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The Crisis in Biological Medicine in North America

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Over the past few years we have witnessed the continuing losses of the men and women who pioneered this field of Biological Medicine, and who have struggled so hard to find, research and apply those methods which are most effective. However even in light of these losses, I cannot yet see where the "next generation" – the "younger" practitioners – are stepping forward to take on the research work necessary to support the continuation of these methods into the future.

Think about all those we have lost in the recent past. They include our own Walter Sturm, Brian MacCoy, and now Craig Wagstaff. Retirement has claimed those like Sandy Wood and Chrystyne Jackson. Added to this are the losses of the great German researchers like Helmut Schimmel, Franz Morell, Erich Rasche and so many, many others. Is their work and research simply to be lost? Where are our new (and younger) practitioners going to learn the necessary history and supporting research to make intelligent decisions regarding tools and methods?

I perceive that those of us within Biological Medicine have reached not just a crossroads, but rather an actual crisis. Especially here in North America if we are to continue bringing this field into the future, we must look toward a number possibilities – many that I have touched on in previous editorials (or rants as my staff like to call them):

- There has to be cooperation between the legitimate providers of services, products, devices and remedies.
- There has to be a concerted effort to differentiate between:
 - those methods or devices which are knockoffs,
 - those which are truly effective, and
 - those which are totally unreliable or deceptive.
- There has to be an influx of educated, trained and dedicated new practitioners willing to place these methods into their practice.

I have to be honest with all of you – this is the fortieth (yes, the 40th) anniversary of Occidental Institute. I am a founding director and even though I am dating myself in admitting that, it is important for everyone to realize that “my generation” is getting worn out! We have fought the good fight for too many years to walk away, but who is going to take us into the future?

So many times as I put the newsletter issues together, or when I have the opportunity to meet you at a conference, I feel like I am “preaching solely to the converted”. I see MORA devices that are still in effective daily practice after 28 years(!), but fewer and fewer new models being placed into current practices. The effort needed to bring new and younger practitioners into the Institute, and to educate or train them sufficiently to utilize these long standing effective methods in their practices, becomes more and more difficult with the proliferation of knockoffs (both methods and devices) which give no credit to the original researchers. And I see this as the crux of our crisis in this field.

Even though many of the “older” technologies like MORA BioResonance and EAV diagnostics have been redesigned, updated and modernized, why are we losing the legacy of their history and pedigree as we lose those honored and valued pioneers one by one? As time goes on, we can no longer rely on the pioneers to remember all the details and to teach us – because those “old rabbits” are leaving us due to illness, retirement and now more often death.

I know that this field of Biological Medicine is exploding with new information, new research, new devices, new remedies and new products. And truly that is the wave of the future. All these new tools are packaged attractively and marketed aggressively, and there is no doubt that the glitz appeals to the newer practitioners. Of course, nothing can ever stay the same and there should be constant improvement. However, it is only that legacy and history

of research and efficacy which can clarify our decisions about those new developments, new research and especially new products.

OIRF is working diligently to achieve new Health Canada and US F&DA device registrations, but it is only with many practitioners and patients learning about and asking for these therapies that we in the field of Biological Medicine will finally achieve the respect, acceptance and legitimacy that we deserve – not to mention the extensive funding required to complete such expensive projects.


OIRF is actively promoting cooperation in the field by arranging cooperative events and activities with various other organizations (including **BioMed Int'l** and **Prevention and Healing**) to ensure a united approach to promotion of the most effective products in this field of Biological Medicine.

But to reverse this crisis – or make the right choice at this crossroads – [we need your help!](#) Please support your Occidental Institute as we continue to preserve this knowledge and teach it to more and more practitioners.

For example, it is almost time to renew your OIRF membership for 2013 and you will find a new application form at the end of this Issue (there's even a renewal discount). Then, help us build the OIRF membership rolls back up to previous levels of 500 members per year by recommending us to one or two of your colleagues and encouraging them to apply. Or, sponsor a membership for a student. Or, . . . ?

We ask you to stand up and talk about Biological Medicine – not just to your patients, but to your colleagues. Do not hesitate to tell your colleagues about MORA BioResonance and EAV and Vega and BE-T-A and Homeopathy and the many other tools and methods in effective use today. These are the pillars of your practice and we do not want to lose them.

As I make my final preparations for the forthcoming **Biological Medicine Group Tour #39 to Germany**, I can feel the excitement building. Although a smaller group this year (which allows for much more personal interaction) it is a good mix of first-timers and many-timers and it is a great opportunity to introduce these methods to more and more practitioners. If you are not joining us for this tour program, be sure to watch for my usual report on our activities in the final 2012 Issue #6 of "The Bridge" due for publication in early December. And then join us as we move into a new year of activities and programs in 2013.





An Added Personal Note

I have been involved with Occidental Institute since its inception in July 1972 in Weston, Ontario Canada. In the intervening years I shared the executive administration with my husband Dr. Walter Sturm and since his passing in 2004 I have been the sole proprietor of Occidental Institute. I have in essence dedicated my entire professional career to the promotion, preservation and education of Biological Medicine in North America.

It is only through the support of our members and colleagues that the Institute has been able to continue this research work for so many years. As we move forward into the future of Biological Medicine in North America we will endeavor to maintain the quality and integrity of OIRF while addressing the changes and innovations of the present.

To preserve that integrity and research work into the future, we are seeking someone who is willing to take on an active role in promoting OIRF with a view to taking control over the complete organization within the next few years.

