics, and leadership of the podiatric CME in general by writing me at president@acfas.org.

Questions for Dr. Grossman? Write him at president@acfas.org.

Jordan P. Grossman, DPM, FACFAS
ACFAS President
ACFAS 2013: Handouts and CME Credit Available Online

The 2013 Annual Scientific Conference was teeming with insightful and informative case presentations, discussions, debate panels and more. Our champion faculty provided attendees with handouts for most sessions, and online access to these handouts is available right on the ACFAS website. Simply log in with your member or attendee number to access them. Handouts are available exclusively to registrants of ACFAS 2013 and can be downloaded any time at acfas.org/vegas. While on our site, click on the link from your home page to verify, edit, confirm and print your ACFAS 2013 certificate of attendance and CME hours. Verification is only available through May 1, 2013, so be sure to log in and finish the process before then.

The ACFAS Education Department has sent all ACFAS 2013 attendees instruction for confirming your transcripts via email. If you did not receive your email, or if you have questions about the online CME records, contact ACFAS at 800-421-2237.

### 2013 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- **June 14-15, 2013 (Friday/Saturday)**
  Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course*
  Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)
  Rosemont, IL
- **July 19-20, 2013 (Friday/Saturday)**
  Coding/Practice Management Workshop
  Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel
  Chicago, IL
- **August 3-4, 2013 (Saturday/Sunday)**
  Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course*
  Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)
  Rosemont, IL
- **October 3-5, 2013**
  Total Ankle Arthroplasty Surgical Skills Course
  Medcure Surgical Training Center
  Henderson, NV
- **October 11-12, 2013**
  Minimizing Complications, Maximizing Results Seminar
  Location TBD
- **November 1-2, 2013 (Friday/Saturday)**
  Comprehensive Flatfoot Surgical Skills Course (Reconstruction & Arthrodesis)
  Courtyard by Marriott Cherry Creek and Mobile Lab
  Denver, CO
- **December 14-15, 2013 (Saturday/Sunday)**
  Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course
  Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)
  Rosemont, IL

*To be waitlisted please contact Maggie Hjelm

Look for 2013 ACFAS Coming to You Simple to Complex Forefoot Revisional Surgery dates—available soon!
Snapshots from the Annual Conference
FEBRUARY 11–14, LAS VEGAS

Almost 350 posters intrigued attendees with their thoughtful insight on the latest in podiatric surgery research.

Newly installed ACFAS President, Jordan P. Grossman, DPM, FACFAS, addresses attendees at the ACFAS Honors and Awards Ceremony.

Newly Boarded Fellows of ACFAS receive recognition at the ACFAS Honors & Awards Ceremony.
Snapshots from the Annual Conference
FEBRUARY 11-14, LAS VEGAS

ACFAS 2013 attendees sharing thoughts and exchanging ideas.

Pre-conference Cadaver Workshops: hands-on learning at its best.

On top of the world at the Stratosphere Out-of-this-World Wrap Party.
The ACFAS scientific poster competition is an educational resource that contributes to the future of scientific and clinical understanding in podiatric medicine (many of the researchers are experienced, not just beginners). The 2013 display contained 349 posters, including nine from schools of podiatric medicine.

These winners received a cash award generously funded by Tornier/OrthoHelix.

The 2013 poster award winners include:

**CASE STUDY FORMAT**

**First Place**
*Case Report of AO Type 43C2 Ankle Fracture Leading to Amputation: An Algorithm for the Management of Latent Vascular Injury Associated with Ankle Fracture*
Jacob Wynes, DPM
Levester Kirksey, MD

**Second Place**
*Minimally Invasive Soft Tissue Correction of Foot and Ankle Contracture Secondary to Stroke*
Troy J. Boffeli, DPM, FACFAS
Rachel C. Collier, DPM

**Third Place**
*The Clinical Utility of the Lateral Hallux Stress Dorsiflexion View in Patients with Hallux Limitus*
Troy J. Boffeli, DPM, FACFAS
Rachel C. Collier, DPM

**SCIENTIFIC FORMAT**

**First Place**
*Tibiocalcaneal Fusion via Peg-in-Hole Technique with Combined Ilizarov External Fixation Method*
Edgardo R. Rodriguez, DPM
Byron L. Hutchinson, DPM, FACFAS
Eric G. Powell, DPM

**Second Place**
*Isolated Gastrocnemius Recession for Treatment of Insertional Achilles Tendinopathy*
Valerie K. Tallerico, DPM
Clinton R. Lowery, DPM, FACFAS

