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## Can You Hear Me Now????? by Fred Goodman

The television commercial that has become a brand name is analogous to the College of Diplomates. Where in the TV commercial the person moves about the country trying to be heard, the College of Diplomates has been moving around the Endodontic world looking for its important visibility. Well the program directors now know us, the graduate students know us, the American Association of Endodontists membership knows us, and I quote President Marc Balson from a letter to the College written this past fall: "We commend you for your creative suggestions and encourage you to enhance your level of involvement in fostering an increase in the number of endodontists who are board certified. The American Board of Endodontics and the American Association of Endodontists clearly share this goal. We appreciate your passion and dedication."

\_\_\_\_\_ and the American Association of Endodontists leadership has recognized us. The College now has reached one of our long term goals, that is to be a "brand" name where board certification is concerned.

The College is greatly appreciative of the help and understanding that has come from the American

Association of Endodontists and the American Board of Endodontics, and will continue to reach out to all those candidates who wish to travel— as I like to call it— "FROM OZ TO CERTIFICATION."

Why bring up the subject of recognition? Certainly the Board of Directors of the College is not "insecure shrinking violets". To the contrary, the Board plus the membership of the College are dedicated to getting more candidates to go through a successful board process. This is the main reason for the College of Diplomates existence. And that is why the recognition from our specialty is essential. It is nice to have it!!!!

So—as the saying goes—what have we done for you lately? The College of Diplomates has been busy since we last conversed. Arrangements have been completed for the summer conference which is August 2nd to August 6th in 2006 at the Hyatt Tamaya Resort and Spa. All we need is you and your loved ones to come with us to the shores of the Rio Grande for some learning and fun. Registration takes place until the end of June so don't waste another second. Send back those registration forms now!! The entertainment has been

selected, the "chuck wagon" is loaded, and the speakers are warming up in their respective "bullpens". Did I forget to remind you to bring your golf clubs? The twin warriors that guard the course are awaiting you.---I think you get the picture. I am looking forward to New Mexico in the summer of '06. JOIN ME!!!

This year at the Louis Grossman Luncheon we have the honor of hearing Dr. Charles Bertolami, the Dean of the Dental School at the University of California at San Francisco. His topic is: "Why Our Ethics Curricula Don't Work: A Wink vs. a Blink". I am looking forward to a very innovative session.

At this year's luncheon, the American Board of Endodontists will be welcoming 23 new Diplomates. The College is proud of them. The following is a list of the Fall and Spring Diplomates.

- Anita Aminoshariae
- Brian Bergeron
- Patrick Dahlkemper
- John Dermody
- Ariel Diaz
- Mark Dinkens
- Darlene Hachmeister
- Christopher Hugh
- Scott Janse
- Bekir Karabucak
- John Lies
- Sandra Makkar
- Michael Marmo

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Samuel Mesaros Philip Michaelson  
Mark Nearing James Poster  
Ronald Sabins Michelle Schaeffer  
John Smith Michael Stevens  
Mark Sweet Catherine Wurm

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Remember to register for the luncheon!!!!!!!!!! Don't forget the date and time: Thursday March 30th, 2006, from 12 noon to 1:30pm.

This year at the Oasis, the College

of Diplomates will have its first opportunity to meet you face to face. You will even come to believe that there is a real Susan Hawkinson, she isn't a myth!!! The member's of the College of Diplomates's Board will be available to say HI, and answer any questions you may have.

The results of a recent survey taken of Diplomates, by the COD, showed some interesting opinions. Chuck Cunningham will go into detail in his sec-

retary's report.

Andre Mickel has stepped up his work on the Ambassador program. The idea of a liaison between the COD, the post graduate students and their Directors is very appealing. It gives a face to the College of Diplomates at your program. I urge you to take advantage of the Ambassador at your school.

In closing, let me wish you a safe and enjoyable trip to the Aloha state and keep in touch!!!!!!

