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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Keith Burkhart, MD, FACMT



Many changes have happened since my last column both for ACMT and me personally that I hope will benefit The College and our specialty. The College has changed association management companies. The Center for Association Resources (The Center) under the leadership of our Executive Director, Rob Patterson, has been quickly gaining an understanding of our organization. Our continued growth in membership and our activity level has allowed us to transition to companies that can facilitate this growth. The Center will be manning ACMT's booth at the upcoming NACCT meeting. I hope many of you stop by to introduce yourselves, as we will be promoting our upcoming educational programs, journal and membership

benefits. Please visit www.acmt.net/theteam, to learn more about our management team and their responsibilities.

This newsletter highlights the successful 4th Annual Medical Toxicology Spring Course held in Phoenix, AZ in March. Thanks to Beth Baker, the Course Director. I am also pleased to announce that we have just signed the contract with the Alexander, www.alexanderhotel.com, for the 5th Annual ACMT Spring Course to be held March 15-17 in Miami, FL. Come hear some high quality educational presentations and add some sun and a spring break to end winter. But before the Spring Course, ACMT will hold its' second annual Board Review Course in Dallas in September. Mark Su is the Course Director. Registration is actually approaching the attendance of the highly successful first Course.

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ACMT SPRING COURSE A SUCCESS!

Kevin Osterhoudt, MD, FACMT

Over one hundred people attended the ACMT's 4th Annual Medical Toxicology Spring Course which was held in Phoenix, AZ, March 2-3, 2006. In addition to a highly acclaimed educational experience, attendees were able to take advantage of the warm Arizona weather and play tennis, run, and swim in the lazy river pool at the resort.

The ACMT Spring Course included three symposia: Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories, Current Concepts in Environmental Toxicology, and Cutting Edge Medical Toxicology. ACMT members organizing or speaking at the course included: Beth Baker, Lawrence Betts, Stephen Borron, Jeffrey Brent, Jeffrey Burgess, Keith Burkhart, Peter Chase, Steven Curry, Christine Haller, Erica Liebelt, Lewis Nelson, Kevin Osterhoudt, John Osterloh, Steven Seifert, Kevin Wallace, Paul Wax, and Suzanne White.

Additionally, the ACMT, with organizational development by Joao Delgado, hosted a research presentation symposium for fellows-in-training.

The methamphetamine laboratory hazards symposium was supported by a cooperative agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry designed to build capacity and increase the expertise of health professionals in environmental medicine and toxicology.

ACMT Members with ideas or suggestions for future spring course development, or wishing to participate, are encouraged to contact Lewis Nelson or email info@acmt.net.

ACMT MEMBERS IN DoD BOTULISM VIDEOCONFERENCE

Charles McKay, MD, FACMT

The United States Department of Defense, recognizing the toxicology expertise of the ACMT, turned to the College looking for individuals with hands-on experience treating botulism patients to participate in a satellite video teleconference. This conference was produced in collaboration with members of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) to discuss aspects of botulism as a potential biowarfare agent as well as surveillance issues.

Over a dozen ACMT members responded to an interest survey posted on ACMTnet, the College's listserv, and were submitted for review of individuals' interest and experience by a committee chaired by Lt. Colonel Zygmunt Dembek, PhD, MS,

MPH, of USAMRIID. ACMT members Dr. Steven Marcus and Dr. Ted Cetaruk were selected to represent the ACMT and participate in the conference.

The program, one of a series of "Advanced Topics on Medical Defense Against Biological Agents" sponsored by U.S. Army Command and USAMRIID is scheduled to air September 20, 2006. This satellite broadcast can be viewed free of charge via arrangement with your institution's Audiovisual or Continuing Education point of contact. The program will also be archived at www.swankhealth.com shortly after the broadcast.

ACMT AWARDS SPADAFORA SCHOLARSHIP

The ACMT would like to congratulate Michael Levine, MD, as the 2006 recipient of the Michael P. Spadafora Medical Toxicology Scholarship. The scholarship supports travel to either the 2006 North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology or the 2007 ACMT Spring Course in Medical Toxicology.

