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# INTERNATIONAL OSTOMY ASSOCIATION



## Greetings to all our friends interested in our international organization.

This has been a most exciting and busy three months; much has happened and I have some important information to share with you.

I shared with all our member country presidents, the sad news on the death of our Immediate Past President, Heinz Wolff. He fought a long hard battle with cancer finally losing the battle on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2006. A Tribute to Heinz' life was on our IOA Website.

His wife Ruth has been in touch with me with the following information for those who would like to contribute to a memorial fund. If you wish to make a donation, the information below is all that you need. Ruth would appreciate hearing if a donation has been made. It is not necessary to specify the amount donated. Ruth can be reached at [eoawolff@zahav.net.il](mailto:eoawolff@zahav.net.il)

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## NEW LOOK TO THE IOA WEBSITE

Stuart Schaefer, IOA Webmaster / Consultant has for four years recommended to the IOA Executive Council that the Website needed to be updated. Unfortunately funds were never available to secure the services of a Web designer. Stuart took matters into his own hands and devoted many hours to re-designing the site himself at no cost to IOA. We are delighted with the results and hope that you share our thoughts. Please take a moment to say thank you and let Stuart know what you think of the new Website.

## EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING September 8 – 10, 2006 ORLANDO FLORIDA

This was a very successful business meeting where IOA business was discussed in detail. A Strategic Plan for the next few years was worked out. This needs a couple of refinements and once we have them completed I will let you know in case you would like a copy.

Our secretary, Ann Favreau, has sent a copy of the minutes of the meeting to all country presidents together with a copy of the president's report on the activities of IOA from April 1, 2005 to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2006. Copies of the Reports from each of the Regional Presidents were also attached. If you did not receive your copy, please be in touch with Ann at [secretaryioa@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:secretaryioa@ostomyinternational.org)

Please note that this information was sent electronically and Regional Presidents have been asked to download and send copies to those countries in their region that do not have a contact e mail address.



## VISIT TO THE GREATER ORLANDO/CENTRAL FLORIDA OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP OF UOAA

Members of the Executive committee who were still in Orlando on Sunday afternoon had a rare opportunity to visit a support group meeting. I think it was a great experience for both groups as members of the IOA Executive had an opportunity to speak first hand with members of a local support group while the members of the support



group had a special opportunity to meet IOA Executive f r o m around the world. Shelley Dittmer, President and the at-

tendees of the support group made us very welcome indeed and gave us an opportunity to address the meeting. I think that the attendees were especially interested in hearing from our overseas visitors, Vladimir Kleinwachter from the Czech Republic, Brenda Flanagan from England, Arne Holte from Norway, Anne Hafner from Australia, Gene Zapf and myself from Canada. Linda Aukett as president of the NCACOA region of IOA had a few special words in regard to the region and an added bonus for the members of the Orlando Support group was the opportunity to meet the UOAA president Kenneth Aukett who had been an observer at the IOA meeting. The idea of the visit came from our Webmaster Stuart Schaefer and our IOA secretary Ann Favreau was responsible for the initial contacts for us. Both Ann and Stuart are Floridians so were right at home, of course. Stuart took the opportunity of signing up those attendees who had e mail to our List Builder data base so that they will receive copies of this newsletter.

## VISITOR TRAINING GUIDELINES

Our first draft is already complete and we are almost ready to go to print. I will be sending out a questionnaire to all member country presidents as soon as we have IOA Today complete. We realize that there are countries in IOA that have very effective visitor training programmes. IOA has developed its Ostomy Visitor Training Guidelines to help associations that do not have their own. We are seeking data that will be utilized to market and implement the programme. We would appreciate your responses to this questionnaire. All personal information will remain confidential. I will send the questionnaire out next week by separate e mail . This note is just to let you know to expect the questionnaire and what it is

all about. Please reply by attaching the completed survey by email to

[president@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:president@ostomyinternational.org)

The information will be collated and I will let you know the results as soon as it is done – probably by the next edition of IOA TODAY which will be sent out at the end of January/beginning February.

## IOA AWARDS

There are two opportunities provided by IOA to recognize a specific person who has made a difference in the lives of Ostomates. I refer to the two awards outlined below. It is time for our member associations to start preparing their entries for these two awards. I will be sending specific details as regards the selection process next week to all member country presidents.

## ARCHIE VINITSKY AWARD GUIDELINES

The Archie Vinitsky Award is an Award presented to a person who has given the most outstanding voluntary service at international and/or regional level in support of the activities of the IOA. The Award will be made at each Congress.

There is to be only one Award presented per Congress. In the case of the lack of suitable nominations, no Award will be presented.

## QUALIFICATIONS

The Award is essentially for services which have been given entirely voluntarily, but in the event of a potential recipient being professionally involved in a related capacity, a very clear distinction must be made by the proposer between the professional and voluntary activities. It is most likely that the qualifying period of any candidate will be over a number of preceding years. Excluded are current IOA Executive Council members and previous Award recipients.

**All entries for the Archie Vinitsky Award must be sent to the IOA President to arrive no later than FEBRUARY 1st. 2007.**

## IOA PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The IOA Professional Service Award is presented to an individual whose dedicated professional service has advanced the Quality of life of ostomates and those with related surgeries, worldwide.

**All entries for the Professional Services Award must be sent to the IOA President to arrive no later than February 1st. 2007.**

For further information about both awards, please consult

the IOA Handbook Page 104 Section 4.4.1 and 4.4.2

### Didn't we have an exciting World Ostomy Day?

The activity that took place around the ostomy world was very rewarding as you will see from reading the following reports. Let me share my World Ostomy activity with you. I was honoured to represent IOA at the 2006 Guangzhou International Symposium on Stoma Therapy & Rehabilitation from October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 . The symposium was arranged to coincide with World Ostomy Day. **What a marvelous idea to spread awareness of ostomates to over 150 nurses from across China.** The symposium was sponsored by the Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center and the Sun Yat-sen University ET School. There were over 150 nurses in attendance from across China as well as guests from Australia, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Thailand and the USA. Honorary President was Dr Yu Dehong; President Dr. De-sen Wan.

We were told at the meeting that there are about 100 thousand persons who receive ostomy surgery every year. Unfortunately, there is a big shortage of qualified ET's to provide Ostomates with professional care, due to the relatively late development of stoma therapy and rehabilitation in China. For more information, please read the paper presented by **De-sen Wan, MD on Enterostomal Therapist Training in China: Current Status and Future.**

### Topics of the Symposium included

- How to Work as an ET
- Training of ET's
- The Role of ET's in the Hospital
- Ostomy Visitors
- Management of Stoma Complications
- Wound, Fistula and Skin Care
- Incontinence Care
- Innovations in Stoma Surgery and Nursing
- Quality of Life for Ostomates
- Development of Stoma Products

### Overseas guest speakers were

- Elizabeth English, President WCET, Australia
- Sandra Smits, Past President, WCET, The Netherlands
- Louise Forest – Lalonde, WCET, Canada
- Dielwen Bracken, IOA President, Canada
- Prof Katsuhisa Shindo, President ASSR, Japan
- Prof. Sadao Anazaw, Japan
- Prof Carlo Pezcoller, Italy
- Linda Aukett, President NCACOA Region, IOA
- Kenneth Aukett, Past President, IOA

It was also most interesting to hear presentations from Chinese nurses and learn how ostomy issues are handled in China. I am sure that this was a learning experience for all attendees.



Guangzhoe ET nurses entertained us with a traditional Chinese dance

On Sunday afternoon the 8<sup>th</sup> October, there was a Celebration of World Ostomy Day and Guangzhou and Hong Kong Gathering. Some 25 ostomates made the journey from Hong Kong to Guangzhou to celebrate with their counterparts following the symposium. What a treat to hear again the Hong Kong Ostomy choir – they do such a great job



The Hong Kong choir serenading the Assembly.

### WORLD OSTOMY REPORTS FROM ACROSS OUR OSTOMY WORLD

It is a special privilege to present the reports from our member countries that have been sent for inclusion in IOA TODAY. ENJOY!

Please read pages 17-32 for a complete report by Gerry Barry on the e mail tree that went around our ostomy world last month. It certainly makes very interesting reading.

2006 Guangzhou International Symposium on Stoma Therapy & Rehabilitation

### Enterostomal Therapists Training in China: Current Status and Future

**By De-sen Wan, Professor & Director Department of Abdominal Surgery**

**Sun Yat-Sen University Cancer Center, Guangzhou, 510060, China**

Modern nursing for stoma has been developed just since the past half century,

although ostomy operation has had a history over 200 years. The history of enterostomal therapist (ET) in the world is reviewed briefly in this paper, so are status of stoma nursing development and ETs' training in Asian countries. Compared with the developed countries, stoma therapy and nursing in China had been developed lately, but it's going quickly and has an encouraging future.

In 1988 Prof YU De-hong firstly opened one ET training course in Shanghai and it's the start for modern stomal nursing training in China. Shanghai stoma club was also set up in the same year. Since then more than 2000 professional staff have been trained for stomal therapy and nursing in China. Up to now 38 stoma clubs or home of ostomates has been set up in 17 provinces & autonomous regions and 4 municipalities in China mainland.

Formal training for ETs in China was started in 1993 and up to now two ETs school has been established in Guangzhou and Beijing. Currently there are 88 qualified ETs in the whole nation, inclusive of full-time ETs. 15 stoma clinics has been opened around the country and about 300-400 consultations are served by each clinic per year. In order to provide optimal reading books for ET training courses, two textbooks has been published in Chinese, which are Management of intestinal stoma edited by YU De-hong in 2004 and Stomal therapy and rehabilitation: theory and practice edited by WAN De-sen, CHU Kim-wah, ZHOU Zhi-wei and PAN Zhi-zhong in 2006.

### **There are three methods to train ETs in China at present:**

#### **1 short-term training course:**

This training method was firstly used in Shanghai in 1988, and since then the similar short-term training courses opened in Guangzhou, Beijing, Guangxi, Chongqing and Hangzhou. An annual ET training course, National Enterostomal Therapists training Course has been opened at Guangzhou Sun Yat-sen University cancer center since 1998, which is also a national Continuing Medical Education course, lasting for two weeks, about 45 trainees per course Up to 2005, there are over 400 trainees from the whole country. The trained professionals are basically able to provide ostomates with guidance of pouches application and to provide basic management for common stomal complications. Their jobs greatly improve ostomates' quality of life.

#### **2 Overseas training:**

Eight Chinese ETs were trained in Australia, Korea,

United States of America and

Hongkong They took good experiences and techniques of these countries back to China. But this method is hard to be popularized, due to its high training costs and language barrier, particularly language barrier is the main difficulty for study.

#### **3. Open of domestic ETs school:**

Domestic ETs school will resolve problems of costs and language in ET training and

provide a high effective training method. According to guide of Twinning Project of WCET (World Council of Enterostomal Therapists), two ET schools was set up in Guangzhou in 2001 and Beijing in 2004 with help of HKETA (Hong Kong Enterostomal Therapists Association ). Training course in ET school is totally set up according to guidelines for WCET ETNEP (Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Programmes). The whole training course contains not less than 360 teaching hours. The course consists of stoma care (40%), wound care (30%), incontinence care (20%) and professional development (10%). Theory lecture and clinical practice takes equal time. The trainees who pass the final test will get qualification qualified by WCET. Up to 2006, there are 88 Chinese nurses from the whole nation got this WCET qualification, most of them are still working in the field of stoma care. 15 of them are currently full-time ET for stoma care, wound care and incontinence care around the nation, others do a part-time ET job. A survey done by WANG Ling-yan showed that among 47 ETs trained in Guangzhou Sun Yat-sen University ET School, most of them are working in field of clinical nursing and involving stoma therapy, 8 of them (17.0%) are full-time ET nurses, 12 of them (25.5%) open stoma clinic to provide consultation for stoma care and wound care, but few involves in incontinence care.

In summary, there are many encouraging changes in stoma therapy and rehabilitation in China after an 18-year effort. A professional Chinese ET group has come into being in China mainland, and knowledge about stoma has been basically popularized among medical staff, ostomates and the public. The modern ostomy appliances have been used more extensively than before, from which more and more ostomates benefit.

Many postoperative stoma complications are managed timely and properly, and with a trend of decrease. Stoma clinic has been set up at some big hospitals in major cities, so are ostomy visitor program and ostomates gathering activity. Standardized principles for stoma therapy

and rehabilitation has been accepted and practiced more and more, including preoperative education, siting, post-operative stoma care and discharge guide. Most important, many Chinese ETs are becoming more experienced and professional to manage stoma and its complication, and complicated wounds.

### **The existing problems for stoma therapy and rehabilitation in China:**

#### **1. ETs' position in the hospital:**

It's reasonable to have at least 1-2 full-time ET nurses in a hospital with more than 500 beds, who provide service for all patients with stoma, wound and incontinence in the whole hospital. The current problem is special position of ET nurses in hospital, particularly in terms of administrative and human resource management. A reasonable suggestion is to set up an independent department or unit of stoma therapy in such a hospital.