## **Secretary's Report by Charles Cunningham**

There is a time for every organization to evaluate its mission statement and, more importantly, is that mission being accomplished. The main objective of the COD is to encourage and provide educational opportunities to qualified individuals to attain board certification in Endodontics. Mentoring is the main focus and at present primarily involves suggesting study guidelines and reviewing case history portfolios. A survey was taken to identify those areas that the College is achieving its objectives and identify those areas that are not being fulfilled. Successful candidates for certification from 2000 through 2004 were selected for feedback. A previous survey of the Diplomates certified by the ABE during the first five years of the College's existence was designed by then-COD Secretary Carl Newton and reported in 2002 Fall Pinnacle. Our second survey was similar and intended to provide data relative to the present-day effectiveness of the COD and identify areas that need to be improved.

Diplomates of the five years (2000-2004) were targeted for this 2005 survey. It must be stated that the responses (76%) were by individuals who elected to participate and was not a scientific study. Within the area of our prime mission, 81% of the candidates were aware that COD mentors were available. However, mentors were requested by only 27%, whereas 60% were informally mentored. It appears that candidates sought Diplomate mentors that they were associated with in their graduate programs or who were familiar geographically. The

website was utilized by 70% for information related to certification. This is a noticeable increase from the 22% previously reported in 2002. Case presentation remains the most challenging step in certification (55%), although down from 78% in the 2002 survey. The oral exam was up to 41% from 19% as the next most challenging aspect of the three-stage process. An overwhelming number (93%) favored a "mock" oral examination prior to the "real" encounter. The motivation for certification remains comparatively unchanged: personal value (94%), professional value (85%), encouraged by program director (60%), and encouraged by another Diplomate (56%).

The Board review courses and the American Board of Endodontics "Boardwalk" at the AAE annual session are not functions of the COD, but are highly recommended by the COD, and are well attended by responding Diplomates, both at the 89% level.

Based on this survey, the current Directors sense that an increasing consciousness of the College and understanding of its mission are demonstrated by the respondents. The College is in its 10th year and is better known. COD Directors plan to direct more effort to reach all Endodontic residents and insure that they are aware of the offerings of the College. Although 93% favored a "mock" oral exam, extensive planning will be required before this aspect can be implemented. In addition, it would be desirable for 100% of the program directors to promote the value of board certification to their residents. Participation in any activity of the



### **Time to Evaluate**

COD is elective for ABE candidates. Candidates must request assistance from the College as the names of individuals in the certification process are confidential.

Based on the survey results, the Board of Director have adopted an aggressive working plan to ensure that the website is current with literature references and other COD activities, to publicize the purpose and availability of COD mentors, to work with the ABE to establish the College as the support group for the certification process, to avoid duplicating the efforts of the ABE, to provide a mentor list to the ABE for dissemination to candidates, and to consider an opportunity for candidates to participate in a "mock oral examination". The COD is aware that some programs do indeed provide guidance to their students. However, the College should be viewed as an additional source of assistance.

The Directors are committed to increase the visibility and effectiveness of the College's mission. The College is the one organization dedicated to offering professional support and encouragement to candidates seeking certification and is a viable member of the Endodontic community.

## 100% - Aim for Excellence by André K. Mickel

The COD would like to formally thank all of the people who have stepped up to fill in a vital role at each Endodontic program as a Board Certification Ambassador. We thank you first of all for believing in the importance of board certification. Secondly, we thank you for committing to helping to advance our specialty.

Our first campaign will be called: "100%...Aim For Excellence". The goal for this campaign will be to ensure that 100% of all residents eligible to take the Written ABE exam this spring, while still in their residency programs, will in fact TAKE THE EXAM!

The COD firmly believes that we can increase the yearly number of Board Certified Endodontists, if they start the board process sooner in their careers. It is our sincere desire that each Board Certification Ambassador at each Endodontic program "INSIST" that all eligible residents:

1. Get an ABE application or make the proper registration;
2. Send in the application material ON TIME;
3. Prepare for the written ABE exam.