The ACMT offers the Spadafora Scholarship in honor of Dr. Michael P. Spadafora, an academic emergency physician and medical toxicologist who was a member of the American College of Medical Toxicology. Dr. Spadafora was dedicated to resident education, and the legacy of this award was established to encourage residents to pursue Medical Toxicology fellowship training.

Dr. Levine is a resident-physician in Emergency Medicine at the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency

Program at Brigham and Womens'/ Massachusetts General Hospital. He was selected from a very talented and competitive pool of applicants from residency programs across the country. The College appreciates the strong interest in medical toxicology which is exhibited by all the applicants and looks forward to the ongoing success of the Spadafora Scholarship program. More information on this award can be found on the College website at www.acmt.net/main/awards.asp

ACMT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2006

September

15-17 ACMT Board Review Course, Dallas, TX

Don't forget the Medical Toxicology Recertification Exam, November 2 and the Certification Exam, November 14

27 Methamphetamine Educational Seminar Atlanta, GA

October

3 Board of Directors Meeting San Francisco, CA

4 ACMT Pre-Meeting Symposium; NACCT, San Francisco, CA

4 ACMT General Membership Business Meeting, NACCT, San Francisco, CA

4 ACMT CPC; NACCT, San Francisco, CA

6 ACMT Scientific Symposium; NACCT, San Francisco, CA

7 ACMT Ellenhorn Award/ Lecture; NACCT, San Francisco, CA

8 ACMT Practice Symposium; NACCT, San Francisco, CA

December

5-8 Third REAC/TS Course for ACMT Members

2007

March

15-17 ACMT Spring Course

May

1-4 EAPCCT Congress, Athens Greece

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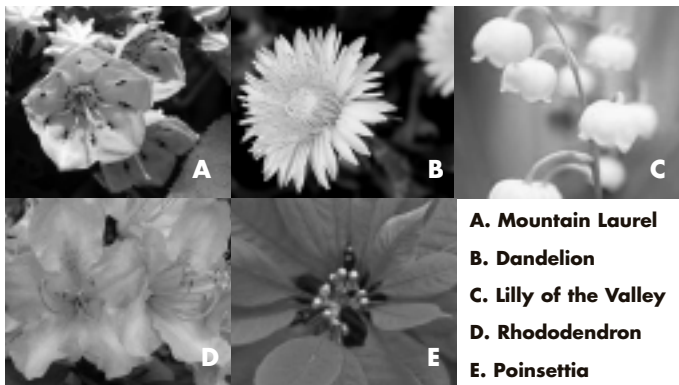
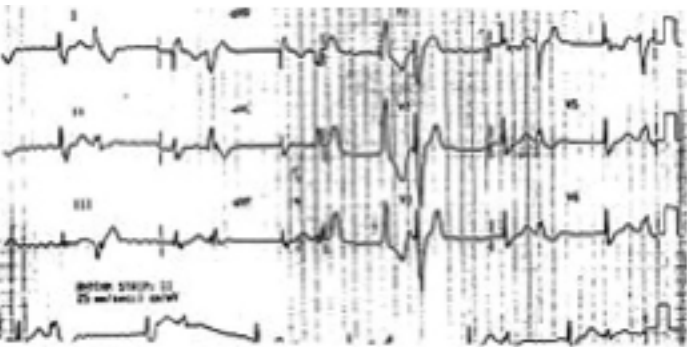
HANDS-ON MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY EXHIBIT AT ACEP SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY

Charles McKay, MD, FACMT, FACEP, ABIM

Medical toxicologists played an increased role at the American College of Emergency Physicians' Scientific Assembly held in Washington, DC, September 26-29, 2005. Christian Tomaszewski MD, FACEP and other education planners asked John Benitez, MD, FACEP and Dr. Charles McKay to provide a "Toxicology Stimulus Booth" in the Exhibit Hall. A total of 21 case presentations used a combination of visual (EKG, plant, animal and chemical compounds), olfactory (sniffing bar), and written case presentations to test participants' toxicology knowledge. The exhibit was staffed by Drs. Benitez and McKay during the daily break times. In addition, a lecture on the last day provided discussion of the cases and their solutions. Some of the cases would have been familiar to those who participated in the American College of Medical Toxicology's (ACMT) Board Review Course held in Dallas, October 2004 (see example below).

