

ASCDAS Supports Residents With the Alan Scott Residency Award

At the fifth annual meeting of the American Society of Cosmetic Dermatology & Aesthetic Surgery (ASCDAS), held in December 2006, the first Alan Scott Residency Award for dermatology residents was presented to Jon Keeling, DO, a second-year resident at Wellington Regional Medical Center, Fla. This award was created to recognize the scientific contribution of Dr. Scott as the pioneer in the development of botulinum toxin type A in medicine. Supported by Allergan, Inc, the Alan Scott Residency Award is presented to an outstanding dermatology resident for original research in cosmetic dermatology.

Dr. Keeling's work, titled "Combining Topical Therapy With Procedures to Treat Hyperpigmentation Disorders," was recognized as the best paper at last year's meeting, although a number of excellent cosmetic research papers were submitted by dermatology residents. All submitted papers were reviewed by the residency committee, which included Chérie Ditre, MD; David Duffy, MD; Marta Rendon, MD; and myself. Dr. Keeling presented his work to the 1000 attendees at the meeting, 100 of whom were dermatology residents. He received a plaque and a check for \$1000, presented by Michelle Bennett on behalf of Allergan, Inc.

Dr. Keeling's article is featured in this month's issue of *Cosmetic Dermatology*[®] and is an excellent review of the benefits of combining modalities in the treatment of pigmentary disorders. He discusses the use of lasers, chemical peels, pulsed light sources, and topical therapies. The advantages and disadvantages of the combined treatments are reviewed.

It is the mission of ASCDAS and the residency committee to enable dermatology residents to achieve their full potential by providing them with the education necessary to be the best in both medical and cosmetic dermatology. The 2 fields are complementary. Upon entering private practice, it is necessary to be comfortable with both types of dermatology. The majority of dermatology practices are medical, but patients and consumers expect us to be authorities in both the medical and the cosmetic arenas. Thus, we must expose residents to cosmetic dermatology early and often.

Please join the members of ASCDAS to help promote and foster medical dermatology along with cosmetic dermatology. The sixth annual meeting of the society will be held in Las Vegas, Nev, at the Wynn Las Vegas Resort, December 1 to 4, 2007. Again, ASCDAS will support the dermatology residents at its annual meeting by providing airfare, accommodations, and free registration.

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We invite all residents to submit their research papers for the 2007 Alan Scott Residency Award. To be eligible, research papers must be submitted by November 1, 2007, to:

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Congratulations to Dr. Jon Keeling on being the first Alan Scott Residency Award recipient!

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