Again, the more people we convince- EARLIER in their careers (like when they are still residents) of the importance of Board Certification, AND the more people who take the written boards while still in their programs, ultimately... THE MORE PEOPLE WHO WILL BECOME BOARDED!

We thank each of you Board Certification Ambassadors for serving as "Onsite" representatives of the COD helping to ensure that each resident is aware of the help that is readily available to them through the COD.

Please encourage each resident in your programs to visit our website at : [collegeofdiplomates.org](http://collegeofdiplomates.org). You will find it a valuable Endodontic tool. WE PROMISE!

Please feel free to email me any questions or comments at [andre.mickel@case.edu](mailto:andre.mickel@case.edu). It continues to be my pleasure to serve our specialty.

This article includes a list of Ambassadors and the school they represent:

**Stacy Ackerman**  
Harvard Endo Program

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**Michael Baisden** - Univ of Minnesota

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Advanced Dental

**Merlyn Vogt** - Univ. of Nebraska

**Michael Hoen**  
University of Detroit Mercy Endo  
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US Army Endo Rohde Dental Clinic  
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**Scott Schwartz**  
Univ of Texas Health Science Center

**Pete Mines**  
US Army Endo Residency Program  
Rhode Dental Clinic

**Lee Adamo** - NYUCD Dept of Endo #7W

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**Harold Goodis** - UCSF

**Paul Eleazer**  
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**Fred Barnett**  
Albert Einstein Med. Ctr, Dentl Medicine

**Jeffery Hutter** - Boston Univ Sch Dent Med

**Robert Loushine**  
Medical College of Georgia

**Gary Hartwell**  
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**Gerald Glickman**  
Baylor College of Dent Dept of Endo

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Dept of Endo Sch of Dent Med Case  
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Dept of Endo Temple Univ

**Gordon Marshall** - Dept of Endo OHSU

**Kenneth Namerow** - Nova Southeastern  
Univ

**Robert Seltzer** - Nova Southeastern  
Univ

## **Academic Review of Endodontology Sets New Attendance Record** *by M. Larmar Hicks*

The 15th Annual Einstein sponsored Academic Review of Endodontology was held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on September 23-25, 2005. A record-setting attendance of 209 endodontists and endodontic residents gathered at the new Crowne Plaza Valley Forge Hotel to spend 2 ½ days of intense updating and review in the scientific areas related to endodontics. For the 8th consecutive year the College of Diplomates sponsored a Friday evening session devoted to preparing for the examinations of the American Board of Endodontics (ABE). Dr. Gary Hartwell, the Chairman of Endodontics at New Jersey (UMDNJ) and a former president of the ABE, provided more than 80 board candidates, residents and mentors with countless suggestions and cautions for preparing for all three phases of the certifying examinations. After the 90-minute PowerPoint© pres-

entation, Dr. Hartwell held a lively and informative question and answer session. At the conclusion of the Q&A period, the College treated a tired, but enlightened group of attendees to a splendid Sundae Bar.

The 2005 edition of the Academic Review Course marked the ninth and final year for Dr. Larmar Hicks as course director. During those nine years more than 950 endodontic professionals interested in board certification have attended the College-sponsored Friday evening sessions on board preparation. The members of the College of Diplomates should be exceedingly proud that their organization is consistently and effectively achieving one of its most important goals, "to promote board certification of educationally qualified endodontists."

### **University of Maryland at Baltimore**

*presents*

#### **"Endodontic Board Review and Scientific Update"**

September 15-17, 2006

Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel  
Baltimore, Maryland

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University of Maryland at Baltimore  
Baltimore, Maryland**

#### **Course Faculty**

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Gary R. Hartwell, DDS, MS  
Elliot V. Hersh, DMD, PhD  
G. Rex Holland, DDS, PhD  
Jeffrey W. Hutter, DMD, MA  
Gordon A. Pringle, DDS, PhD  
Christine Sedgley, BDS, MSc, MDS, PhD  
Philip P. Stashenko, DMD, MA