#### **2. Lack of according law and regulations to insure ET nurses at stoma clinic.**

Currently Chinese nurses have no permission to consult patients at clinic, inclusive of prescription.

#### **3. There is no nation-wide guideline for stoma therapy and rehabilitation.**

#### **4. Role of ET nurses in hospital is ignored and not understood well by some doctors and administrative leadership.**

#### **Future developments:**

1 To train more qualified ETs. China has a population of 1.3 billion and about 100 thousand persons receive ostomy operation every year. Currently there are less than 100 ETs in China although there are about one million ostomates alive. Shortage of professional ET nurses is obvious. So, the first and the most important step for future development of stoma therapy in China is to get more and more ET nurses trained, aiming at having 200 qualified ETs, and 4000 short-term trained ET nurses in 5 years.

2. To make a guideline for stoma therapy and rehabilitation.

3. To identify special position and responsibility of ET in hospital.

4. To establish regulations to make sure that ETs can legally manage stoma, wound and incontinence at clinic independently.

5. To set up a Chinese association of ETs. Although started lately, stoma therapy and rehabilitation in China

is developed quickly. It must reach at the advanced level of the world in near future.

## **HYDERABAD CITY,**

### **Andhra Pradesh State, India**



I am happy to inform you that

our Association, The Association of Ostomates (A.P), HYDERABAD CITY, Andhra Pradesh State, India has celebrated WOD on 7th October, 2006, at the Conference hall of the KMS Hospital, Hyderabad a Corporate Hospital. The function consisted of three sessions:

- --Inaugural Session,
- --Technical Session and
- --Stoma check-up session & Nurses Workshop.

The Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session was the State's Minister for Tourism, Trade & Culture. The session was presided over by the Association's President, Dr. P.V. Chalapathi Rao, Colo-Rectal Surgeon. He has welcomed the guests and explained the importance of WOD to the participants. The Minister, Chief Guest, has commended the work being done by the Association in Rehabilitating the ostomates and promised to help the Association in its efforts to help the ostomates. The Honorary Secretary of the Association Mr. Sastry, P.V.S has given a report on the activities of the Association.

The Technical Session was presided over by the Hony. Secretary. It consisted of a presentation by Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Oncology Surgeon, about the ostomy, surgery, precautions to be taken by ostomates postoperatively, stoma management, diet etc., Another presentation was given by Dr. K. V.R. Prasad, a Urological Surgeon on the subject of Urostomy. A detailed presentation was given by Sister Neeta Sabharwal on Stoma Management, Skin Problems in stoma management, Irrigation for colostomates etc.

The post session consisted of stoma check-up for out-station ostomates and a workshop for nurses & nursing school students.

The programme ended with presentation of mementos to speakers and vote of thanks by Hony. Secretary of the Association.

The WOD celebrations were attended by ostomates & their spouse, Doctors, Nurses, Nursing school students and other interested persons totalling 150 attendees. Lunch, tea & snacks were arranged free to all the attendees.

Display of Ostomy appliances was also arranged by M/S S-Three Sales International, Distributors of Hollister Inc,

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Hony.Secretary,  
Association Of Ostomates(A.P),  
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh State, India.

### IRAN OSTOMY SOCIETY reported by Dr Bahar Majoubi

The ceremony of the Universal Day of Ostomy was held in the presence of 110 ostomates and their families, benefactors, ET.Nurses and a number of physicians in Dr. Adl Conference Hall located at Iran Ostomy Society.

The ceremony was held from 4-10 p.m. One of the ostomates made the inauguration speech and announced the events. Then the in-house manager of the Society recited the one-year performance report of the Society.

Later on, results of the new-year election for the appointment of new representatives of ostomates were announced and the new representatives were introduced. The previous representatives received the gifts procured by ostomates in return for their services and the new representatives officially took on their responsibilities.



Afterwards, benefactors who had made contributions to Iran Ostomy Society and ostomates were recognized and appreciated through handing out gifts and presents. Also, institutes and companies such as F.O.W and VAL-Pro

which had granted gifts to ostomates were recognized. All the attendants took photographs to remember the day.



In the next stage, the guests and ostomates had dinner on the first floor and in the yard. The dinner was prepared by the ostomates. After the dinner, the special cake served on the Universal Day of Ostomy was cut by the oldest ostomate. There were five candles on the cake representing the 5<sup>th</sup> foundation anniversary of Iran Ostomy Society. The ceremony was followed by Iranian traditional music and ended by distribution of the gifts provided by Hollister Co. among all ostomates.



Iranian ostomates celebrated this day with all ostomates in the world in Ramadan month (month of fasting during day).

### WOD – THE ITALIAN WAY

As president of EOA I was invited to the Italian Ostomy organization, FAIS, celebration of the World Ostomy Day. I was really both proud and delighted to come to the nice

seaside town of Montesilvano and celebrate that great day – and what a day it became! As the Italian ET organization had its annual meeting at the same hotel at the same time – and all the companies where there as well, more than 800 people from all over Italy were gathered (and me from Norway!!!).

The meeting took place on the WOD – October the 7. when there were greetings, speeches and lectures – and for my part I was allowed to speak to that great audience. As my Italian is limited to Forza Italia – I was lucky to have a brilliant interpreter by my side. I was very satisfied also with being able to gather some members of the FAIS junior group telling them about the young group in Norway – and hopefully also getting the two groups in contact with each other. Among the great numbers of persons speaking during the day was also a senator from Rome – and many local presidents from all over Italy.

Of course there were great dinners – and entertainment with a dance group from Sardinia. A really great performance. Only disappointment was that our dear member of the EOA coordination committee, Rita Silanos, was in hospital and not able to attend the meeting.

Congratulations to FAIS president Fernando Vitale and to the complete organizing committee. Very well done – and to all of you: look to Italy when you are preparing the next WOD.

Arne Holte, president EOA

Ladies and gentlemen!

Thank you for inviting me to your celebration of the World Ostomy Day here in Montesilvano, Italy. As I am from Norway, my Italian is very limited, so I will have to talk to you in English. I do, however, remember that when I in 1994 went to Lillehammer, Norway, to watch the Olympic winter games – and the Italian skiers beat the Norwegians on the cross country relay – all Italians yelled “Forza Italia! So before going on, I say: Forza FAIS!!! And I have a good interpreter by my side, so I am confident that you will understand me.

I think it is a great idea to have the congress for stoma care nurses together with the FAIS-gathering at WOD. To my knowledge this is the greatest WOD-event in Europe and probably in the whole world.

In the Charter of Ostomates Rights which states what the Ostomate shall expect from the government and from all people he or she will meet anywhere, there is one point saying:

**The ostomate shall be able to choose from a variety of ostomy products – at an affordable price**

I know of the situation regarding this point some places in

Europe. In Denmark the ostomates can choose what product they want and pay nothing. In Norway we can choose, but have to pay a limited amount on a yearly basis (when we reached that amount = 200 Euros for all healthcare, all is free).

In Sweden there is a similar arrangement, in the Czech Republic it seems that they can choose, but have a limited number of bags a month and pay nothing. In Moscow they are able to choose and pay nothing, and in St.Petersburg all registered ostomates can have 20 bags a month without paying. Unfortunately it seems that this is not always the case due to lack of money.

I have also been told that there is 50.000 ostomates in Ukraine, and that they have very little or no appliances at all.

In the western world there seems to be three systems:

1. The ostomate can choose and pay nothing
2. The ostomate can choose, but must pay a limited amount
3. The ostomate can have a certain number of bags a month, and pay nothing

We can of course discuss what is best. But we know that governments all over Europe want to cut health care expenses – that is also the case in Norway. There is no doubt that an ostomate being working is the cheapest ostomate for the government - which also of course will be the best for all ostomates as long as age and health do not prevent working.

So if we agree upon that an ostomate shall have a good life, as a matter of fact the same quality of life as anyone else, how do we obtain this? Yes, first of all to make sure that the ostomate gets the appliance or bag that is correct for just her or him – and also the correct number of bags needed.

In my opinion it is wrong just to offer certain number of bags a month. Someone need many bags a month, others need fewer. For my part I am lucky to use 12 to 18 a month, but I have friends who need to change their bag more than once a day.

So, my dear friends in FAIS, in my opinion this shall be one of your goals, and it is a really simple one:



FAIS president Fernando Vitale, EOA President Arne Holte and to the right Roberto, head of the organizing committee

**To be sure that the ostomate has a good quality of life the ostomate shall be able to have the number of bags just he or she needs – and also the type of bag just he or she needs!**

### **So a few words about twinning.**

Twinning is one of the things in the world of ostomates that I am really occupied with. Twinning means that a country with great resources have a friend (an organization) in a country with small resources. The most important idea is that those two shall be friends – and it does not cost much money just to be friends! If time and resources allows it there is of course nothing to keep the “strong” part from doing much more like helping to build up a good organization, sending appliances (bags), teaching doctors and nurses, sending money and office equipment, exchange experiences, arranging courses and seminars. The ultimate goal must be to make the “weak” country to be able to stand on his own feet.

There are some good twinning examples in Europe. Denmark and Lithuania where Lithuania now manage very well themselves. Norway and St.Petersburg which is still ongoing, but will hopefully be ended in some years as the conditions for ostomates in St.Petersburg seem to be rapidly improving. Also Germany has good contact with ostomates in Ukraine.

Can Italy have a twin? Yes, there is no doubt in my mind. There will be countries in Europe needing a twin. Armenia is one country, probably also Moldova – and more. With this I challenge FAIS to take on a twin – maybe not this year, but in a year or two or three!

Thank you and Forza FAIS!!!!

Arne Holte, President EOA

## **WOD 2006 IN POLAND**

I was invited to attend the celebrations of World Ostomy Day 2006 by POL-ILKO. The meeting took place in a small resort place Rytro, located in hilly landscape on the northern foot of High Tatras on 29<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

An account of the meeting is presented here by the Chairman of POL-ILKO, Jurek Kasprzak and this short report bring only some observations of a foreign guest.

At the festive assembly Jurek spoke about the importance of the WOD for the improvement of the life of ostomates in the whole world. He stressed the strengthening of solidar-

ity of ostomate organisations in countries with good level of social and medical care with ostomates who in many parts of the world are practically helpless. Poland belongs to Central European countries where the care of ostomates is fairly good and POL-ILKO does its best to offer assistance to neighbouring countries in the Eastern Europe.

Addresses by the guests from abroad and by representatives of sponsoring firms were followed by lectures given by a physician and a psychologist.

On the second day an excursion was organised to the famous salt mine in Wieliczka.

Besides the exhibits of the medieval techniques of salt mining and religious and historical monuments made of salt block the mine serves also as a cultural establishment with a concert hall and restaurant, all located more that 100 m below the ground.



In the evenings the Polish ostomates showed that they take the WOD motto *Living life to the full* rather seriously. Singing, dancing and various competitions with accompaniment of a local góral (highlander) group in national costumes lasted to the early morning hours.

The attendees who arrived by buses from Kraków closed the celebrations by a sightseeing of this beautiful city, which was one the seat of Polish kings.

I would like to express my thanks to the POL-ILKO Executive for giving me the possibility to share the WOD with Polish ostomates. I had the chance to attend all previous WOD celebrations in Poland and can see what progress POL-ILKO achieved during the past decade.

Vladimír Kleinwächter  
IOA Vice President

## HOLLISTER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

It was great to see the winners from around the ostomy world – from ten different countries. The response from 23 countries submitting 240 entries shows how interested our members were in participating in the contest. I hope we will have a similar response to our next report asking for data!

Hollister sent a CD Rom to all winners and one copy to each of IOA's member countries. I took my copy to Guangzhou and we were able to see the winners at one of the functions.

At the Welcome Dinner at the 12<sup>th</sup> IOA Congress in Puerto Rico, we will be featuring World Ostomy Day. A slide show of the entries will be shown so don't forget to be with us in Puerto Rico.

If you wish to view the winners of the contest, go to <http://www.ostomyinternational.org/images/2006WODWinners.pdf>



### UPDATES: September 2006

☒ **Happy Birthday to UOAA ... we are now officially one year old!!**

☒ **Fall 2006 Election of UOAA Management Board of Directors.**

In the very near future all ASG contacts will be receiving, via the postal service, a letter from the UOAA Office containing your election ballot and instructions regarding its completion and submission back to UOAA. The deadline for submission of these election ballots is November 15, 2006. The following people have agreed to stand for Office: Ken Aukett, President; Kristin Knipp, President Elect; Bob Baker, Vice President; Dave Rudzin, Treasurer; Mary Jane Wolfe, Secretary. These candidates are running unopposed. For the 4 Director seats we have 6 candidates. They are: LeeAnn Barcus, Charlie Grotevant, Tillie Horak, Lynne Kramer, Sherry Lessard and Steve Strizic. The 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes will serve 2-year terms; the candidates receiving the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of votes will serve one year terms.