STIMULUS CASE: A two-year old is brought to the ED by his mother, who found him in the yard eating some plant parts. He is vomiting and appears pale with a pulse of 40 and BP 80/50.

Which of these plants is most likely responsible for his presentation and this EKG?



What treatment would lead to the improvement seen in the follow-up rhythm strip?



The booth also provided an opportunity to highlight the role and expertise of medical toxicologists, as well as introduce attendees to various educational opportunities, such as the 4th Annual Medical Toxicology Spring Course held in Phoenix March 2-3, 2006 and the 2006 Medical Toxicology Board Review Course to be held in Dallas September 15-17. The Toxic Industrial Chemicals/Toxic Industrial Materials (TICs/TIMs) Chemical Agents of Opportunity initiative by ACMT was also on display.

It is hoped that this will be an ongoing activity at ACEP Scientific Assembly and that ACMT members of the ACEP Section of Toxicology will be able to actively participate by providing case stimulus material, staffing the booth, and interacting with the ACEP participants. The booth can also potentially serve as a posting site for upcoming educational activities, toxicology fellowship and faculty positions, as well as a focal point for meeting and interviewing. If you are interested in helping with next year's toxicology exhibit at SA 2006 in New Orleans October 15-18, please contact Chris Tomaszewski (ctomaszewski@carolinas.org) or Charles McKay (Cmckay@harthosp.org).

[Correct answer for the toxicology case stimulus question is "C. Lilly of the valley" which is the third plant pictured. Treatment would include digoxin Fab. – But, of course, you knew that.]

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TWO FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY PROFILED

In September, the College conferred Fellow of the American College of Medical Toxicology status upon eight members with exemplary records of clinical and academic productivity and service. They were honored at a reception, hosted by the ACMT, at the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology. Six of the new Fellows were profiled in the Fall, 2005, newsletter. Two more preeminent toxicologists with distinguished careers and unparalleled contributions to our specialty are profiled here.

Scholar and Patient Safety Advocate: William O. Robertson, MD, FACMT, FAAP



Dr. Robertson, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, is one of toxicology's most notable leaders. He was a founding member and Chair of the American Board of Medical Toxicology (ABMT), past-president of the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC), and recipient of the esteemed ACMT Ellenhorn Award. A true

academician and scholar, his career has been noteworthy for service as Chair of Pediatrics at UW, Assistant Dean at Ohio State University College of Medicine and UWSOM, and Chair of the AMA's GME Advisory Committee. He has authored over 600 publications in the areas of medical toxicology, patient safety, medical communication, and pediatric education. Notably, he co-authored Driesbach's 12th Edition of "Handbook of Poisoning." His teaching effectiveness has been acknowledged by four distinguished teacher awards and the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP's) highest Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Education. He is also the recipient of the AMA/AAP Abraham Jacobi Memorial Award and the AMA Doctor Benjamin Rush Award for Citizenship and Community Service. He has served as Medical Director of the consolidated Washington Poison Center since 1971.

