Council on Forensic Sciences Update

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The Council on Forensic Sciences (CFS) held its annual recertification conference, “Knowledge and Skill Building for the Chiropractic Clinician & Expert,” in Chicago on October 6 to 8, 2016. This educational event is held in collaboration with the American College of Chiropractic Consultants and the West Hartford Group. A complimentary bonus presentation was also sponsored by NCMIC Group, Inc on opening day. In total, 26.5 hours of continuing education courses approved by National University of Health Sciences were offered. Dr. Rob Servais and Dr. Justin Mitchell were the conference chair and co-chair, respectively.

The speakers covered diverse subjects regarding the latest trends in our profession, technical information, expert testimony skills, research, and clinical skills:

- David Seaman, DC, Pain Mechanism Update: Spinal Pain
- Jim Lehman, DC, Whiplash Associated Disorders, The Pathway from Acute to Chronic Pain, and Statin Myopathy
- Michele Maiers, DC, Ride the Wave of the Silver Tsunami
- Clayton Hopkins, DC, A Question of Causation: Spinal Cord Stroke and Chiropractic Care
- Albert Mitsos, MD, My Perspective on Causation and Vertebral Artery Dissection
- Steve Yeomans, DC, AMA Guides—4th, 5th, and 6th Editions
- Bill Defoyd, DC, Overview of the Texan Workers’ Compensation System
- Craig Nelson, DC, Evidence Based Medicine 2.0
- Tim Bertelsman, DC, and Brandon Steele, DC, 10 Clinical Tests That Improve Outcomes: Functional Diagnostic Pearls Gleaned From a Review of 5000 Articles
- Tabatha Erck, ChiroFirst Study: Case for Conservative Care
- Jay Shah, MD, New Frontiers in Chronic Myofascial Pain and Central Sensitization

- Mike Fergus, DC, Introduction of Musculoskeletal Diagnostic Ultrasound

The CFS conventions allow for the old-fashioned “face-to-face” camaraderie that has been replaced by the likes of e-mail, Facebook, and Twitter. Thus, the convention is a wonderful opportunity to renew acquaintances and make few friendships with colleagues with similar interests from all over the county.

The CFS held its Annual General Membership meeting on Friday, October 7, 2016. Recent past president of the American Chiropractic Association, Dr. Tony Hamm, serves as the Council liaison between the American Chiropractic Association and CFS and oversees the annual election of CFS officers. He announced the recent elections of Dr. Justin Mitchell as president, Dr. Dan Roode as president elect, Dr. Mike Mathesie as treasurer, and Dr. Clayton Hopkins as secretary.

The Educational Committee reviewed the recent addition of 200 hours of online learning applicable toward the core requirements of the CFS Diplomate program. These hours are offered through the University of Bridgeport Chiropractic College. This is in addition to the previously available 40 hours of online learning through Chiro Credit. These courses are approved and certified by the American Board of Forensic Professionals, which is the testing arm of the CFS for Diplomate certification. For more information on educational offerings through the CFS, please go to <http://www.forensic-sciences.org/>.

The next CFS conference is scheduled for October 5 to 7, 2017 in Chicago. Please mark your calendar so you may attend this outstanding event. The schedule will be posted in advance on the websites of the American College of Chiropractic Consultants and CFS. If you have any questions or interest in joining the CFS, please contact me directly at efc@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 421-4540.