There will be an election in the Fall of 2007 to elect 2 Directors whose terms will be expiring. These Directors will serve a 2-year term. Every year thereafter 2 Directors will be elected to replace those whose terms are expiring. Ginnie Kasten, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee thanks those volunteers who allowed their name to be placed into consideration for the Management Board of Directors positions that this election will fill. It is her hope, and this is shared by those presently serving as UOAA leaders, that more candidates will agree to stand for office in future elections. Information about the candidates and their qualifications can be found on the UOAA website at <http://www.uoaa.org/forum/viewforum.php?f=10>. This is a Discussion Board, so please ask questions of the candidates, then vote your group's preference.

The Office of President Elect is a new concept included by UOAA in its Constitution. The person elected to this Office will automatically succeed to the Office of President on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. With this provision in place, the transition from one administration to another will be seamless. The new President will have served on the MBoD for the 3 previous years, and will have had an opportunity to develop and Influence policies, activities and planning schemes that will be their responsibility to implement. The Office of Immediate Past President has been eliminated.

☒ **Affiliated Support Groups** – Since our last UPDATE in July, 16 more groups have affiliated. If you add in the 15 Outreach Support Groups (OSGs, formerly known as Satellites) associated with the ASGs, UOAA now represents **236 ostomy patient support groups!**

You can see the entire list at this link:

<http://www.uoaa.org/supportgroups.shtml>

**Reminder:** In order to refer people to your group we need to keep the information on this list current. Please remember to let us know if and when your contact person, telephone number and/or e-mail address changes. **Send changes to Joan McGorry at [oa@uoaa.org](mailto:oa@uoaa.org). Thanks!**

☒ **IRS Application for Charity Status for ASGs**

Just when it appears that things are going well, the IRS steps in and throws a curve ball! Last May UOAA made a mailing to the ASGs inquiring as to whether they wished to be covered by UOAA's IRS 501(c)(3) Charity Status. They were told that if they did they needed to have their own Federal Employers Number (EIN – the corporate world's equivalent of our social security number) and to answer some basic questions about their group. 59 ASGs responded they did. In early June an application was made to the IRS on behalf of these groups. All was quiet until the end of August, when I received a letter from the IRS requesting more information. Along with the letter was a notice that the requested information had to be provided within two weeks. I took one look at this onerous document and forwarded it to Sheldon Sokol, UOAA's legal advisor. Sheldon utilized the services of his legal clerk Giovina Taraschi to prepare a response. To get the necessary information, Giovina communicated directly with the ASGs listed in the application. Unfortunately, Giovina did not identify herself as an agent of UOAA and there was some concern and confusion

not only about the information requested, but about the requestor herself. Despite a two-week extension granted by the IRS, only 39 of the original 59 ASGs were able to gather the information requested by the IRS in this time period. Another application will be made sometime in January 2007. The information requested from the ASGs was as follows: -A list of the ASGs Board of Directors or Officers with their titles, addresses, and compensation, if any; -A FY 2006 budget for the ASG, with a notation of any projected changes for FY 2007 and 2008; -The ASGs sources of funds/revenues, if any; -A description of the meeting facility, including location, type of property, owner, the terms of any applicable rental agreement, and a notation if the office space is shared with another party; -A list of what activities the ASG engages in, together with the percentage of time spent on each activity.

This information was submitted to the IRS by their imposed deadline. We now await their evaluation and approval of this most recent submission.

#### ☒ **Newsletter Editor Directory**

From time to time there is information that needs to be communicated to the ASG Newsletter Editors: information such as National, Network and Regional Conference Flyers, Advocacy alerts, **The PHOENIX** subscription advertising and articles of general interest. To expedite the dissemination of this information, UOAA is compiling a Directory of ASG Newsletter Editors. This Directory will be available in the UOAA Office and will be made available only to those entities deemed appropriate by the UOAA MBoD, such as other Newsletter Editors who want to share information. Please e-mail contact information about your ASG Newsletter Editor to Joan McGorry at

[oa@uoaa.org](mailto:oa@uoaa.org)

Again as a service to the ASG Newsletter Editors, 9 articles are attached to this UPDATE for use by the Editors as they see fit. At some time in the not-too-distant-future the 20 articles that were sent with the July UPDATE will be posted on the UOAA website on an educational article page open to all viewers who visit the site.

#### ☒ **Website – [www.uoaa.org](http://www.uoaa.org)**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> the UOA website “blinked out” ... gone the way of all good things! However, all was not lost! For those wishing to gain the information contained within the unique UOA **Ostomy Care Guides** published by the UOA, copies of these Guidebooks, Reference Cards, Brochures and Fact Sheets, in both English and Spanish, have been saved on the **Oklahoma Support Group website**.

[http://www.uoaa.org/ostomy\\_info/](http://www.uoaa.org/ostomy_info/)

**Does your group have a website? If not**, UOAA is prepared to offer you space on its site where you can post contact and, any generic meeting information you wish for your group. This will be a no- frills page, but it will provide information about your existence to folks surfing the web. It will also give you an Inter-

net address that you can include on your brochure, business cards or newsletter. For more information contact Joan McGorry [oa@uoaa.org](mailto:oa@uoaa.org).

#### ☒ **Professional Ostomates**

*Disclaimer: UOAA recognizes that some people do not choose to consider their ostomy as a disability, but for those that do, the following information may be of interest.*

Are you a scientist, engineer, IT professional, or mathematician with a sensory, mobility, learning, or other disability? American Association for the Advancement of Science invites you to participate in the *Resource Directory of Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities*. This *Directory* is used by the National Science Foundation, Government agencies, universities, newspapers, and individuals to recruit advisors, speakers, mentors, and peer-reviewers. Find out more and how to participate by going to <http://ehrweb.aaas.org/resource> or email Tesa Leon at [tleon@aaas.org](mailto:tleon@aaas.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS:

#### ☒ **World Ostomy Day – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Don't look now, but next Saturday is World Ostomy Day. WOD'06 will be observed by the IOA's 76 National Ostomy Association members, world wide. WOD'06 provides an excellent opportunity to generate public awareness about ostomy surgery, the diseases that result in ostomy surgery and the local support groups that are organized to assist ostomy patients, their families and caregivers. I hope that you have utilized some of the suggestions forwarded by UOAA's WOD coordinator, Joan McGorry. We are most interested in knowing what your ASG did to participate in this global event. Please send an e-mail to Joan describing your activities ... something that can be shared with the other ASGs when WOD rolls around again in October, 2009.



As part of Hollister's participation in WOD'06 it coordinated a world-wide photo contest. The winning photo submissions have just been announced. Out of 115 entries, we are fortunate indeed that ten of these 20 winning photos depict ostomates from the US, taking part in active everyday life. You can see them [click here](#). Celebrity appearances can be arranged.

## REACHING OUT:

#### ☒ **Board and Conference Planning Meeting**

The UOAA Management Board of Directors and 2007 Conference Planners will meet at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort on November 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. ASG leaders in the Chicago area will be invited to participate in the conference planning discussions on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been contacted directly, but are interested in attending the Conference Planning session on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, contact me at [kenaukett@uoaa.org](mailto:kenaukett@uoaa.org)

### ☒ **Inaugural UOAA National Conference**

Yes I know that it is just the first week of Autumn, but it is not too early to start planning to attend UOAA's

1<sup>st</sup>

National Conference next August in Chicago. On **Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, UOAA will convene its first National Conference at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort situated 18 miles northeast of Chicago's O'Hare airport. The **room rate is only \$ 109 s/d/night + tax**. The hotel is located on a 170 acre site that features a golf course, in-door and out-door swimming pools, a health club, indoor racquet center, basketball and sand volleyball courts, bike rentals for riding on paths that will take you to Wisconsin and a playground for the kids.

The 3 story hotel has 384 well-equipped rooms featuring all of the Marriott amenities, 20 of which are wheelchair accessible; wireless internet in all of the public space; a Kings Wharf themed restaurant; a sports bar; and an award winning live musical theatre in the round, featuring the best of Broadway. For you sports enthusiasts a **Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday , August 15<sup>th</sup>**, at Cranes Landing Golf Club right on the Marriott property. The first foursome will be teeing off around noon. We are working on a special event for Wednesday evening for all golfers and early conference arrivals. Our programming will begin Thursday morning. In addition to the general workshops, a room will be dedicated to each of our networks, where group-specific programming will be presented. And, to those who have attended a UOA Annual Conference and know what a good time is, ConvaTec has promised to carry on its tradition of a sponsored, themed social evening.

### ☒ **2008 Regional Conferences**

If your ASG is planning, or even thinking about planning a Regional Conference for 2008, please contact me at [kenaukett@uoaa.org](mailto:kenaukett@uoaa.org) There is logistical support that UOAA can provide which will ensure that your event is a success.

### ☒ **Membership in the International Ostomy Association**

I am pleased to advise that our application to IOA has been approved by the Executive Committee of the North and Central America and Caribbean Ostomy Association, a Region of IOA. UOAA is a "provisional" member. Until the NCACOA House of Delegates meets next August in Puerto Rico and ratifies our membership application, UOAA will be accorded the rights of a "full member" in IOA, without the right to vote.

**Did you know?** Former UOA President Ann Favreau is the appointed Secretary to the Executive Council of the IOA.

### ☒ **Lance Armstrong Foundation**

UOAA will be listed on the "Lance Armstrong Foundation" website as a resource for people with ostomies recovering from cancer. Check out [http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.jvKZLbMRIsG/b.6703\\_53/k.EB2B/Ostomies\\_Detailed\\_Information.htm](http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.jvKZLbMRIsG/b.6703_53/k.EB2B/Ostomies_Detailed_Information.htm)

UOAA will be listed under the subheadings "Suggestions" and "Additional Information". The info presently listed, which refers to UOA, will be replaced with data I supplied for UOAA.

### ☒ **Publicity = Awareness = A stronger ASG**

The following article comes to us from Greensboro, North Carolina. It calls attention to "ostomy" and the services provided by the Piedmont Ostomy Association. Articles like this are not hard to set up, and will go a long way in strengthening your group.

#### **NR News-Record.com**

Greensboro, North Carolina

#### *People & Places*

Sunday, September 24, 2006

#### **Ostomates learn to cope, live again**

By Antonio Velarde, Staff Writer

GREENSBORO -- After undergoing surgery for bladder cancer five years ago, Jack Canter found himself facing a somewhat uncertain future.

As if the challenge of cancer hadn't been enough, the urostomy that had replaced his bladder with an ostomy bag left the normally active Canter wondering if his quality of life would be changed forever. "I kind of had the fear that I wasn't going to be able to do certain things," said Canter, now 68.

That's when Canter decided to join the Piedmont Ostomy Association, a Greensboro-based group that for more than 30 years has supported ostomates. Ostomates are survivors of cancer or other abdominal diseases whose surgeries have left them with ostomy bags, also referred to as appliances, used for the discharge of body wastes in place of a bladder or bowels. All ostomates have undergone either a colostomy or ileostomy, which replaces the function of the large or small intestine, or a urostomy, which replaces the function of the bladder.

The more than 70-member association, a chapter of the United Ostomy Associations of America, gives recent and veteran ostomates a free forum to talk about living with their appliances.

Ostomates talk about technical issues with using or updating appliances and problems with living with them. They provide one another with emotional support and even a funny story or two. Guest seminars on ostomy equipment, dieting and other lifestyle choices also remind ostomates that life doesn't end after surgery, said association president Wayman Wheeler, 63, who lives in Reidsville. "Just a variety," he said of the topics chosen, "because we do not center our life around an ostomy; life goes on."

Chuck Forrester, 70, a former county commissioner and Greensboro city councilman, said he began going to the meetings more than three years ago after he had a urostomy.

He said new ostomates are quickly put at ease after attending the

meetings. "You always get a very warm reception from people like this," he said.

Wheeler said that although the association is Greensboro-based, two thirds of its members are from surrounding areas, such as Randolph, Forsyth and Alamance counties, and even Virginia.

Wheeler, who underwent a colostomy in the early 1980s and has been a member of the association since then, said that many ostomates in the area have never heard of the group and have "slipped through the cracks."

Wheeler said that he and other members urge new ostomates to attend their meetings.

Becoming an ostomate doesn't actually alter your life that much, he said. "Well, it's a life change," he said. "Not for the worse, you know."

## OSTOMATE – A BOXER - IN AWARD-WINNING FILM:

Yes, you heard right - a boxer. In 2002, independent film-maker John Sullivan produced a documentary about an American lawyer, living in Thailand, who took up amateur boxing in his 30's to improve his overall health. Lawyer & boxer Craig Wilson later learned that his long-standing ulcerative colitis had developed into colon cancer, and he underwent ileostomy surgery. Then he returned to the boxing ring, where it is not unknown for him to defeat someone half his age! The film, "*Farang Ba*", tells his story and goes through one day of preparing for a bout, complete with the routine care of his ostomy. Also included is an interview with his surgeon, Bruce Orkin MD (former UOA Medical Advisory Committee Chair). "*Farang Ba*" is literally translated as "Crazy Foreigner", an affectionate name Craig was given by his trainer, and one he wears with pride. The film has been screened at film festivals all over the world, and won the 2003 Banff Rockie Award for best sports documentary (on par with an International Emmy). Audiences have loved the warm, human story of Craig's triumph over illness. Look for more information from us about this, and in the meantime see more details for yourself here:

<http://www.buyindies.com/listings/1/0/1091054311859.html>  
and <http://www.newenglandfilm.com/news/archives/03october/sullivan.htm>

## ADVOCACY:

Our advocacy software has been enhanced to:  
-allow voter registration;  
-follow the coming Congressional elections; and  
-communicate with your state elected officials, in addition to federal ones.