Dr. Robertson's Matthew Ellenhorn Lecture delivered to ACMT in 2000 (Int J Med Toxicol 2000; 3(2)) recalled the days when the early meetings of medical/clinical toxicologists involved less than 20 people and typically involved the presentation of 4 to 8 abstracts. For many years, ACMT members enjoyed Dr. Robertson's frequent commentaries within Veterinary and Human Toxicology, "Robby's Roost," on toxicology issues. Regarding his medical communications, he points out, "from my vantage point, I have been extremely fortunate over the years in being able to devote a fair amount of my professional

effort into preparing written communications that permit me to try to focus first, on getting the reader's attention and then, hopefully to put my message into his or her proper context. Keep that in mind when you sit down to write your next paper. Look in the mirror and ask yourself what is your real purpose. Do you have a message for readers or are you simply documenting some otherwise dull facts and be prepared to have to act accordingly. Update your style so as to get the reader's attention: no passive voice, use the word "I," and keep it simple but without hordes of acronyms and abbreviations. At the very least, the next decade can't help but prove interesting as our language and our journals both continue their evolutions."

His early toxicology work on gastric emptying in the 1960s highlighted both the role of home management of poisoning and the primacy of eliminating time delays to gastric decontamination, (when indicated) regardless of method used. Throughout his entire career, he has been a staunch, vocal advocate for patient safety, poison prevention and medical error reduction. This is reflected in an excerpt from his 2000 Ellenhorn Lecture, "When one looks at clinical toxicology through the historical retroscope, it gives me concern that over the past 45 years, we in that business have repeated the mistakes of our forbearers in other specialties and that we are continuing to do so. All too often, we have focused on the acute episode. We have been pleased to treat the acute symptoms and we have smiled blissfully when, shortly thereafter, the patient was able to go home. Many times we haven't asked the question, "Why did that happen?" We've asked, "Why did drug A produce X and Y symptoms" but not "Why did the episode itself occur?" Admittedly, in the early years, we did ask the question "Why?" about those toddlers who got into household poisons and common medicines. Very rapidly, everyone agreed that toddlers learn about the world by exploring it usually with their mouths. While many of us fumed and fussed with the questions of how to hasten excretion of too much salicylate or how to tide over the child with hydrocarbons down the trachea, a few of us and some non-physician behavioralists saw prevention as the ultimate goal. Avoiding the ingestion or inhalation in the first place was clearly the way to go."

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TWO FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY PROFILED *(continued from page 4)*

His efforts promoted educational campaigns such as, "Out of Sight – Out of Reach," drastically improved labeling and public alertness campaigns aimed at caregivers, and bolstered efforts to implement child resistant containers. Dr. Robertson continues, "Let me elaborate with one special problem - with the issue of drug errors as my target. One admitted rogue in the whole affair was the plain unmarked white pill (tablet) that so frequently masqueraded for some other medication leading to big mistakes in virtually all institutions. We were successful in our state in convincing our legislature to mandate the use of imprints. First, the use was on prescription trade name drugs and then, on all generic drugs. Finally, we began to pursue over the counter drugs. At that point, we found ourselves joined by the non-prescription drug industry itself. Its members proposed that we put in a two-year phase-in clause in our law so that, together, we could petition the FDA to make a nationwide rule. In 1993, that finally happened. I mention the year to stress that the whole escapade had taken 33 years to accomplish. So, you may have to be patient to achieve your goals." He then added, "Remember: the frequency of such errors is a function of 2 raised to the power of the number of drugs being used. Sounds like job security for toxicologists to me, so get involved."

Recently, in recognition of his landmark contributions to this field, the William O. Robertson Patient Safety Award was established by the Washington State Medical Association for the recognition and sharing of innovative ambulatory patient safety initiatives. We are indeed honored to include Dr. Robertson among the roster of Fellows of the American College of Medical Toxicology!

Physician Detective: Captain Edwin M. Kilbourne, MD, FACMT, FACP, FACP

Dr. Kilbourne graduated from Cornell University Medical College, completed residency training in internal medicine at the University of Alabama and fellowship training in epidemiology at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). He embarked upon a greater than 20-year distinguished career with the CDC at the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH). Early in his career at the CDC, he won the renowned Langmuir Prize for his work on the health effects of environmental heat. Thereafter, his research focused on the etiology and ultimate consequences of the Spanish Toxic Oil Syndrome (TOS) epidemic which sickened 20,000 Spaniards and caused hundreds of deaths. Dr. Kilbourne's work showed a dose-response association of TOS with aniline-based contaminants in illegally marketed food oil and ultimately definitively clarified the etiology of this confusing clinical syndrome.

