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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Chair

Dear Fellows of the College:

This will be my last letter as chair of the ACCWS. In January, Dr. Aimee Garcia takes the reins. I know the College will continue to grow under her enlightened leadership, and we have ensured continuity with the selection of Dr. Jayesh Shah as chair-elect. This has been a pivotal year for the College. We have begun an international relationship, hosting a wound care course in Bogotá, Colombia, which will bear more fruit this coming year and has the potential to really increase the prestige and the reach of the College. We have established a relationship with another professional organization, cohosting a conference with the National Lymphedema Network, and have begun to think of hosting a conference of our own. Regional meetings continue, and I especially congratulate the Ohio region for its continuing series and the excitement the series has

engendered. Finally, this journal has now become established and is beginning its third year.

However, many challenges remain. We need to continue to work to unify the voice of wound care so that our message can be heard in the cacophony of Washington. Regardless of our individual political beliefs, we should always have our patients in mind when we think, debate, and vote on health care reform. We need to support and encourage scientific study so that our clinical practice improves and follows the best evidence. With your support, the College can contribute to the discussion and lead the way into the future, when wound care will be a specialty in its own right and centered on excellence in patient care. Our patients deserve nothing less.

Wishing you a healthy and a successful 2011.

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