At <http://capwiz.com/uoa/dbq/officials/> check out the interactive map or enter your zipcode.

At <http://capwiz.com/uoa/dbq/media/> send news of your groups activities to local media outlets.

At <http://capwiz.com/uoa/home/> you can see all the functions of this multi-purpose advocacy tool.

## Remember ... UOAA Contact Information

UOAA's "contact address" is:

**UOAA.P.O. Box 66 Fairview,  
Tennessee 37062**

and Joan McGorry can be reached by telephone at:

**800-826-0826 (the UOAA Help Line)** or by e-mail at  
[oa@uoa.org](mailto:oa@uoa.org) **Requests for visitors received on  
ostomyvisitor@uoa.org will be forwarded by Joan  
to the nearest ASG.**

Note: Comments about *The PHOENIX* or subscription questions should be forwarded directly to Ian Settlemire at [publiher@uoa.org](mailto:publiher@uoa.org).

- IN CONCLUSION ... Well, that puts a wrap on things for today. Tomorrow Linda and I leave for China. We will tour in Hong Kong for three days, then off to Guangzhou (formerly Canton) where we have been invited to present a lecture to the International Symposium of Stoma Therapy and Rehabilitation, on "Intimacy and the Ostomate". We will take time to check out the sights at Beijing before returning home.

(Rest easy, this is not at UOAA expense.)

*Ken Aukett*, President, UOAA



### Canada

Submitted by: Doug Graham  
President, United Ostomy Association of  
Canada Inc.

### Starting out

My first two months as President were very busy with reviewing our position on a number of initiatives, speaking to several members regarding the vacant positions on our Board of Directors and making the recommendations of candidates to the Board. I am very happy to announce that we have a full Board of Directors and had a successful meeting on October 27, 28 and 29, 2006 in Toronto, Ontario.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

We had guests from Mexico, Jorge Vargas Morales (President of the Colima Ostomy Chapter) and his wife Irma visited with Astrid and I in Ottawa and after much sightseeing we all traveled on an overnight train to Moncton, New Brunswick to attend the UOAC's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. It was an excellent conference and well attended by approximately 200 participants. At the opening ceremony The Mexican and United States of America Flags were paraded in with the Canadian and Provincial Flags. A memorable outing was a trip to the world famous Hopewell Rocks where many conference attendees walked on the ocean floor and enjoyed a tasty lobster dinner. The Conference Committee worked very hard and the results of their labour were evident by the smiles and laughter that is the sign and sound of good times.

## World Ostomy Day, October 7, 2006

In Canada celebrations took place in Chapters from our east coast to the west. UOAC held its celebration in Toronto's City Hall. A proclamation from the City of Toronto and a letter of congratulations from our Federal Government were received and read. Our partners; Coloplast, ConvaTec, Hollister and Friends of Ostomates Worldwide Canada brought greetings. It was an enjoyable day and helped to increase awareness of the Ostomy experience in the community. Thanks to the planning of our Co-chairs Sheelah Zapf and Delilah Guy many of our Chapters participated in television and radio interviews, shopping mall displays, picnics and our first ever chapter Bowl-a-thons. We had a great day and many communities heard the word "Ostomy" several times.

## Toronto, UOAC Golf Tournament, October 11, 2006

The preliminary report is in and the tournament was a great success with 116 golfers registered. Although the weather was dreary the spirits were high and the enthusiastic golfers enjoyed the day. This year we have a new approach to the sharing of the proceeds. The National Association will receive 60% of the income and Ostomy Toronto and the other Chapters that had members working on the tournament will share the 40%. Bob Malouin and Lorne Aronson provided exceptional leadership and hard work to ensure a successful event. Marion Whate did not hesitate to answer questions and provide support from the National Office. With the support of the National Office and the enthusiastic efforts of the Chapter Members these partnerships do more than provide funding for us to carry on with our mission. They generate awareness in the community that will someday make the word Ostomy recognized by many.

## What is coming up?

We have many plans ahead of us as 2007 will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Calgary is the site of our 10<sup>th</sup> Conference and many of you may remember the International Ostomy Association 10<sup>th</sup> Conference was also in Calgary. Yes, that is where we made that giant step and we have accomplished much in our first ten years.

I hope to see many of you in Puerto Rico and as you are that close to Calgary you are welcome to join in our celebration August 16, 17 and 18, 2007.

## WORLD OSTOMY DAY CONTINUS

October 24<sup>th</sup> 2006

Dear WOD Country/Association Coordinators.

Congratulations on your great efforts in Celebrating World Ostomy Day. I have heard about many activities that were to take place before and many from the email tree activity. There are very many wonderful activities that happened and many we have yet to hear about.

We have a great team worldwide.

Thank you for making this day a wonderful success.

## Tasks and Tools

- Please ensure that all countries /associations have made a preliminary report to me or through your regional President or Co-ordinator by 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you haven't finished them by then please get them to me as I need all the information to make a full report.
- It is vital as many countries now enter the Coloplast Merit Award. Remember there are \$12000 US dollars as Prize money. I attach the information you need that is also on the website. Entries Close on 31 December Attached are :  
October Time line.  
Criteria for The Merit Award.  
How to make an entry.  
Entry form. The Entry Form is to be sent in as soon as possible to me. Some countries have already sent them. However entries do not close until 31 December.

I look forward to receiving your Coloplast Merit Award entries and your reports.

Kindest Regards

Barry Maughan

WOD Co-ordinator for IOA Executive Committee





## **Criteria for the Coloplast Merit Award WOD 2006**

### **WOD Aims and Objectives**

Degree to which the entry fulfils the aims and objectives of the WOD

### **Originality**

Level of innovation and enterprise

### **Resourcefulness**

Level of quality relative to the size/resources of the Association

### **Public Awareness**

Degree of impact nationally, including press coverage

### **Internationalism**

Suitability of the proposal/activity for other countries particularly emerging nations

### **Story Telling**

Does the entry tell a good story, preferably about the WOD theme “**Living Life to the Full**”, creating optimism and “joie de vivre” with the audience

### **New Members**

Ability to recruit new members



## ENTRY FORM FOR COLOPLAST MERIT AWARD

Name of Country:	
Name of Coordinator:	
Contact Details:	
Email	
Phone	
Facsimile	
Postal Address:	

Entries close 31 December 2006.

Entries to reach Barry Maughan, WOD Coordinator by 7th January 2007.

Mail entries to: Barry Maughan  
21 Strathconnan Court  
Hamilton 3210  
New Zealand

OR

Digitally by email to [regionsouthpacific@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:regionsouthpacific@ostomyinternational.org)

**DRAFT TIME LINE – WORLD OSTOMY DAY 2006 (October update)**

<b>October 7 2006</b>	Successful events were held around the World. The WOD email tree worked well and Assistant WOD Co-ordinator Gerry Barry compiled a regions' summary that was sent to Regional Presidents and Co-ordinators to circulate among their member countries
<b>! November</b>	<b>WOD Preliminary Report for IOA Today</b>
<b>4 November</b>	<b>Preliminary Short Report on WOD Activities to Barry Maughan</b>
<b>October to December</b>	Encouragement for Countries to enter the <b>Coloplast Merit Award and Compilation of their entries.</b> <b>Entry Forms sent to Barry Maughan WOD Co-ordinator if not already completed.</b>
<b>December 31</b>	Entry for Award closes. Entries to be in Barry Maughan's hands by 7 th January 2007 <b>Please see information on How to make an entry and Criteria for the Coloplast Merit Award</b> Mail to Strathconnan Court Hamilton 3210 New Zealand  Or Send by email <a href="mailto:regionsouthpacific@ostomyinternational.org">regionsouthpacific@ostomyinternational.org</a>
<b>January 20 2007</b>	Country reports in IOA Today and IOA Yearbook
<b>April to July</b>	Coloplast will prepare Data show for IOA Congress in Puerto Rico
<b>April 20</b>	Report From IWOD Coordinator if Required at this time.Further Country Stories
<b>20 July</b>	IOA Today.Article re Events or Country info
<b>August 7-12</b>	<b>Puerto Rico 12 th World Congress</b>  <b>Presentation of prizes for each Region on Opening night.</b>  <b>Data Show of Activity during Programme</b>
<b>September Onwards.</b>	Coloplast to Present Participation certificates in each area if Countries / Regions wish

## WORLD OSTOMY DAY E MAIL TREE

G'day to all Regional Presidents and Coordinators.

I wish to send my thanks and congratulations to the countries and the individual associations, chapters and people who celebrated WOD by joining the World Wide e-mail tree and either sent details of the projects in which they were involved or sent messages of support and congratulations to others.

I am attaching Regional summaries I have prepared of the e-mails sent out to others on WOD itself and in the week before. Because some countries could not send e-mails on the actual day or on the 6 October I have included the e-mails sent out earlier which gave details of the plans the countries had for WOD.

I hope everyone had a successful day and you are able to show the world and each other how ostomates are "Living Life to the Full".

Best wishes

Gerry Barry  
Coordinator World e-mail Tree

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### **SUMMARY OF E-MAILS FROM SOUTH PACIFIC**

Greetings from the South Pacific Ostomy Associations to all Regions, Countries and Chapters which joined in our World Wide e-mail tree.

South Pacific has only two countries in the Region, Australia and New Zealand and both joined in the e-mail tree. Attached is a summary of the responses.

In Australia all 22 Associations plus 3 Support/Youth Groups responded to the e-mail tree we arranged in the country. These responses are included in the summary so everyone can see the effort that went into the celebration. I am still receiving e-mails from Australian Associations telling me how the celebrations of the day worked out.

We hope to hear of the success of the celebrations in other Regions. Copies of the messages are set out below.

### **Dear Member Countries, Associations and Local Chapters and Societies**

I bring you greetings and best wishes for October 7<sup>th</sup>. On this day you are going to show how Ostomates are

**"Living Life to the Full"** Through this Email Tree and your various activities you are doing tomorrow and in some cases at other convenient dates, you will be improving in some way the life situation of other ostomates in your countries.

I wish you every success in your endeavours and will be most anxious to hear of your successes. It is expected that up to 30 countries have planned activities of some kind. As you join together with family other ostomates, health care professionals, local and national governments and the firms, bear in mind that we are all joined together for this day .

I thank all of you, from the Regional presidents to the local organiser for your efforts. We hope that this email tree will branch out to all of you taking part and let you know of some of the exciting activities others have planned.

Barry Maughan  
WOD Co-ordinator for IOA Executive Committee.

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### **Australia**

Summary of the Australian e-mail tree which records how Australian Associations joined in World Ostomy Day.

In Australia every one of our 22 Associations (Chapters) joined in the celebration of WOD. Australia has over 30,000 ostomates and they all belong to one of the 22 Ostomy Associations throughout the country. There was also participation by support and youth groups. This is a summary of the activities Associations have already undertaken or have planned for the day and the messages they have sent to all ostomates throughout the world.

#### **ACT & District Ostomy Association Canberra**

As our Association's contribution to supporting World Ostomy Day a social will be held at the Hughes Community Hall at 2.00 p.m.

Minister Katy Gallagher has agreed to open the function and a talk will be given by Dr Ian Davis. The suppliers' representatives will be in attendance and display their products. Stomal Therapy Nurses will be in attendance and there will be representation from the Cancer Council. We hope that many of our members will enter into the spirit of this celebration.

#### **Colostomy Association of NSW Sydney, New South Wales**

The Colostomy Association of NSW held a seminar at

Wagga Wagga on Sunday the 17th of September, 2006. This was our contribution to World Ostomy Day and it was a great success with a very good level of attendance

### **Ileostomy Association of NSW Sydney, New South Wales**

We wish to send our warmest greetings and wish all a Happy "World Ostomy Day", to every Ostomate here in Australia and the rest of the world. Congratulations to the Associations who are celebrating this special day by highlighting the special needs and achievements of our support groups and individual members. Ileostomy Association of N.S.W. Australia is proud to be supporting this event by holding an Ostomy Information Day at Westmead Hospital on 14th October, this is to coincide with other displays at the hospital, so we are sure to spark a lot of interest with our vibrant display stand we have prepared for the day. We have close to 4500 members and feel events like this show the community that a stoma is not an end to life, but with the correct information & support from the medical profession, other ostomates and through their involvement with their Ostomy Associations as well as the technical advancements in surgery and Ostomy supplies, people benefit immensely and can once again can live life to the full and be valuable members of the community- the sky is the limit!!!

