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Chair's Report – David W. Chang, EdD, RRT

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize all past and present CoARC board members, sponsors, site visitors, clinical preceptors, program faculty and students for making what RT education is today. As you may know, RT education in the U.S. is second to none in the world. Many foreign countries are coming to the U.S. for guidance and assistance in areas related to RT education and accreditation.

2006 was a very productive year for the staff and board members of CoARC. In addition to many "routine" functions ranging from answering accreditation related questions on a daily basis to coordinating self-studies and site visits, I want to highlight several special items that were either completed or initiated in 2006.

2006 CoARC Survey

In February of 2006, the CoARC conducted an online survey of the RT programs to assess their overall current state and future trends. Among the general information of RT programs (e.g., enrollment trend and instructor to student ratios), there are many intriguing future trends (e.g., retirement and recruitment of faculty, availability of online Bachelor Degree RT programs). The survey results are available for online viewing by following three easy steps: go to "coarc.com" then click on "Program Notices" and "2006 CoARC Survey Results Are Now Available."

200-Level Programs

As of 2006, there are a total of 418 accredited RT programs. Forty-six (11%) are 100-level (certification level) programs and 372 are 200-level (registry level) programs. Since the number of 100-level has been decreasing steadily, the committee voted to study the feasibility of recommending to CAAHEP for accrediting only 200-level programs. Affected programs and sponsors of CoARC had been notified of the proposal. In 2007, CoARC will be reviewing any comments provided by the sponsors, RT programs, and communities of interest.

Interim Executive Director

In July, the committee appointed William Goding as our interim Executive Director. Bill is no stranger to the RT profession as he has served in many capacities to include Chair of CoARC and President of NBRC. We are pleased to have Bill on board. The search for our next Executive Director is underway and position announcement will come out in March of 2007.

New and Re-elected Members

Dr. Dick Briggs of Birmingham, AL will be joining us in 2007 as an ATS representative on the committee. On behalf of the CoARC, I extend a sincere welcome to Dr. Briggs. Steve Mikles was nominated by the AARC and re-elected by CoARC for a second four-year term. Welcome back, Steve.

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Continuation of Chair's Report – David W. Chang, EdD, RRT

What's New in 2007

Following a successful and standing room only site visitor training workshop at the 2006 Summer Forum, another workshop will be offered again at the 2007 Summer Forum. Dr. Ralph Kendall, Chair of the Site Visitors Subcommittee, provided much valuable inputs to the CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs) for the development of a web-based site visitor training program. This program will be used in conjunction with our ongoing discipline specific (RT) training workshop.

The Public Relations Subcommittee has been organizing an informal reception for RT faculty at the 2007 Summer Forum. At the reception, one RT program will be recognized for a special achievement award. More information on the nomination process for this award will be forthcoming in early 2007.

The International/Continuing Education Subcommittee is developing a series of "train-the-trainers" workshops to facilitate program faculty to make improvements on many accreditation related topics (e.g., curriculum, evaluation, annual report, self-study). We are hopeful that these services will be of value to programs in meeting many accreditation thresholds. More information on these workshops will be forthcoming in 2007.

David Chang



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CoARC Meeting Dates

- July 11-15, 2007
Reno/Lake Tahoe, NV
- November 7-11, 2007
Bedford, TX

Interim Executive Director's Report - William W. Goding, MEd, RRT

This report is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year and to acknowledge the many contributions that make providing accreditation services to the profession of Respiratory Care possible.

The staff in Bedford are a hard-working, energetic, dedicated group that support all the accreditation activities throughout the year. They are always there to answer the many telephone inquiries, to facilitate submission of the various accreditation documents, such as self study reports, progress reports, and Reports of Current Status (annual reports), to prepare the Committee meeting materials, and to generate correspondence on behalf of the Committee - to mention just a few of the many responsibilities they effectively fulfill.

A new member of the staff joined us in 2006 - Kattie Lott. She was hired in June and jumped right in with full force. She has a Paralegal Degree from Arlington Career Institute, an AAS in Office Administration from Tarrant County College, and is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree at the DeVry Institute in Dallas with a projected graduation in June 2007. Welcome, Kattie.

The Committee continues to see growth both in the number of new Respiratory Care programs as well as in the enrollments and graduates of the existing programs. Based on analysis of the 2005 Reports of Current Status (the annual reports that were submitted on September 1, 2006): In the 100-level programs, there were total enrollments of 1282 in 2005; constant from the previous year. There were 834 graduates in 2005; an increase of 11% from the previous year. In the 200-level programs, there were total enrollments of 7577 in 2005; up 19% from the previous year. There were 4962 graduates in 2005; an increase of 21% from the previous year. The total combined enrollments for 2005 for all programs was 8859 and the total combined graduates for 2005 for all programs was 5796.

Sixty-two site visits were conducted in 2006. Thank you to all the volunteers who graciously give of their time and expertise to participate as site visitors. We are grateful to the many physicians and respiratory therapists who assist the programs and the Committee in this vital part of the accreditation process. CoARC would welcome adding to its cadre of site visitors, though. If you are interested in becoming a site visitor, please contact me for information about how you can become involved. Also, watch for an upcoming site visitor training workshop.