**Third Place**
*Rate of Residual Osteomyelitis After Partial Foot Amputation in Diabetic Patients: A Standardized Method for Evaluating Bone Margin*
Vincent S. Nerone, DPM
Said Atway, DPM, AACFAS
Kevin D. Springer, DPM
Darren Woodruff, DPM

**STUDENT CLUB**

**First Place**
*Presentation and Treatment of a Fibrocartilaginous Navicular-Medial Cuneiform Coalition: A Case Report*
New York College of Podiatric Medicine

**Second Place**
College of Podiatric Medicine at Kent State University - Ohio

**Third Place**
*Surgical Repair of a Tibialis Anterior Rupture with a Bridging Allograft and Transposition of the Tibialis Anterior to a Non-anatomic Insertion in the Navicular*
Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine - Illinois
In Appreciation

Thank you to ACFAS members who volunteered their time as judges of the poster exhibit competition. Their many hours of judging and evaluation of the entries at the 2013 Annual Scientific Conference is deeply appreciated.

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The ACFAS Manuscript Awards of Excellence were established to foster research on the practice of podiatric medicine. Research performed today will help advance foot and ankle surgery and determine best practice for patient care.

Manuscripts submitted for consideration are blind-reviewed and judged on established criteria. A total of 73 manuscripts were submitted and 22 were selected by a panel of peers to be presented at the 2013 Annual Scientific Conference. Of those presented, seven were the top winners as listed below.

The winners split $10,000 in award money generously funded by the Podiatry Foundation of Pittsburgh and presented at the ACFAS Honors and Awards Ceremony on February 12, 2013.

**First Place ($3,000)**
*Incidence of Revision after Primary Implantation of the Scandinavian Total Ankle Replacement System: A Systematic Review*
Mark A. Prissel, DPM
Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

**Second Place ($2,500)**
*The “All Inside” Arthroscopic Brostrom Procedure. A Prospective Study of 30 Consecutive Patients.*
James M. Cottom, DPM, FACFAS
Ryan B. Rigby, DPM

**Third Place ($1,500)**
*Mechanical Effect of Component Malposition with the STAR Total Ankle Prosthesis*
Jeffrey C. Christensen, DPM, FACFAS
Randal Ching, PhD

**Honorable Mentions ($750)**
*Complicated Diabetes Mellitus Increases the Rate of Surgical Site Infection in Patients Undergoing Foot and Ankle Surgery*
Brandon E. Crim, DPM
Robert G. Frykberg, DPM, MPH
Dane K. Wukich, MD

*Tibio-talo-calcaneal Arthrodesis with Retrograde Compression Intramedullary Nail Fixation for Salvage of Failed Total Ankle Replacement: A Systematic Review*
Michael P. Donnenwerth, DPM
Thomas S. Roukis, DPM, PhD, FACFAS

*Magnetic Resonance Imaging versus Musculoskeletal Ultrasound for Identification and Localization of Plantar Plate Tears*
Erin E. Klein, DPM, AACFAS
Lowell Weil, Jr., DPM, FACFAS
Lowell Scott Weil, Sr., DPM, FACFAS
Jessica M. Knight, DPM

*Self-Reported Outcomes of Transtibial Amputations for Nonreconstructable Charcot Neuroarthropathy in Patients with Diabetes: A Preliminary Report*
Kyle T. Pearson, DPM
Dane K. Wukich, MD

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**2013 Manuscript Judges**
Sincere thanks to the members of the College who served as manuscript judges for giving so generously of their time and expertise in evaluating the submissions.

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Christopher D. Lotufo, DPM, FACFAS
Roya Mirmiran, DPM, FACFAS
Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, FACFAS
Recalling his experience as a youth in dealing with bone cancer and the loss of a leg, Kennedy gave surgeons in the audience an eye-opening perspective, emphasizing that the healthcare community is as vital as the family to the patient. He stressed that the decision-making relationship between the patient and treatment team is of monumental importance.

**Standout Sessions That Packed the Room**

A smorgasbord of first-rate educational sessions followed the keynote speech, offering numerous choices for gaining insight and skills. Members unveiled the results of their research by presenting a variety of manuscripts and abstracts, while poster sessions on emerging research enabled attendees to learn “on their own.” As always, the hands-on workshops succeeded in empowering surgeons with sharpened skills both during the pre-conference and within the Annual Conference.