All the best from the Ileostomy Association of N.S.W (established 1958)

### **Ostomy Tasmania Hobart, Tasmania**

Ostomy Tasmania Incorporated, representing approximately 1200 ostomates in the island state of Tasmania, sends greetings to all countries and associations throughout the world to mark World Ostomy Day. We are highlighting the support provided by ostomy associations throughout Australia to our local community by hosting the AGM and National Conference of the Australian Council of Stoma Associations from 18 - 22 October 2006. Our volunteers and stomal therapy nurses are wearing their WOD pins in the lead-up to the day, and some of the STN's are providing displays of ostomy equipment within their hospitals.

Keep up the good work everyone!

### **Cancer Council of Northern Territory Northern Territory, Australia**

On behalf of our 150 members, we wish to congratulate IOA and all countries and associations throughout the world that are taking part in the World Wide e-mail chain to mark World Ostomy Day on 7 October 2007. We see WOD as an opportunity to increase the awareness of the need for ostomy support throughout the world and the

work of associations, appliance manufacturers and the medical profession in providing this support. We are currently not doing anything special to celebrate the day.

### **Bendigo & District Ostomy Association Victoria**

Bendigo Ostomy Association wishes you and all ostomates world wide, greetings for World Ostomy Day.

### **Colostomy Association of Victoria Melbourne, Victoria**

On Friday 6th October the Colostomy Association of Victoria in conjunction with the Ileostomy Association of Victoria, the Victorian Youth Group Y.O.U and the Northern Hospital Support Group will be operating a World Ostomy Day information booth in the Block Arcade, in the heart of the Melbourne shopping district, from 10am till 4pm.

We would like to offer our Congratulations and Best Wishes to all others participating in World Ostomy Day 2006.

### **Geelong Ostomy Association Victoria**

To Ostomates all over the world,

The Management and Members of the Geelong Ostomy Association wishes you all a joyous, heartwarming World Ostomy Day on Saturday 7th of October 2006.

We hope that your endeavors to celebrate this day are met with great success and that all participants continue to celebrate life to the fullest!!

### **Ileostomy Association of Victoria Melbourne Victoria**

On Friday 6th October the Ileostomy Association of Victoria in conjunction with the Colostomy Association of Victoria, the Victorian Youth Group Y.O.U and the Northern Hospital Support Group will be operating a World Ostomy Day information booth in the Block Arcade, in the heart of the Melbourne shopping district, from 10am till 4pm. We would like to offer our Congratulations and Best Wishes to all others participating in World Ostomy Day 2006.

### **Ostomy Association of Melbourne Melbourne Victoria**

The Ostomy Association of Melbourne faces onto a very busy street. So I decided to do a window display with the theme Life goes on, Ostomates Living life to the Full. I have pictures of Ostomates in all types of activity as a back drop. In the front I have two mannequins dressed as skiers and posters itemising various illnesses that would necessitate an Ostomy operation. There is also a big poster board that says

"Life goes on

Ostomies participate in all activities  
and  
live to the full."

### **Peninsular Ostomy Association Victoria**

Because of our local arrangements we are celebrating World Ostomy Day in November.

Our meeting will include an overseas film of ostomates, plus a thanksgiving with the Hospital Chaplain. Some of our members will attend the Northern Ostomy celebrations.

Wishing all a wonderful day of dedication

### **Victorian Children's Ostomy Association Melbourne, Victoria**

Memo from Victorian Children's Ostomy Association re activities for 7 October

We have had an enthusiastic response from letters sent out to our members re participating in World Ostomy Day and about 12 of our members will be joining with The Northern Hospital Ostomy Support Group and Young Ostomates United at the Coppin Masonic Centre in Brunswick to grace the catwalks. As well as the fashion parade there will be trade displays, door prizes, guest speakers and the opportunity to discuss the issues around living with a stoma. Many children do not have any contact with other children of similar ages who have stomas and they are looking forward to this opportunity to meet new people with whom they have something in common. Thanks to YOU and the Northern Hospital for inviting the members of the VCOA to join with you.

### **Warrnambool Ostomy Association Victoria**

On behalf of our members, we wish to congratulate IOA and all countries and associations throughout the world that are taking part in the World Wide e-mail chain to mark World Ostomy Day on 7 October 2006.

### **The Northern Hospital Ostomy Support Group & Young Ostomates United Melbourne, Victoria**

The Northern Hospital Ostomy Support Group and Young Ostomates United Inc (YOU) are engaged in for World Ostomy Day on Sat. 7th October 2006.

On Friday 6th October a display is being presented in the foyer of the building that houses both the Colostomy Association of Victoria & The Ileostomy Association of Victo-

ria. This is in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

On Saturday 7th October a Community Information Day is being held at a Masonic Centre in Brunswick, an inner suburb of Melbourne.

The format includes opening Address by Mr. Ian Jones, Colorectal Surgeon from The Royal Melbourne Hospital, & Patron of the Colostomy Association of Victoria

Joint presentation by two experienced Stomal Therapy Nurses on stoma care in Asia, these nurses traveled to the Philippines & Vietnam educating nurses in stoma care.

The manager of Liberty International will present the problems and concerns in the manufacture and distribution of ostomy appliances worldwide.

During lunch there is an opportunity to meet friends & associates, view the wide range of Trade Displays provided by 10 companies and associations.

Music will be provided by one of the members of YOU, who has also written a special song for WORLD OSTOMY DAY.

Then there will be a FASHION PARADE presented by YOU Inc.

Incorporating a guide to fashion with a stoma Lilian (STN) will chat informally with the models regarding their specific fashion tips & ideas. A booklet of Fashion Tips has been compiled & will be available to all attendees

Hopefully this information will reach out to the Victorian Ostomates, how lucky we are to have 2 great groups i.e. The Northern Hospital Ostomy Support Group & Young Ostomates United Inc. (YOU)

A report & photos will be submitted to Ostomy Australia Journal.

Good luck to all ostomy groups worldwide

### **Colostomy Association of South Australia Adelaide, South Australia**

The Colostomy Association of South Australia is celebrating World Ostomy Day with an ABC 891am radio interview and an open day.

FRIDAY 6th October 2006: An interview on ABC radio on a drive-time, time-slot in the evening.

SATURDAY 7th October 2006: An Open Day will be held at our centre between 10am-3pm. Visitors will be shown around our centre by our volunteers.

We will have guest speakers. Topics are as follows:

- Nursing babies with ostomies
- Nursing in the Philippines
- Bowel cancer screening program

There will be Stomal Therapists in attendance, displays by supply companies and the Cancer Council of SA.

A sausage sizzle will be available for a gold coin donation.

The Executive and Management committee, volunteers, staff and members of the Colostomy Association of South Australia wish every ostomate in the world a "Happy World Ostomy Day" and good health always.

### **Ileostomy Association of South Australia Adelaide, South Australia**

Celebrations for World Ostomy Day were held at the rooms of the Ileostomy Association of SA on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006. Tuesday is normally our main distribution day so we considered this would be the most appropriate time to recognize WOA as this is the day where we would be able to have the greatest participation from our members.

One of our committee members came in specially to host the event for us. Our Appliance vendor representatives were also present and the celebrations took the form of an Information Display and dissemination that was laced with party food and drinks (non alcoholic of course). Throughout the day, large numbers of our members came in and I think enjoyed the day's extra activities.

### **Gold Coast Ostomy Association Gold Coast, Queensland.**

On behalf of our 900 members, we wish to congratulate IOA and all countries and associations throughout the world that are taking part in the world wide email chain to mark World Ostomy Day on 7th October 2006.

World Ostomy Day is a great vehicle for increasing the awareness of the outside world of the need for ostomy support throughout the world. Also to emphasize the work of associations, appliance manufacturers and the medical profession in providing this support and enhancing the quality of life of all ostomates.

We at Gold Coast Ostomy held an Open Day for all our members with Stomal Therapy Nurses in attendance. Representatives from four of the major manufacturers provided in-house trade displays and made themselves available to our members. Also present were two colorectal surgeons who presented talks on relevant themes. We were also fortunate to be able to call on Warren Rayment (Past IOA Vice-President and Past ACSA President) to present a discourse on the history and significance of WOD.

We also nominated one of our members for the Hollister "Living Life to the Full" competition and provided spectacu-

lar shots of his riding the waves in the South Pacific. Finally, we were pleased to distribute the WOD badges donated courtesy of Coloplast.

### **North Queensland Ostomy Association Townsville Queensland**

Congratulations to IOA and all Ostomy Associations of the World participating in the e-mail chain linking everyone on this special event scheduled for 7th October 2006.

The North Queensland Ostomy Assoc. Inc. in conjunction with the Townsville Hospital Stomal Therapy Department will acknowledge World Ostomy Day with an informative display at the Stomal Therapy Special Clinics. Members will be manning the site and our very experienced Stomal Therapist will be in attendance. Interested persons were invited to attend through press releases in the local newspaper and radio station. Due to other commitments, our World Ostomy Day will be held on Wednesday 4th October 2006. We wish everyone a successful informative World Ostomy Day.

### **Queensland Colostomy Association Brisbane, Queensland**

Congratulations to the I.O.C for promoting the awareness of ostomates throughout the world and acknowledging the support of the appliance manufacturers and the medical profession. Apart from making our members aware of World Ostomy Day we have not been able to arrange any extra activities to mark the occasion. Our staff of twenty something volunteers has been overwhelmed with keeping up supplying our members with their appliances and supporting those with extra needs. We fully appreciate the work done by I O A and wish them further success in the future.

### **Queensland Stoma Association Brisbane, Queensland**

On behalf of our 1800 members, we wish to congratulate IOA and all countries and associations throughout the world that are taking part in the World Wide e-mail chain to mark World Ostomy Day on 7 October 2006. We see WOD as an opportunity to increase the awareness of the need for ostomy support throughout the world and the work of associations, appliance manufacturers and the medical profession in providing this support.

To celebrate the day we arranged an Open Day at our association rooms with displays of the latest appliances and other products. We also had presentations by a dietician who highlighted how ostomates have to adapt their diet to ensure good stoma health and by one of our Stomal Therapy Nurses who has been instrumental in the development of a Visitor Program in Brisbane using fully trained visitors.

The importance of WOD was highlighted and we handed out WOD pins to our official guests.

### **Toowoomba and South West Ostomy Association, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia**

On behalf of our 312 members, we wish to congratulate IOA and all countries and associations throughout the world that are taking part in the World Wide e-mail chain to mark World Ostomy Day on 7 October 2007. We see WOD as an opportunity to increase the awareness of the need for ostomy support throughout the world and the work of associations, appliance manufacturers and the medical profession in providing this support.

To celebrate the day, we have through Stomal Therapy nurse Jan Denyer at the Toowoomba Base Hospital, been able to get the use of the foyer area at the hospital to mount a display of ostomy products and information about stomas etc. The display will be there all week from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>.Oct. to Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. which of course is WOD.

The display will be maned by our committee members through the busiest part of the days which is usually the mornings. We will all be wearing our WOD badges and giving out information sheets with regards to having a stoma and trying to answer any questions that people might have. We will also be giving away Coloplast sponsored shopping bags and past copies of Ostomy Australia to any body interested.

After the first day of attending I can report we had quite a number of people interested. Two ladies husbands were about to have an operation so they were keen to get as much information as they could.

We also had members that have there orders posted and we have never met come up and introduce themselves and have a chat. Others just stopped to ask what these things were used for.

Our very sincere thanks must go out to Jan for her help and enthusiasm in making our display possible.

### **Wide Bay Ostomy Association Queensland**

Our president has organised radio interviews with the ABC and a local radio station to promote ostomy awareness in the Wide Bay/Burnett areas. These interviews explain who ostomates are, the need for this surgical intervention, after care, the role played by national associations, Stoma Appliance Scheme, support groups. etc. The ABC did a five minute segment and will follow up with a similar thing tomorrow or Friday. They taped 23 minutes and have edited it to two 5 min segments. The other was 25 minutes broken up by a few songs etc.

In addition, the Bundaberg Base Hospital STN Barbara Logan has organised a display in the foyer of the hospital on Friday 6th. Vice-President David Rodgers and Treasurer Jim Thorne will go.

### **Western Australian Ostomy Association Perth, Western Australia**

To recognise world ostomy day the Western Australian ostomy association arranged an official opening of the recently completed access ramp and sliding door entrance to the front of the building. President Peter McLeod welcomed guests and gave a background into the activities of the association the invited the founder peter McDonnell to cut the ribbon and proceed up the ramp in his wheelchair. Guests were shown around the centre after which afternoon tea was served. An engraved pen was presented to those present to commemorate World Ostomy Day.

### **New Zealand**

This year we celebrate World Ostomy Day 2006 on 7 October.

The theme is "Living Life to the Full."

The Aims of the Day

The aim of **World Ostomy Day** is to improve the rehabilitation of Ostomates worldwide by bringing to the attention of the general public and the global community:

The Life situation of Ostomates

the contributions of ostomy associations and ostomy professionals

the value of the multi disciplinary approach to ostomy care.

The are 3 main types of ostomates; Ileostomy, Colostomy, and Urostomy all surgically created as a result of cancer , various inflammatory bowel diseases, and accidents or birth defects.

