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Good Evening Fellows,

Activities are continuing with the Academy. Currently Diplomate examination item writers are producing MCQ's for the Academy question data bank. They have also been assigned the task of re-writing and modernizing some prior questions. The questions are then passed on to item judges (5) for further review. The process has many steps to produce a psychometrically sound question ready for the Academy Diplomate examination. Many thanks to these doctors and their work. The Examination Chairman has been given the current MCQ's for the September 29th examination and the OSCE questions have been chosen. Mid-August is the deadline for application to sit the Board examination.

One of the Academy's most significant projects has come to fruition. Yes, Northwestern Health Sciences in Bloomington, MN will be offering a Master of Science: Clinical Chiropractic Orthopedics. The first class is limited to 12 students and will begin in January, 2013. It will encompass a total of 40 credits. There will be 9 modules in the program. The first 6 will be clinical orthopedics and the following 3 are electives.

These include:

- Sports and Rehabilitation
- Pediatrics/Geriatrics
- Occupational Health

You can go to NWHSU website for further information. <http://www.nwhealth.edu/graduate-health-sciences/>

The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists and its orthopedic Coalition partners, ACCO, CCO and TCCO, are pleased with the increase in Diplomate offerings. NUHS has two classes, one in Lombard and the other at the Florida campus Tampa/St. Pete. UBCC has a class starting in Orlando. Both are scheduled to begin this fall. Currently, there are talks in progress with another institution regarding an orthopedic Diplomate class. I would like to think this resurgence and increasing interest in chiropractic orthopedics is from the efforts that the Academy and its Coalition partners have provided to the profession. The Academy will receive any number of inquiries per month about doctors asking for information about where classes are being held, when they start or are they qualified to sit the Board or proceed with the Diplomate process. Some of these inquiries are international. I have been involved with chiropractic orthopedics since 1975 when I started classes, I've seen the rise and fall of the specialty, the feeling is that there is a genuine resurgence of our specialty. Time will tell. Hopefully you will interest a colleague to pursue orthopedics.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

In this world we must help one another.....Jean de La Fontaine

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