Upon returning from Spain, he was named Chief of the Health Studies Branch in NCEH and led the CDC investigation on the severe illness and fatalities associated with the "eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome." His work linked this illness to consumption of contaminated, imported L-tryptophan amino acid nutritional supplements.

Next he moved to the CDC's Epidemiology Program Office (EPO) to focus on information technology applications in public health, particularly in the areas of electronic (MMWR) publication, surveillance, and emerging techniques for data analysis using artificial intelligence. He ultimately became the Deputy Director of the EPO.

In 2000, Dr. Kilbourne joined Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry. Within three years, he became the Chief Medical Officer of both the NCEH and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR) when these centers were consolidated. To name only a few of the areas encompassed by his program were ATSDR's geospatial research, analysis and services program (GRASP); advisory body on health and safety for NCEH/ATSDR personnel; and oversight office for the CDC/Emory University Residency in Medical Toxicology. A notable investigation led by Dr. Kilbourne was that of the anthrax-contaminated AMI Building in Boca Raton, the largest-ever hazardous evidence-gathering operation in the FBI's history.

Dr. Kilbourne is a frequent consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, and the United Nations' International Program on Chemical Safety. He is Fellow of the American College of Medical Toxicology, American College of Physicians, and the American College of Preventive Medicine, holding board-certification in these specialties. He is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties Medical Toxicology Subboard. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Associate Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Emory University. He holds clinical privileges at Grady Hospital and the Georgia Poison Center. He has authored over 100 papers in the areas of epidemiology, toxicology and environmental health. Although currently stationed abroad, his home is Atlanta where he resides with his wife and four children.

We are honored to welcome Dr. Kilbourne as a Fellow of the American College of Medical Toxicology.

TOXICOLOGIST PROFILES: NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

ACMT Member Wins Prestigious Award

Michael Greenberg, M.D., M.P.H., FACMT., has been selected recipient of the The William S. Knudsen Award from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM). This award is the highest honor bestowed by the ACOEM, an international medical society of more than 6,000 physicians and other allied health professionals. The award was created in 1938 by William S. Knudsen, then President of General Motors, who was a noted worker health advocate. During the announcement of the creation of the award, Mr. Knudsen made the following comments: "There is no argument about the value of medical service in industry... With the desire to concentrate and crystallize the attention of the industrial and medical world on the wonderful progress that has been made and is being made in industrial medicine, I am glad to announce an award to be given to the industrial physician making the most outstanding contribution to industrial medicine."

The William S. Knudsen Award has been granted every year since 1939 and recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of occupational and environmental medicine. Dr. Greenberg receives this year's Award for his distinguished career in occupational and environmental toxicology, especially as an educator. Previous recipients of the Knudsen Award include distinguished individuals such as C. Everett Koop, MD, Alice Hamilton, MD, and Harriet Hardy, MD.

Dr. Greenberg is currently a Professor of Emergency Medicine and Public Health at the Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, where he also serves as Director of a medical toxicology fellowship training program. Dr. Greenberg is a consulting toxicologist to The Poison Control Center, Philadelphia.

ACMT Member Instructs Congress on Methamphetamine Dangers

Carl Baum, M.D., a Fellow of the American College of Medical Toxicology and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention, was part of a panel of experts convened to inform over 60 congressional staff members about the environmental, physical, mental, and social health effects of methamphetamine abuse. Dr. Baum, an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Yale University School of Medicine, discussed the environmental health hazards of methamphetamine use and manufacture.