New Zealand has about 5500 Ostomates , New Zealand has 25 societies with 2600 members from Northland to Southland.

As with most **volunteer** welfare societies we find it hard to make the public aware that we exist.

These are just some examples of what societies are planning for the lead up to the day & the day itself: -

Seminar on Bowel Awareness ( Auckland) & (Wellington)

Crawl through bowel model ( Ashburton)

Mailout via Stoma nurses (various societies)

radio talk back programmes ( Various Societies)

Bus trip - picnic lunch - fun day out (Canterbury)

newspaper articles for public awareness ( Various Societies)

landscaping a new section for the local hospice ( Marlborough)

Drop in day(South Canterbury)

stall at the local flea market

hospital public awareness day  
1/2 marathon - wearing Ostomy tee shirts  
McDonalds for breakfast  
radio interviews (Various Societies)  
seminar - caring for the carer  
national radio interview (Wellington)  
photo competition  
photos of active ostomates with a mannequin and spot prizes  
list of famous ostomates (south Canterbury)  
Family walk (Southland)  
Dinner (Otago)  
local area TV stations interviews  
World Ostomy Stamp to celebrate the day (NZ Executive)  
National disability TV Program to screen a couple of weeks after WOD (NZ Executive)

On Friday 6 October this email tree will start WOD. This e-mail will circle the globe starting in NZ and finishing in Canada building on each country activities and showing the world what we are all doing to celebrate the day in 2006  
Greetings from FNZOS President

World Ostomy Day 2006.

Greetings to you all, may all your celebrations be successful, informative, and create awareness.

Surgery, supplies and information has enabled us all to continue to live " LIFE TO THE FULL "

By bringing this to the notice of the general public we can improve the rehabilitation of all Ostomates world wide.

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

Frances Butler.

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## **SUMMARY OF THE E MAILS RECEIVED FROM ASIA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **WORLD OSTOMY DAY 2006**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN OSTOMY ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 6TH 2006

GREETINGS TO EVERYONE.

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY WE ARE ALL CELEBRATING WORLD OSTOMY DAY 2006, TELLING THE WHOLE WORLD THAT WE ARE NOT HANDICAPPED, BUT THAT WE ARE "LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL" EVEN THOUGH WE ARE OSTOMATES. LET US REJOICE IN THE FACT THAT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, TODAY, THERE ARE PERHAPS MILLIONS OF US WHO ARE GLAD TO BE ABLE TO LIVE A FULL LIFE AND ENJOY GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE BECAUSE OF THE FACILITIES THAT ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO US. THERE ARE STILL MANY OF US WHO ARE NOT YET ABLE TO GET ALL THE FACILITIES WE DESERVE TO GET, BUT THE INTERNATIONAL OSTOMY ASSOCIATION (IOA) IS WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE THIS BEFORE LONG.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. LET US "LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL".

John David Cardosa

**Mongolia Stoma Care Assn (MOA)**

Dear All

Congratulations World Ostomy Day Wish all friends happiness and health

Best regards,  
Dr.G.Davaasambuu President of MOA

### India Ostomates India

DEAR SIR,  
TKS.  
REGDS, MANOHAR  
Mr M.N.Manohar, the Hon. Secretary "Ostomates India",

### Harikesh

Dear Di and John

Greetings and Rememberence on the celebration of World Ostomy day throughout the world.

My heartfelt appreciation of all of you at IOA and AOA and all people throughout the world who are tirelessly unselfish way and with dedication are working for improvement of quality of life for the patients who have stoma.

Once again congratulations and with kind regards to all of you

### Japan WOD Message from JOA

Dear Friends of all over the world,

I am pleased to extend sincere congratulations to all of you for achieving a lot to make our ostomy friends' "Living Life to the Full" at every corner in the world.

Particularly it is my honor to convey my gratitude to the Mongolian ostomates who have helped the recent JOA delegation to Ulaan Baatur, and to make our mission successful to inaugurate twinning programme between JOA and MOA.

*Light Comes from East!!!*

May all the ostomates be happy, today and forever.

Michiaki TAKAISHI, JOA board member AOA Secretary/  
Treasurer

**Malaysian Stoma Care Assn. 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

### Happy World Ostomy Day

*Greetings to everyone,*

On behalf of all ostomates in Malaysia, I wish you a Happy World Ostomy Day.

The Muslims are now in the midst of the fasting month, which begins a month before our day of celebration for the year called Hari Raya Puasa. During this month, the Muslims abstain from food and drink during the day. It is a

holy month where a lot of prayers are offered. It is a month of tolerance, reflection of our life.

The World Ostomy Day falls in the fasting month this year and although we are not able to celebrate this day in a big way, we will remember the ostomates in our prayers. On the same note, we are blessed that this day is in our holy month.

We in Malaysia have this society to assist the people here with stomacare. Although we lack some things in many ways, with the help of many individuals, we have made life for many ostomates more comfortable. We are also seeking public awareness of our plight and at least let the public know of the existence of ostomy.

The ostomates have potential to contribute to society just like a normal person. The theme for this year "Live Life to The Full" is very apt and ostomates must realise that they are not constrained in any way. So, let us join hands to make this happen. Live Life to the Full.

*Hj Zainuddin Mohd Tahir*, President Stoma Care Society of Malaysia

### Hong Kong Stoma Association

Our WOD Program is as follow:

Date: October 7, 2006 (Saturday)

Time: 11:00am-5:00pm

Program Schedule:

Opening Ceremony

WOD History Briefing

HKSA President Welcome message

Words from Honor Guests

Blessing to Stomates

Performance: Singing, TaiChi, case sharing and bicycle show

Service exhibition

We will go to Guangzhou to join their celebration program on October 8.

Thanks for your concern & support!

Jacky Lam, Miss

### Singapore Singapore Cancer Society

As spoken, this is to confirm that you will be having 160 guest for the World Ostomy Day 2006 on 14th Oct 06. We are unable to get Los Pinto as they will be away during this period. If the menu is alright for you, we will have to inform the F & B dept to start preparing the order. Please

send us a copy of the program so that we can get prepared too.

All snacks and dinner will be served in the banquet room (2nd Level). As we were all so busy last few weeks, we would like to thank you for your patience.

Best regards,  
Jamie Lim

### **Sri Lanka**

Hi, My name is Lion Chaminda Priyanka Yapa from the lions club of Udahamulla Central Lions Club District 306 C2 from Sri Lanka. I have been celebrating World Ostomy Day twice, in the year 1996 and 1997 when i was a Rotaracter.

This year I am planing to celebrate world ostomy day awareness' program on TV, Radio and on newspapers. If you can give me some of the messages or any thing from the ostomy world Association it will be greatly preheated.

My address in Colombo  
373/20, Old Kottawa Road,  
Embuldeniya,  
Nugegoda.  
Tel. 00 94 112 833624  
Mobile: 00 94 77 3782070

Hope to here from you.

Yours truly,  
Lion Chaminda Yapa

### **Thailand Ostomy Foundation**

Message received on the 6th of October, from Mr Poonawalla, Vice President of the Thailand Ostomy Foundation, in Mumbai, India, where he was on a business trip. He wished all Ostomates in Asia and throughout the world a very Happy and Successful WOD 2006, speaking on behalf of the Thailand Ostomy Foundation (TOF).

### **John O'Neill, New Zealand**

Dear John

Thank you John for your WOD message.

We hope and pray that by WOD 2009 many more ostomates in the underprivileged countries will have obtained improved services.

Looking forward to seeing you next year in Puerto Rico.

Warmest greetings to you and Mary

John O'Neill SUMMARY OF REPLIES

### **ConvaTec CEO for South and East Asia.**

Thanks for the updates. Wishing all the members of PSCM a very happy World Ostomy Day.

Regards,

CH Wong ETN for ConvaTec CEO for South and East Asia.

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## **SUMMARY OF E MAILS RECEIVED FROM EUROPE**

### **Regional President**

Dear fellow ostomates all over Europe!

As you know we will all celebrate World Ostomy Day Saturday October 7. One World Wide arrangement will be the E-mail three. From all over the world ostomates will send greetings to each other. It will be all be coordinated from Gerry Barry in Australia. He has already got your E-mail addresses and is sitting ready to do the final arrangements.

Just send an E-mail to [gbarry@acenet.net.au](mailto:gbarry@acenet.net.au) as soon as possible and he will see that you are a part of this great world wide three. You will find more info in the attachment, and if you prefer to take part in the three using your own language – so please do so. Just participating will be great for all of us.

Some of you have already signed in – so you will just have to disregard this e-mail, and thanks for joining. For my part I'll be in Italia celebrating WOD with the Italian organization FAIS

All the best from

Arne Holte, pres EOA

### **Spain EOA**

Dear Friends around the World,

We are happy to greet you all. We are looking forward to reading about your Special Day!

When I say that we hope that this message will reach you, it is because we are having enormous problems with our server!

Here in Spain, EOS has organised several events around the 7th October - in various places because we are spread out afar. The great majority of our members are elderly and many are poorly. However, our celebrations are quite ambitious and we are all delighted to tell you what we are doing.

First, we have had a day of microlighting and barbecue in perfect flying weather. One of our friends, a plucky 84 year old hopped into the machine and enjoyed a great flight and said she would like to do it again. On stepping out onto terra firma, she was met by her husband and a champagne reception. She has certainly attracted the local press to our event!

At the EOS base in Jávea (the most easterly point of mainland Spain) we have planned a Dinner Dance on WOD at a Spanish Restaurant which is famous for its dancing, so we are all agog with expectation! Further south, there will be another Dinner Dance on 13th October. In the 'deep south' there has been a first meeting of members in Malaga Province.

Again in Jávea, our main event, the EOS all day Medical Seminar has been postponed because seven local doctors are away at another congress. So, it will take place in the Parador Hotel de Jávea on Saturday 14th and will be free and open to the public, with Q&A. Our aim is to raise awareness of ostomy, and we are very proud to have this opportunity to open up the subject and possibly to meet with local Spanish ostomates! The nearest Spanish group is in Barcelona 550km to the north.

Our first speaker, formerly Head of Department of Colorectal Surgery in Brussels, will address the questions 'Who needs an Ostomy?' and 'What is an Ostomy?' and he will explain 'Management of -stomy'. An expert on expatriate needs in Spain will give 'Spanish Health Service: cover for foreigners'. Our local doctors will present the new 'Valencian Colon Cancer screening programme'; 'Psychology and the need for associations', and a dietary guide will be given by a local trainee ET.

The Parador is in a beautiful position on the lovely bay of Jávea. During the lunch break, weather permitting, we shall be on the terrace, so we can wander in the gardens which reach the water's edge.

The doctors of the two health centres are proving most supportive of our efforts, allowing our posters to be dis-

played on their notice boards and our leaflets tidily available on the reception counters. Most of all, they are giving us their free time at the weekend. They are kind. The Jávea Town Hall has also cooperated with us in this celebration, providing street banners at all entrances to the town, and organising a Spanish press conference to publicise the event.

We have been publicising WOD by means of the English press, posters, and radio announcements. We have made huge progress during the last four years and with this seminar initiative, we hope to be able to encourage the emergence of a local Spanish group of ostomates.

To all our ostomate friends around the world, we in Spain send love and our best wishes for your good health and a Happy WOD5!

Cynthia

### **Serbia** *Greetings,*

We thought that on October 7th, the international day of "stomichar," that this news would be shown on all national media - television, newspapers, radio, in all cities of Serbia.

What is missing in Serbia is information...

Thus, we are going to use this opportunity to explain what this illness is, the cause of surgery, the maintenance of hygiene, nutritional information, and other relevant patient information through clubs.

-- Event happening in center of Belgrade in the Botanical Gardens (11-15h.) We have information that the delegation will be headed with the Minister of Health, the Minister of Culture, and Minister for Social Services. Also will attend the minister of information, and other exclusive public figures, as well as family members.

One part of the botanical gardens features the JAPANESE GARDEN (with hills, bridges, a fountain). Over there, the sounds of violin, flute and guitar will be prominent (for those interested in slow dancing). There will be air balloons on many places, also.

30 young waiters in black suits and white gloves will serve drinks - juices, wine and FRUIT. In slow walk, the journalists will talk to the patients (the journalists will be wearing badges). We will print brochures and hand them at the manifestation, as well as in hospitals and pharmacies. We hope that everything will be taped on camera.

Sincerely, Snezana - ZANA

**Sweden.**

We hope it will be a great day.  
Best regards

Marie Stéen ILCO-Förbundet

**Dutch Ostomy Association**

On Saturday 7th October the Dutch Ostomy Association is organising a national meeting for ostomates and their families in the town of Assen in the north of The Netherlands. We expect about 320 visitors. They can choose from 6 different workshops and can participate in 2 during the day. The workshops will, we hope, help ostomates to live life to the full!

We wish you all a successful World Ostomy Day.

Kind regards,

Anne Houttuin Bureaucoordinator Nederlandse  
Stomavereniging

**Finland**

Greetings to all members of the worldwide Ostomy Family.