#### **Course Director**

M. Larmar Hicks, DDS, MS

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# Summer Conference 2006 Program at a Glance

## Wednesday, August 2, 2006

3:00 - 6:00 PM Registration  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktail reception (TBD)  
 7:00 - 10:30 PM Dinner (TBD) - Dress: resort casual

## Thursday, August 3, 2006

7:00 - 8:00 AM Continental breakfast  
 (continues to 9:00 for spouses, children, significant others)  
 8:30 - 10:15 AM Dr. Markus Haapasalo. Topic: "It's all about infections . . . almost."  
 10:35 - 10:45 AM Break  
 10:45 - 12:15 PM Dr. Markus Haapasalo (continues)  
 12:15 - ? Touring, fun, etc.

## Friday, August 4, 2006

7:00 - 8:00 AM Continental breakfast (continues to 9:00 for spouses, children, significant others)  
 8:00 - 10:00 AM Dr. Markus Haapasalo  
 10:00 - 10:15 AM Break  
 10:15 - 12:00 PM Dr. Richard Schwartz.  
 Topic: "Everything an endodontist need to know about restorative dentistry, but is afraid to ask."  
 12:00 - ? Fun, etc.

## Saturday, August 5, 2006

7:00 - 8:00 AM Continental breakfast (continues to 9:00 for spouses, children, significant others)  
 8:00 - 10:00 AM Dr. Richard Schwartz (continues)  
 10:00 - 10:15 AM Break  
 10:15 - 12:00 PM Dr. Richard Schwartz (continues)  
 6:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktail reception (TBD)  
 7:00 - 12:00 AM Gala dinner - entertainment, dress, etc. (TBD)

## Sunday, August 6, 2006

Leave for home



**THE COLLEGE OF DIPLOMATES  
 OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ENDODONTICS**  
 Invites you to the  
 Louis I. Grossman Luncheon  
 Thursday, March 30, 2006 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm  
 Dr. Charles N. Bertolami, Dean at the University of California SF  
 "Why Our Ethics Curricula Don't Work: A Wink vs. a Blink"  
 By ticket only  
 Register on your AAE registration form

**NEW DIPLOMATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED**

Annual Business Meeting of the  
**College of Diplomates**  
 of the American Board of Endodontics  
 Thursday, March 30, 2006  
 To be held following the Grossman Luncheon  
 1:30 pm

## Treasurer's Report by Joseph Dovgan



The COD Treasurer's report will be available at the Annual Session of the AAE in Hawaii at the Grossman's Luncheon, scheduled on Thursday, March 30th at noon-1:30pm. If you are not attending the meeting in Hawaii, a copy can be requested through e-mail at [codabe96@comcast.net](mailto:codabe96@comcast.net).

## In Memorium

### Herbert Schilder, DDS, FACD, FICD (1928-2006)

Dr. Herbert Schilder, who developed new techniques for root canal therapy, passed away in Boston on Wednesday, January 25. He was 77. He is survived by his wife, Joan, of Newton, Massachusetts, son, Richard, of Belmont, Massachusetts, and brother, Dr. Stanley Schilder, of Forest Hills, New York. He was the father of the late Edward Schilder.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Schilder attended Washington Square College, New York University (BA 1948) and the College of Dentistry, New York University (DDS 1953). He completed a teaching and research fellowship in endodontics at Temple University in 1956, later becoming a fellow of the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. He served for two years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps, mostly at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

In 1966 he became professor and chairperson of Boston University School of Dental Medicine's

Department of Endodontics, where he served until 2000, when he became professor emeritus. He retired in 2003.

When Schilder started his career, only 40 dentists in the U.S. devoted their practice to endodontics; there were no graduate programs. Among his contributions to the profession, Schilder introduced the predictability of healing for lesions of endodontic origin, defined the principles of cleaning and shaping, and developed the vertical compaction of warm gutta percha technique. This "Schilder Technique" was so well known that the movie "Finding Nemo" referred to it in one of the aquarium scenes in the dental office.