Toxicologists Recognized by Emergency Medicine Journal

Drs. Lewis Nelson (New York University), Gerald O'Malley (Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia), Kevin Osterhoudt (University of Pennsylvania), Steven Seifert (University of Nebraska), Michael Shannon (Harvard University), and Luke Yip (Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center) were named "Senior Reviewers" by the Annals of Emergency Medicine in the May, 2006 issue. The Senior Reviewer designation is afforded to individuals who are named a "Top Reviewer," based on a formula that ranks performance in timeliness, review quality, and volume of reviews, twice or more in the preceding four years.

Toxicologist's Son Helps JMT Make National News

In the June, 2006, issue of the Journal of Medical Toxicology, Marc Roberge, son of Raymond Roberge, MD, FACMT, published his research on a novel method to disinfect mail contaminated with anthrax spores. Even before the issue had hit the library shelf, Roberge's research was making headlines. See the following links:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11473217/>

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5230109&ft=1&f=1021>



Vince's first night at Poison Control

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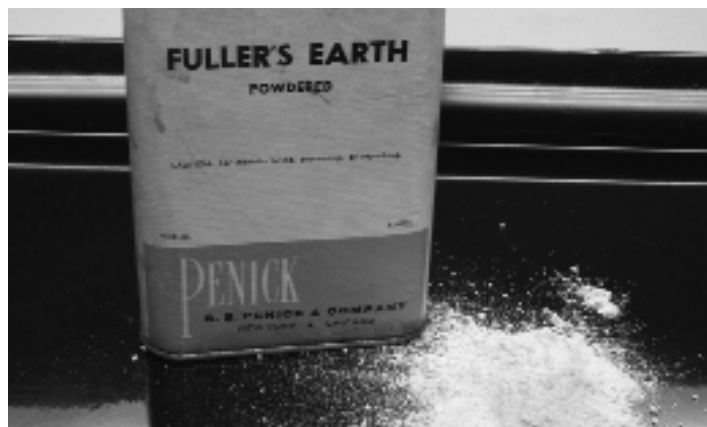
TOXICOLOGY IMAGES OF INTEREST

Kevin Osterhoudt, MD, FACMT

Fuller's earth is a name typically given to claylike material used to filter, purify, or adsorb animal-, mineral-, or plant-derived oils. It is mined commercially. Fuller's earth is best known to toxicologists as a sometimes recommended decontamination agent after paraquat exposure.

Paraquat is a very dangerous poison when ingested causing gastroenteritis, caustic mucosal injury, renal insufficiency, and pulmonary fibrosis. However, it remains a commercially viable herbicide because of its favorable environmental fate when properly applied. Paraquat binds rapidly and tightly to clay materials in soils, and when adsorbed it is biologically inactive and does not leach into water sources.

The name "fuller's earth" reflects an early industrial use for this clay. Garment workers, known as "fullers" would rub the fuller's earth into woolen garments to absorb deposits of human body oils. Afterward, garments would be shaken out to remove the earthen material, leaving clean clothes in a process known as "fulling." Fuller's earth has also been investigated by the military as a way to decontaminate soldiers exposed to chemical weaponry.



ACMT members are welcome to submit interesting images of toxicologists, or representing medical toxicology, for publication in future ACMT newsletters. Please include a brief description of the images. Submissions may be sent electronically to info@acmt.net.

The ACMT, as part of a cooperative agreement with ATSDR, maintains the Internet Library of Images in Toxicology in the Member's Only section of www.acmt.net. ACMT members are encouraged to consider contributing images to this library. Email info@acmt.net for more information.

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We recently introduced a Specialist in Poison Information (SPI) rate. ACMT hopes this slight cost reduction will permit the attendance of some SPIs and promote further team building among poison centers and medical toxicology medical directors and consultants. (SPIs also have a competitive exam to pass, and ACMT recognizes that many can not attend NACCT yearly, because someone has to stay at home to answer the phones.)

Thanks to Lewis Nelson, Education Committee Chair and the Committee as a whole for all these successes.