[finnilco@finnilco.fi](mailto:finnilco@finnilco.fi)  
Finnilco, Finland

The Finnish text: "Vertaistuki tärkeä tiellä normaaliin elämään"

**United Kingdom ia**

(The Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Support Group)  
Greetings from the "Emerald Isle" I do hope that all is well with you and the family. I believe I need to register with you for **ia** to join in the WOD e-mail. Our e-mail address at the office is [info@the-ia.org.uk](mailto:info@the-ia.org.uk). Is there a special time for doing this? The reason for asking is that I will need to pop into the office to ensure that I answer it.

I hope this is not too late .... Look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,  
Anne

Anne Demick, National Secretary  
**ia** (The Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Support Group)

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e-mail : [info@the-ia.org.uk](mailto:info@the-ia.org.uk)

**ia Cornwall Group**

WOD celebration in a cliff-top hotel in Newquay for entertainment and Cornish cream tea with support from appliance representatives.

**ia Surrey Group**

WOD Coffee Morning. Appliance representatives in attendance. Guest speaker - an Infection Control Nurse.

**ia Kettering Group**

Press release about WOD for the local newspaper.

Sunday 8th October

A service for WOD will be held at St. Martin's Church, Sherwood, Nottingham at 3.00.p.m.

The service is Christian in nature but non-denominational. This service will be for ostomates, their families and friends, stoma and other nurses as well as surgeons involved in stoma care.

If I receive information from any other **ia** groups concerning WOD I will let you know.

Kind regards  
Brenda

**Sligo Stoma and Cancer support Groups**

Dear Barry,

Many Thanks for your quick response, I read about the awards in the Ostomy International Year Book, Which I may say is an excellent Book, We Plan to carry out a variety of Events here in Sligo General Hospital, to celebrate World Ostomy Day with the theme 'Living Life to the Full' particularly around promoting awareness, including Stands in the front Hall of the Hospital, Radio and Local Newspapers, also involving Children on the Paediatric Ward, local schools, and several Multidisciplines within the Hospital, and also including the local Support Groups, This Year our focus is going to be on 'Promoting a Healthy Bowel' so next year we can focus on promoting a Healthy Bladder, etc. The event will be organised in Partnership with the following Disciplines within the Hospital, Stoma Care, Gastroenterology Dept, Nutrition and Dietetics, Irish Cancer Society, Sligo Stoma and Cancer support Groups, Quality/ Health Promotion etc.

Many thanks for your help and addresses enclosed,

Kindest Regards

Dolores Kivlehan, Quality/Health Promotion Co-Ordinator.

### Latvian Ostomy Association

We would like to confirm that the Latvian Ostomy Association is ready to participate in the WOD e-mail tree.

We would like to have some more information about plans how to do that.

With greetings,

Latvian Ostomy Association - ILCO  
president Daiga Skagale

### Austria

Dear Mr. Barry,

We will be a part of the great world wide theme concerning the World Ostomy Day 2007.

Our best wishes from Vienna

Susanne Deimel

ILCO Austria

[susanne.deimel@utanet.at](mailto:susanne.deimel@utanet.at)

### Denmark

Dear Arne and Barry

Here is information from COPA.

I am sorry that it is only a few countries, that wanted to do something with the WOD tree.

And it is not possible to help more the next 2½ weeks, I am going on vacation and to a course at my work. I am not back before Friday the 22. September.

I have got some big problems with my pc

Best regards from Denmark

Henning Granslev

### Czech ILCO

The Czech ILCO organises in occasion of the World Ostomy Day these events :

1. The recondition stay in hotel Kamzík in Jeseníky Mountains from 18th to 24th September. The firms ConvaTec, Coloplast, Dansac and AB Braun have been invited there. Physician and ostomy sister will take part with lectures

about treatment of ostomy and supplies. The trip to the mountains is planned, of course.

2. FIT Club ILCO Prague will organise get together party with families of ostomates on 6th October. After trip Vyšehrad Cemetery (cemetery of famous persons of the Czech Nation) will be visit of nice cafe together in the city.

3. Ostomy Club Brno will arrange the trip to Gabèikovo dam and with Slovak ILCO ostomates meets together in the evening in Bratislava vine cellar.

4. The Ostomy Clubs Ostrava, Opava and Nový Jièín meet together in Beskydy on 7th October.

5. Ostomy Club Ostrava will prepare the lecture for Czech radio broadcasting about World Ostomy Day and our ostomates on 9th September.

With best regards,

Ing. Miroslav Čerý Chairman of the Czech ILCO.

### Poland

Dear Arne and Henning.

I would like to provide you with some information concerning preparing of WOD 2006 being held in Poland:

- At the end of 2005 we made a recognition on which of POL-ILKO Regional Branch would like to undertake the cooperation in organizing the WOD,
- The POL-ILKO Branch in Krakow has decided to do that,
- We have chosen Rytro - the small town placed in the Malopolska Region of Poland,
- We have sent out letters to different ostomy companies, asking about sponsorship possibilities,
- After receiving positive answers and information on the amounts that will be paid, we decided to hire a special external event company that will organize it in a professional way,
- Unfortunately we did not manage to confirm October 7th, and decided to book October 1st - 3rd,
- Pls be informed that in the Agenda, above of official part, we foreseen an incentive trip to Wieliczka (salt-mine, which is placed on the UNESCO Culture Heritage list) as well as visiting historical monuments of Krakow,
- We foresee there are about 100 persons to attend - representatives of all Ostomy Association Branches and invited guests,
- On October 7th we will be prepared to join all Associations from different countries ( via e-mail ).

With best regards

Jerzy Kasprzak POL-ILKO Poland President

## SUMMARY OF REPLIES FROM SOUTH AMERICAN ALADO REGION

### Summary of e-mail messages from ALADO

#### BRAZIL

Dear Alexander: Please find below our message to celebrate WOD:

WOD-the light that leads to success! Sharing the satisfaction, learning together and exchanging ideas makes a vital improvement in Ostomates lives!"

Alexander - here in Brazil is a very unsatisfactory day to hold public ceremonies, considering that public buildings close down offices and buildings, authorities are not available, the public has dispersed for the week-end. I suggest that we alert IOA to difficulties encountered and change Saturday to a week day. Regards, Candida

#### COLOMBIA

Colombia saluda a las personas ostomizadas de la Región Norteamericana desea exitos en el desarrollo de las actividades programadas para el día mundial.

El tema de nuestra celebración es la educación y sensibilización para la comunidad con la intervención de los medio de comunicación y las autoridades gubernamentales de la localidad de Chapinero en Bogotá y acompañados con una conferencia preparatoria sobre prevención y promoción de cancer de colon y recto, orientada por el Doctor Enrique Rincon medico Coloproctologo y profesor de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia, otras conferencias educativas acto cultural, danzas y concierto.

Felicitaciones y progresos en busca de una calidad de vida para las personas ostomizadas.

Asociación Colombiana de Ostomizados.

#### BOLIVIA

Estimados todos,  
En este dia tan especial para nosotros, queremos hacerle llegar a todos ustedes miembros de la IOA y Ostomizados en general alrededor del mundo nuestro mas fraternal saludo, esperando aprovechar esta oportunidad para compartir, disfrutar y mostrar a todos los que nos rodean la manera de "vivir la vida a plenitud".  
Quisieramos compartir con todos ustedes las actividades que estamos realizando en nuestra ciudad de Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) en conmemoración del Dia Mundial del Ostomizado:

Estamos preparando una fiesta o Kermes (llamada en nuestro Pais) en la cual estaremos reuniendo a los

miembros de nuestra Asociación y publico en General en el PARQUE URBANO de nuestra ciudad, lugar en donde estaremos iniciando con un mensaje a cargo de algunos miembros de nuestro directorio y tambien del fundador de nuestra Asociación (Dr. Hugo Heredia), luego de esto tendremos un tiempo de juegos recreativos con la participación de todos los presente y finalmente terminamos con un almuerzo en el que tendremos un momento especial de compartir la comida típica de nuestra region.

Tenemos planificado tener el ambiente de nuestra celebración lleno de carteles y pancartas que den a conocer al publico en general la forma de vivir de nuestra gente, asi mismo entregaremos material informativo de lo que un Estoma, tipos y manejo del mismo, esto con la finalidad de informar al publico presente.

Hemos invitado a algunos medios de prensa de nuestra ciudad que tiene alcance nacional, esperando de esta forma que esta actividad pueda tener trascendencia en todo nuestro pais.

Reitero nuestras felicitaciones a todos!!!

Saludos

Asociación Boliviana de Ostomizados

## SUMMARY OF THE E-MAILS RECEIVED FROM NCACOA (NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA)

### Assistant coordinator for NCACOA

Hello Everyone In the NCACOA Region

This is just to inform you that you will be receiving your first email from Verna Petrie on Friday October 6 she will be sending you an email with a message from the President of IOA Di Bracken and a message from Barry Maughan the coordinator of WOD she will also have a message from Canada to you all. When you receive this message you are instructed to answer Verna her email is [vernapp@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:vernapp@ns.sympatico.ca). Then at the end of the day Verna will summarize everything and forward it for you all to see and read.

Take care have a great Celebration and my thanks to all of you for participating in this event

Sheelah Zapf assistant coordinator for NCACOA

### Puerto Rico

Dear All Ostomates Worldwide:

It is with great pleasure that we will be celebrating World Ostomy Day on October 7th, 2006.

We wish you all a great day and hope that the efforts we are doing to spread the word Ostomy will be heard.

God Bless you all and hope to see you all at the World Congress in Puerto Rico - August 7-12, 2007.

Attached is a copy of our Program for WOD.

Martha Vélez de Nieves, President Asociación de Ostomizados de Puerto Rico

### *P R O G R A M A*

*9:00 am – 9:30 am Registro*

*9:30 am – 9:45 am Bienvenida & Presentación de Invitados Especiales  
Invocación Lectura de la Proclama DMO*

*9:45 am -10:30 am Dr. Ignacio Echenique – Viviendo la Vida a Plenitud  
estimonio*

*10:30 am-10:45 am Receso – Coffee Break*

*10:45 am -11:30 am Dr. Hugo Sánchez – Medicina del 3er Milenio  
Bio-energética-Acupuntura*

### **Loma Linda California USA**

We are located in Loma Linda California USA! We serve at only our treasured American Veterans but we have opened our doors to the community too. We learn, teach, cry and laugh together. We teach new Ostomates life doesn't stop when they receive an Ostomy. Live Life to the Fullest and play it forward!  
Ostomiesrus

*Just as we are pupils in this life, so are we teachers.....*

### **San Antonio Ostomy Association of South Texas**

My name is Jan Clark. I am an ET Nurse and live in San Antonio, Texas. I am the co-program director and newspaper editor for the South Texas Ostomy Association (formerly the Ralph Kaye Chapter of UOA). I am a former director of the United Ostomy Association in the US. I love being an ET Nurse. Several years ago our local group held an ostomy clinic on World Ostomy Day. But for the past several years it has basically gone by without a special program. We won't be meeting that Oct 7th but on Sept 25th I plan to present a program about ostomates world wide, telling some stories about what IOA does, what countries are represented, something about the internet forum for information, the IOA mission, etc. I plan to use cut-outs from a map of different countries and use some question/answer ideas to get people talking. We usually bring snacks. This night I am going to give a handout of recipes from different countries.

Jan Clark, RN, CWOCN

ET Nurse

San Antonio, Texas

Ostomy Association of South Texas

### **The Saskatoon Ostomy Association**

The Saskatoon Ostomy Association will have a bowling event at Fairhaven Bowl 3401 22nd St W  
Saskatoon, SK, Canada  
October 7, 2006  
Bowling at 6:00 p.m.

Prizes, novelty games

Cost \$5.00 per person, includes 2 games, shoe rental

Members and guests are welcome

(Meal not included but available)

To sign up, contact:  
James Maloney at 933-4234

Peter Folk  
Chapter President and Webmaster Saskatoon Ostomy Association

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Trinidad & Tobago

Hi everyone

I am Charmaine Maraj-Edwards Secretary of Ostomy association of Trinidad & Tobago. We are celebrating World Ostomy Day by hosting a talk programme yesterday on national Television for 30 mins and today a lecture at Hospital to 60 care givers. We ostomates thank you all for all hard works and effort for what u have done to keep the group alive. Our love and support extends to all and looking forward to meeting with u all next year in Puerto Rico. have a happy world ostomy day.

  Charmaine  

### **United States of America United Ostomy Associations of America**

To celebrate World Ostomy Day 2006 many of our local support groups are sponsoring educational seminars and product fairs. We have also encouraged our groups to write letters to the editors of their local newspapers proclaiming World Ostomy Day and promoting the good life after ostomy surgery.

Let us all join together in spirit tomorrow and gain strength from each other to continue to encourage and help others to "Live Life the Full".

Have a wonderful day!