ACFAS 2013 also succeeded in meeting the planning committee’s goal of providing programs of intense appeal to members. Hot topics and standout sessions ranged from “Total Ankle Joint Replacement,” which explored this increasingly popular procedure, to “Fad or Fact,” where surgeons debated, debunked, or defended new therapies, to “Fix Me Now, Fix Me Later,” which featured a superb panel discussion on evidence-based wound closure. Other highly popular draws included “Complications That Keep You Up at Night,” “Lapidus: It’s My Way or the Highway,” and “Percs of Percutaneous Plating.”

**Something for Everyone**

For students and young ACFAS members, the “Business of Medicine” Young Members Forum provided the ideal platform for learning about business alignments in today’s evolving healthcare landscape. A discussion on partnering with a hospital or healthcare system imparted invaluable information and tips for those just starting out as foot and ankle surgeons.

All attendees—whether students, fledgling practitioners, or seasoned surgeons—had the opportunity to expand their knowledge on the exhibit floor, where a multitude of vendors displayed and demonstrated the latest products, devices, supplies, and services. The Annual Scientific Conference continues to rank as the profession’s largest exhibition.

Revving up the energy at the conference from beginning to end were the Opening Session on Monday morning, the Opening Reception on Monday evening, and the Out-of-this-World Wrap Party on Wednesday night. The latter event dialed up the excitement as attendees flocked to the iconic Stratosphere Tower to enjoy a spectacular view and—for those with enough daring—the thrill of adrenaline-pumping extreme rides. It proved to be an exhilarating way to celebrate the dynamic, high-powered ACFAS 2013.
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2013–2014 ACFAS Board of Directors

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Winter Board Meeting Highlights

The ACFAS Board of Directors met the day prior to the 2013 Annual Scientific Conference in Las Vegas. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Welcomed newly elected director Christopher Reeves, DPM, FACFAS. The Board also expressed its appreciation to retiring immediate past president Glenn M. Weinraub, DPM, FACFAS.
- Discussed the ongoing California Joint DO-DPM-MD Licensure Initiative with representatives from the California Podiatric Medical Association.
- Approved moving forward with providing comments on CPME’s proposed revisions to CME Accreditation Standards (CPME Documents 720 and 730).
- Approved new short, intermediate, and long-term investment policies.
- Approved revisions to the Truth in Advertising and Cosmetic Surgery position statements.
- Approved revisions to the Principles of Professional Conduct.
- Discussed current mal-lead cases in foot surgery and expert witness issues with PICA President and CMO Ross Taubman, DPM, FACFAS.
- Designated new board liaisons to ACFAS Student Clubs.
- Approved a new independent contractor agreement with the editor of the Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery.
- Appointed the 2013-14 Board Committee on Conflicts of Interest: Michelle Butterworth, DPM, FACFAS, Chair; Kris A. DiNucci, DPM, FACFAS; and Sean T. Grambart, DPM, FACFAS.

The board’s next meeting will be July 25-28 in North Lake Tahoe, California. Questions about the board’s actions or future work may be directed to ACFAS Executive Director Chris Mahaffey, MS, FASAE, at mahaffey@acfas.org.
John J. Stienstra, DPM, FACFAS, was the 2013 recipient of the ACFAS Distinguished Service Award. This award, presented annually by the ACFAS Board of Directors, recognizes long-term, behind-the-scenes volunteerism to the profession and the College.

“He has given much to the College, not just his time, but his ideas and his leadership. This includes his vision that the College needed to adopt a culture of evidence-based medicine, which I think defines us today,” said, Jordan P. Grossman, DPM, FACFAS, ACFAS President.

Dr. Grossman continued, “He is a pioneer in the field of ankle arthroscopy, as he perfected many of the techniques we take for granted today.”

The college also has Dr. Stienstra to thank for the success of the Foot and Ankle Arthroscopy Surgical Skills Course, as his vision and hard work were pivotal in developing and perfecting the course over the last 16 years.

Dr. Stienstra was recognized at a ceremony during the Annual Scientific Conference in Las Vegas. We congratulate Dr. Stienstra and thank him again for his dedication and continued service to the profession and the College.

“He is a pioneer in the field of ankle arthroscopy, as he perfected many of the techniques we take for granted today.” – Jordan Grossman, DPM, FACFAS
2013 Division Scholars

ACFAS Regional Divisions 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12 and 13 sponsored “Division Scholars,” one from each of the nine podiatric medical schools. The students received funding to attend the 2013 Annual Scientific Conference.

2013 Merz Scholars

Merz Pharmaceuticals generously supported two students from each of the nine podiatric medical schools to attend the 2013 Annual Scientific Conference. Fourteen of the 2013 Merz Scholars are pictured here.
ACFAS—By The Numbers

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