What a success the Journal of Medical Toxicology (JMT) has become. Preparations are in place for the submission to the National Library of Medicine to have it indexed. As the previous Editor of The Internet Journal of Medical Toxicology, it is my opinion that JMT has fulfilled the deficiencies that led to IJMT being unsuccessful in its' first and only NLM application. Read more in the Newsletter and thanks to Kevin Osterhoudt, Christian Tomaszewski and Leslie Dye for bringing us to this point. The future now rests upon your continued high quality work and submissions.

The Practice Committee under the leadership of Charles McKay remains a busy ACMT Committee that sometimes does not get all the recognition it deserves. The Newsletter highlights some of the committee's activities, but the position statements are another time intensive project. We appreciate many of you tak-

ing the time to contribute to this process. Thanks Chuck and Practice Committee members. Practice opportunities for medical toxicologists need to expand and this is a goal of the College, we look for your ideas and input.

Talking about practice and work provides a transition to mention my personal work change. In May I began work for the Food and Drug Administration in Silver Spring, MD. My position is Senior Advisor for Medical Toxicology to the Director of the Office of New Drugs in the Center For Drug Evaluation and Research. I am learning a lot now about the regulatory science, but ultimately the position will focus upon drug safety. It is a little lonely here as currently the only medical toxicologist in an Agency of 12,000 employees, but I hope this changes quickly. In July a delegation of ACMT members under the leadership of Christine Haller visited the FDA to discuss ways that the College and medical toxicologists can help fulfill the FDA's mission. The future seems bright.

Finally in closing, I wanted to thank you all for the opportunity of being your President these last two years. I hope to see many of you at the business meeting in San Francisco and the many other ACMT activities that are planned at NACCT. I always look forward to the meeting to renew friendships and create new ones.



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JOURNAL OF MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY APPOINTS EDITOR

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In December, 2005, the ACMT proudly offered the first issue of the Journal of Medical Toxicology (<http://jmt.pennpress.org>) - the official journal of the College. This international, peer-reviewed journal is described as being “dedicated to advancing the science and practice of medical toxicology, a medical subspecialty focusing on the diagnosis, management and prevention of poisoning/toxicity and other adverse health effects due to medications,

chemicals, occupational and environmental substances, and biological hazards.” The handsomely produced “JMT” is published quarterly, and is distributed to ACMT members as an organizational benefit. The ACMT Publications Committee and Board of Directors now announces the appointment of Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD, FACMT, FACEP, as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology, beginning with the March, 2006, issue.

Dr. Tomaszewski completed his toxicology fellowship training in 1991 at the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He is currently a faculty attending physician, and Medical Director of Hyperbaric Medicine, at the Carolinas Medical Center; and a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Tomaszewski is regarded as an expert in carbon

monoxide poisoning treatment and pathophysiology, as well as in acute care toxicology. He has co-authored over one hundred journal articles and text chapters. Last fall, Dr. Tomaszewski was the keynote speaker at the ACMT Fellows-in-Training Luncheon at the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology, where he gave a presentation entitled, “Pharmaceutical Company Funded Research: the Good, the Bad, and the not so Credible.” Chris brings important advances in publishing ethics to the journal, and has already implemented conflict of interest accountability measures. Please give Chris your support: submit original articles to the JMT, provide timely and conscientious peer-review of manuscripts when called upon, and ask your academic institutions to subscribe to the JMT. The JMT strives to offer a quick editorial process, a handsome-appearing journal presentation, dissemination of scientific articles to an important audience of medical toxicologists, and inexpensive subscription prices to allow wide readership.

The ACMT is also excited to announce the appointment of Leslie Dye, MD, FACMT, as Associate Editor of the Journal of Medical Toxicology. Dr. Dye completed her toxicology fellowship training in 1992 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Dr. Dye has a history of distinguished service to the ACMT, and an exemplary record as a clinician, scientific writer, and educator. She brings a wealth of scientific writing, editing, and publishing experience to her new duties for the JMT.