Joan McGorry  
United Ostomy Associations of America  
Dear Friends,

Today, October 7, 2006, is World Ostomy Day and ostomates around the world are celebrating life with a variety of activities. I've attached a letter from the IOA president, a greeting from the coordinator and an announcement about the new IOA Visiting Program for Developing Countries.

In the US there are a number of educational seminars and product fairs today and I've heard about several letters to the editor that have appeared in local newspapers. Don't forget to look at the UOAA website to see the Hollister Photo Contest Winners. The latest UPDATE included a

link to these great photos.

Let us all join together today in spirit to gain strength from each other to continue to encourage and help others to "Live Life to the Full".

Have a wonderful day!

Joan McGorry  
United Ostomy Associations of America

### **Boston, Mass, USA WOD Celebration in Boston, Mass, USA**

Hello to everyone around the world from the Northeast Corner of the United States in Boston, Massachusetts. We are happy to be "Living Life To The Full" by presenting an educational symposium to celebrate this day. Our program includes medical professionals with presentations, panel and round table discussions, a product fair, motivational speaking, and book and product giveaways. Through this education, we're targeting public awareness that we ostomates can make a difference and truly live life to its fullest! Wishing all of you fellow WOD Participants the best in your celebrations.

Sincerely, from the Ostomy Association of Boston.

Hi Everyone

Canada hopes you had a wonderful WOD and that we all continue to share with one all our hopes that all ostomates around the world continue to live life to the full. Continued Best Wishes from Canada.

Canada signs off.

Verna Petrie

## Cuba

Estimados amigos:

A la hora que se acordó, no nos fué posible establecer la comunicación con ustedes, estabamos la Scretaria de nuestra Sociedad y yo en un Programa de una Emisora Nacional de Radio dando información sobre nuestra Sociedad y sobre el Día Mundial del Ostomizado.

A continuación les vamos a transmitir las Actividades realizadas durante este año por la Sección de Atención a Ostomizados de Cuba (S.A.O.) relacionadas con el Día Mundial del Ostomizado ( D.M.O.).

El 11 de Octubre de 2005 En el Informativo del Canal de Televisión CHTV de Ciudad de la Habana se dan a conocer las Actividades de la SAO por el DMO, las características de nuestra Sociedad y sus objetivos.

Se publicó en el Plegable de la SAO (Enero 2006) el Lema: "Vivir la Vida a Plenitud" lanzado por la IOA en saludo al DMO y "Por la vida..." lanzado por nuestra SAO.

Durante todo este tiempo se han efectuado semanalmente todas las Consultas Semanales del Ostomizado por los médicos y enfermeras de nuestra Sociedad.

Las actividades mensuales de tipo Informativas e Instructivas también se realizaron con una buena participación de los asociados. Participación en el Concurso de Fotos convocado por la I.O.A.

Se editó y publicó nuestro Folleto: "Guía Instructiva y Práctica para Ostomizados". Se impartió el Curso a Ostomizados, familiares, personal de salud y colaboradores "Manejo de los estomas y Atención a Ostomizados".

Se convocó por la SAO un Concurso literario en relación al DMO sobre Poesía y Testimonio. El 20-09-06 por el Canal de Televisión CUBAVISION en el Programa de amplia teleaudiencia "mediodía en TV" se informa sobre el DMO.

El 23-09-06 también por el Canal de Television y en el Programa Sabadino de gran Popularidad "23 y M" se habla sobre el DMO. Emisiones Radiales:

Emisora Nacional de Radio "Radio Reloj" Se está transmitiendo desde el 1-10-06 Información sobre el DMO y la SAO.

Emisora Nacional de Radio "Radio Progreso" Programa Juventud 2000 .El 5-10-06 la Dra Angelina Diaz bustelo, Miembro de la Directiva de la SAO da una amplia información sobre la SAO y el DMO.

Emisora Nacional de Radio "Radio Taíno" el 6-10-06 María de Jesús Díaz Landa y el Dr. Francisco Llorente Secretaria y Presidente respectivamente de la SAO dan una entrevista sobre la SAO y el DMO.

Mañana se transmitirá una Entrevista a una Ostomizada de loa Tercera Edad,relacionada con el Tema de la significación de la SAO para ella.

Proximamente también se transmitirán otros dos Programas por la Televisión Nacional dedicados a los Ostomizados. En las siguientes Pag. Web se está anunciando El DMO y su celebración en nuestro país por la SAO: <http://www.sld.cu> (INFOMED. PORTAL DE SALUD DE CUBA)

<http://www.sld.cu/uvs/cirured/temas.php?idv=11544> (PAG. WEB DE LA SOCIEDAD CUBANA DE CIRUGIA)

Mañana tenemos una Actividad a las 10.00 a.m. de la mañana en la que participarán nuestros asociados y artistas de nuestra Radio y TV será transmitida en parte por el CANAL HABANA de la TV Nacional y se dará la información por el Noticiero Nacional de la TV Saludos a todos en este Día Mundial del Ostomizado a nombre de la SAO de Cuba.

Sinceramente

Dr. Francisco F. Llorente Llano  
Presidente SAO Cuba

## Panama

Dear IOA members

From the Ostomate Association in Panama, we want to let you all know that we hope you are all doing well, working hard, with the help of the Ostomy day to accomplish new goals towards what we all need, a good quality of life.

We are celebrating the ostomy day in different ways. Wednesday, 04 we had a mass at 7:30 A.M. (majority here are Catholics) soon after that we gather in a meeting room and receive different lectures aimed to help us understand better what foods cause bad odor or gas or could block the stoma fluids, how to live a happy sexual life with a stoma and other matters of common interest to all of us. Then we had lunch but unfortunately could not continue with a party as planned since there is a rare disease going on that had killed 19 people and no one knows what it is so hospitals are not the best place to gather at this days and our reunion was at a hospital.

We hope the T.V. stations will announce the day of the Ostomates next week, explaining a bit what is an ostomate and that there is a Foundation in Panama willing to help any ostomate achieve a better quality of life through ostomy equipment, food or money to pay for exams that could help then become better.

Regards  
Fernando Ferrer

### World Ostomy Day

After reading all the activity generated around on ostomy world on World Ostomy Day, I am sure that you will agree with me in saying that it was a great success. I am confident that there is more awareness regarding ostomy surgery following our efforts

We were able to spread the word largely because of the efforts of **Coordinator Barry Maughan** and on behalf of the IOA Executive and Ostomates around the world, I would like to publicly thank **Barry**, president of the South Pacific Region, for the outstanding job that he has carried out over a two year period. He kept in touch with the IOA regional presidents and their coordinators on a very timely basis. He established his timelines and made sure he met his deadlines. We commend you for your efforts **Barry** and thank you for your leadership. We also wish you and your selection team, success as you conduct the next step in the process – the selection of the winners of the Coloplast Merit Award. Please read Barry's instructions carefully on pages 13 – 16.

There is a second person to whom I would like to say a special thank you - **Gerry Barry**, Coordinator World e-mail tree and President of Australian Council of Stoma Associations. **Gerry**'s great efforts were noted in the last couple of weeks leading up to WOD. He organized the e mail tree and then has followed through in completing these excellent summaries for us. I was pleased to see greetings in the e mail chain from individuals, small groups, as well as responses from countries. We, all of us, spread the word!! Thank you **Gerry** for your work on the e mail tree. I know that you will have suggestions for us for the next e mail tree that we will conduct.

### 12<sup>th</sup> IOA WORLD CONGRESS

Please notice some changes that have been made to the Registration Form for the Congress in Puerto Rico at the request of the Fajardo. I hasten to say that nothing major has changed. The only things that were changed from the original posted is as follows:

- the inclusion of an extension to the telephone number

- the inclusion of details regarding money order payments for those who do not have a credit card
- and a correction regarding sleeping accommodation eliminating king size beds

We hope that you are making your plans to join us at the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Puerto Rico. Please if you need a visa to enter the USA, begin the process now. It takes time to get a US Visa.

We have also included a sheet **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** that will give you some useful information as you complete your registration. Please, if you need any further information, be in touch with:

Martha Velez – Congress Organizer  
[ostomizadospr@yahoo.com](mailto:ostomizadospr@yahoo.com)  
IOA President:  
[prent@ostomyinternational.org](mailto:prent@ostomyinternational.org)

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in **Puerto Rico in August 2007** for the World Congress. Please mark the date on your calendar, 7 – 12<sup>th</sup>. August 2007 so you do not forget.

With affection  
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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Registration / Information**

The registration forms should be sent to the Fajardo Inn on the address given at the top. All other inquiries should be addressed to: **Martha Velez de Niéves, President ASOCIACION de OSTOMIZADOS de PUERTO RICO, PMB-14 P. O. Box 6022 Carolina, Puerto Rico 00984-6022**

e mail: ostomizadospr@yahoo.com

### **Passports / Visas**

All travelers to Puerto Rico other than American citizens, will require a valid passport that establishes the bearer's identity and nationality. This passport must be valid for six months beyond the intended stay.

Under the **VISA WAIVER PROGRAM**, residents from the following countries do not need a Visa to enter the USA: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Monaco, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Belgium and Slovenia require a machine readable passport (MRP)

There are no passports or Visas necessary for United States citizens which means that US citizens can travel freely in and out of the island without going through immigration or customs. What US citizens will need is photo ID – whatever was used to board the plane – usually a driver's licence or a Government Issues Photo ID.

**Residents of all other countries require a Visa to enter the United States.** Please read carefully the information sheet attached. It is important that you apply for a Visa early so that background checks can be made. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the US government made some changes in laws governing visitor entry and exit. The Visa process now takes more time as the US authorities require additional application forms and security clearances.

For additional information or concerns about travel requirements to Puerto Rico, please contact the US National Passport Center at 1, 888. 874. 7793

**Please note that the management of the Fajardo Inn requires a copy of the passport information for all foreign nationals.** This is to be sent at the same time as the Registration Form.

### **Arrival Information**

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress starts on 7<sup>th</sup> August evening with a Welcome Reception and ends on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2007 by Closing Banquet.

As soon as you have your flights confirmed, please could you let Martha Velez de Niéves, President ASOCIACION de OSTOMIZADOS de PUERTO RICO, know your arrival and departure times. We are conducting negotiations with some travel companies in order to arrange transportation from the San Juan International Airport to the Fajardo Inn and will need to have this information.

### **Registration Fee**

The registration fee includes admission to all sessions, congress material, 4 lunches and coffee breaks, a Welcome Reception, Grand Opening Dinner, tour and dinner in San Juan and Closing Banquet.

### **Payment Methods:**

The management of the Fajardo Inn accepts the following credit cards for payment:

Visa / MasterCard / American Express / Discovery Card /

We understand that not all attendees have a credit card so we have made the following arrangements so that payment can be made by a money order. The money order will be sent to our Congress bank account and then transferred to the Fajardo Inn.

Please make out all money orders payable to the Congreso Mundial IOA

**The money orders should be mailed to the following address:**

PMB -14  
P. O. Box 6022  
Carolina, Puerto Rico 00984-6022

### **Cancellation Policy**

A medical certificate must be presented in order for the Hotel to issue a reimbursement. Said reimbursement will be worked-out after the Congress has checked-out from the Hotel and dealt directly with Mrs. Martha Vélez, as per her instructions.

# CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM and HOTEL BOOKING

AUGUST 7TH – AUGUST 12TH, 2007

Congress Registration:  
The Fajardo Inn  
P.O. Box 4309  
Puerto Real, P.R. 00740  
Puerto Rico

Tel: +787 860- 6000 EXT: 404  
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[www.fajardoinn.com](http://www.fajardoinn.com)

Please complete and return this form together with payment to the above address BEFORE June 15th, 2007  
We can not guarantee accommodation after this date

Title: Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending 20/40 Focus?  Yes  No Age \_\_\_\_\_ years (Must be between 20-40 years)

Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Telefax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanying Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ # of nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Carrier & No: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: Delegates & Attendees - US\$150.00 Accompanying Person - US\$100.00**  
(Each delegate to fill out individual form except for accompanying persons)

**Registration Fee Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hotel Registration:** (per night)

Single Room - Queen Bed	1/Per. \$ 83.95	2/Per. \$ 92.90.....	<b>Total US\$ _____</b>
Single Room - w/Balcony, Queen Bed	1/Per. \$ 92.50	2Per. \$ 102.45.....	<b>Total US\$ _____</b>
Double Room - 2 Queen Beds	2/Per. \$105.10 .....		<b>Total US\$ _____</b>
Triple Room - 3 Queen Beds	3/Per. \$135.85 .....		<b>Total US\$ _____</b>

**Grand Total US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All Rooms are on a Bed & Breakfast basis – complete stay must be paid in advance  
(Four nights before or after the Congress, available at the same price)**

**Payment Methods:**

Credit Card: Visa / MasterCard / American Express / Discovery Card /

Credit Card No: ..... Expiry Date .....

Card Holder's Name: .....

**Money Order Payment to:** Congreso Mundial IOA

**Mail to:** PMB -14 P. O. Box 6022 Carolina, Puerto Rico 00984-6022

**Forms sent without full payment of the Registration Fee and Hotel Booking Fee will not be accepted.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_