He was involved in many philanthropies, including the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, the American Jewish Historical Society, and Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. The first named chair at Boston University School of Dental medicine is the Herbert Schilder Chair in Endodontics. He and his wife donated a laboratory to the school dedicated to endodontic research.

Schilder was past president of the American Association of Endodontists, a former director of the American Board of Endodontics, first vice president of the American Dental Association, president of the Massachusetts Dental Society and past president of Temple Israel, Boston, Massachusetts. He wrote more than 100 scientific articles, contributed chapters to many textbooks on endodontics, and lectured at major dental meetings and at schools in more than 25 countries. Dr. Schilder was the recipient of many awards and citations from dental schools and dental societies in this country and abroad.

Contributions may be made to the Edward Baylor Schilder Endowment Fund for Special Needs Initiatives, Combined Jewish Philanthropies' the Alzheimer's Association; or the Herbert Schilder Scholarship Fund, Boston University School of Dental Medicine. Services will be held on Thursday, February 2 at 10:00 AM, at Temple Beth Israel, Boston.

## Let Us Know....

We want to keep track of how many of you are mentoring applicants for the boards. This will help us be more effective with the mentoring program. How many applicants have you mentored in the past 12 months? Please send your reply to [codabe96@comcast.net](mailto:codabe96@comcast.net). Include your name and how you were contacted by the applicant. Thanks for aiding us in our quest to help endodontists become Board Certified!



## **Graduate Programs Update by Stephen Clark**

### **Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University Boston, MA**

The Postdoctoral Program in Endodontics was established by Dr. Herbert Schilder in 1958 with the first graduate, Dr. Cyril Gaum, graduating in 1960. Since then, 445 endodontists have graduated from the program. 12-13 residents are accepted into the program each year. Currently, there are 12 first-year residents, 13 second-year residents, 4 residents in the MScD program, and 1 in the PhD program.

Dr. Jeffrey Hutter is Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Chair, Department of Endodontics. Dr. Hutter retired with the rank of Captain from the United States Navy Dental Corps in 1996 after a 21 year career. Dr. Hutter received his Certificate in Endodontics from the Naval Dental School. He has been the Program Director at Boston University since 1997 and Chair since 1999. He achieved his Diplomate status in 1987 and is a past Director of the American Board of Endodontics.

### **University of Nebraska Lincoln, NE**

The post-graduate endodontic program at the University of Nebraska is a 2-year program to obtain a Certificate. The opportunity exists to obtain Masters or PhD Degree, with additional time. The program accepts two residents one year, then three the next year, to keep a total of 5.

Dr. Tom Gound has been the Program Director for the past 15 years. Prior to that he spent 21 years in the Air

Force and obtained his postgraduate endodontic training at Wilford Hall in Washington D.C. in 1975 and Madigan Army Hospital in Tacoma Washington in 1976, receiving his Certificate and Masters Degree (from George Washington University) in 1976. He achieved Diplomate Status in 1982.

### **University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey New Jersey Dental School Postgraduate Program in Endodontics - Newark, NJ**

The UMDNJ Endodontic Program awarded its first certificate in

Endodontics in 1962 to Dr. Francis Shovlin. The postgraduate certificate program is two years in length. There is an option for a three-year masters degree program. There are currently five residents accepted into the program each year.

Dr. Hartwell, the program director graduated from the U.S. Army Endodontic Residency Program at Madigan Army Medical Center in 1973. He also earned an M.S. degree from The George Washington University in Special Studies (Oral Biology) in 1974. Dr. Hartwell has served as program director for four different endodontic residency programs: Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington; Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry; and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - New Jersey Dental School. He served on the American Board of Endodontics from 1998 to 2004 serving as Secretary of the ABE from 2001-2003 and as ABE President from 2003-2004. Dr.

Hartwell achieved diplomate status with the American Board of Endodontics in 1980.

### **Saint Louis University St. Louis, MO**

The graduate program in endodontics accepted its first residents in 1994. Upon completion of the program, each resident receives a certificate and Master's of Science - Research in Endodontics from the Graduate School of Saint Louis University - the oldest graduate school west of the Mississippi. The program is 24 months in duration.

Six residents (three each year) see patients at state of the art clinics at the Saint Louis University Health Sciences campus in Midtown St. Louis and at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine campus in Alton, Illinois. SIU is an affiliate site of the program and faculty from each university teach at both campuses as part of this unique affiliation.

The program director is Dr. John F. Hatton. He obtained his certificate in endodontics from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His career as a dental educator began in 1984 at Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine where he served as Section Head of Endodontics and Chair of the Department of Applied Dental Medicine. He is currently a Professor of Endodontics at Saint Louis University where he continues to serve as director of the Graduate Endodontic program and as Associate Director for the Center for Advanced Dental Education. Dr. Hatton has been a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics since 1993.

## **REMINDER**

University of Michigan 19th Annual Review of the Biologic and Clinical Aspects of Endodontology will be held March 16, 17, 18, 2006 - Thursday through Saturday.

For further information, please contact the University of Michigan Continuing Education Department at 734-763-5070 or their Web site:

[www.dent.umich.edu/con\\_ed](http://www.dent.umich.edu/con_ed).

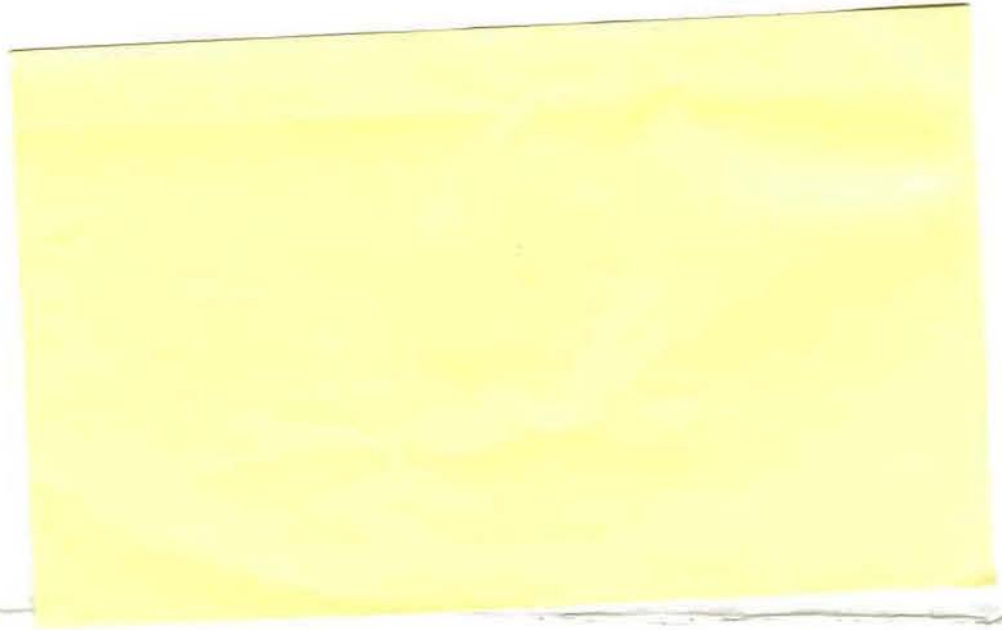


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**From the Webmeister** by Joseph Dougan

Where can you find study aids for the ABE diplomate process?

Where can you find information on upcoming COD events? Online of course!

Visit [CollegeOfDiplomates.org](http://CollegeOfDiplomates.org).

We have upgraded several study aids on our site. Just collecting the materials used to be quite a chore. Now, many are available to you at our site. In addition,

obtain information on our upcoming 2006 summer session. Hope to see you there.

If you have any study aids you think would be helpful, please send them to the webmeister. Content helps everyone.

Help us make COD your central location for board preparation information!!!!