The Committee has been busy in 2006 revising some of the core accreditation documents. There is a new "Letter of Review Self Study Report" (LSSR), which is the first self study prepared by a program seeking accreditation prior to admitting any students. There is also a revised "Initial Accreditation Self Study Report" (ISSR), which is the second self study report prepared by a new program within six months after graduation of the first class of students. In addition, there is a revised "Polysomnographic Technology Self Study Report" (PSSR) for accredited respiratory care programs seeking to add on that specialty option. All the documents are available on the CoARC web site at www.coarc.com.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with the accredited programs, the sponsors of new programs, the members of the Committee, and the other staff. I am committed and available to help CoARC's many communities of interest in fostering quality respiratory care education and look forward to continuing those efforts in 2007. Give me a call; drop me an email - if I can be of assistance.

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William Goding



Helmholz Jr. Educational Lectures

CoARC Sponsored the Dr. H.F. Helmholz, Jr.,

Educational Lecture Series at the 2006 AARC Summer Forum:

“USING SIMULATION TECHNOLOGY TO PREPARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS”

The Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) sponsored the 10th annual Dr. H.F. Helmholz Jr Lecture at the 2006 AARC Summer Forum in Phoenix. Participants enjoyed a special presentation on how simulations are being incorporated into educational programs to prepare the respiratory therapists for professional practice. Viva Jo Siddall, MS, RRT, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at Northwestern University presented an overview on the various simulators available and how they have been incorporated into health care professions education to prepare clinicians for health care today and into the future. She gave practical and specific suggestions for using simulation technology to achieve the desired learning outcomes for accreditation by CoARC, for producing quality graduates to work in the respiratory care profession and for continuing education.

Following her overview, attendees were able to participate in actual demonstrations on high-tech equipment provided by Medical Technologies, Inc (METI) <http://www.meti.com> and by VIASYS Healthcare <http://www.Viasys.tv/default.aspx>. Participants were able to see first-hand how the Human Patient Simulator (HPS) blinks, speaks, breathes, and beats a lifelike heart, that accurately mirrors human responses to such procedures as CPR, intravenous medication, intubation, ventilation, and catheterization using an array of intricately programmed systems – cardiovascular, pulmonary, pharmacological, metabolic, genitourinary, and neurological. Several respiratory therapy educators described how this technology is being incorporated into an easily controlled teaching laboratory where students can practice, gain experience and prepare for their work as health professionals.

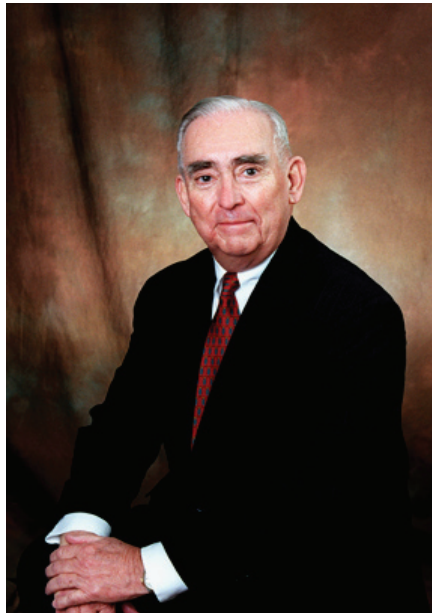
Special thanks to Lou Obendorff, Ron Carovano and Tom Doyle from METI for all of their arrangements to bring and set up the Human Patient Simulator (HPS). Thanks also to John Coleman for his efforts and support to bring and set-up a VIASYS VELA ventilator for the simulations and demonstrations.

Below are the previous H.F. Helmholz Jr. Educational Lectures:

- 1997 - H. Fred Helmholz Jr., MD was the original presenter on *The History of Respiratory Care*
 - 1998 - *Critical Thinking in Respiratory Care* - Shelley C. Mishoe, PhD, RRT
 - 1999 - *Computer Technology - New Paradigms in Education* - Jon O. Nilsestuen, PhD, Marilyn R. Childers, PhD, and Stephen P. Fracek, PhD
 - 2000 - *Student Recruitment and Retention: A Marketing Perspective* - William H. Turner, PhD
 - 2001 - *Teaching Patient Assessment to the Respiratory Care Student* - Robert Wilkins, PhD, RRT
 - 2002 - *The Role of the Advisory Committee & Employers in Shaping the Future of Respiratory Care* - Garry Kauffman, MPA, RRT
 - 2003 - *Managers and Educators Working Hand-in-Hand* - Thomas J. Johnson, MS, RRT and Michael Nazzaro, MPH, RRT
 - 2004 - *The Dynamic Web Classroom* - Sal Sanders, MS, RRT, CPFT
 - 2005 - *Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Threshold Success* - Erna L. Boone, MEd, RRT & Robert P. DeLorme, EdS, RRT
 - 2006 - “Using Simulation Technology To Prepare The Next Generation of Respiratory Therapists” – Viva Jo Siddall, MS, RRT
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New CoARC Board Member

Dick D. Briggs, Jr., MD



Currently, Dr. Briggs is Emeritus Professor and Eminent Scholar Chair in Pulmonary Diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he continues to be active full-time. A graduate of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee (B.S. Chemistry, Optime Merens), Dr. Briggs received his M.D. degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Following Internal Medicine residency and chief residency under Dr. Walter Frommeyer at UAB, he completed Pulmonary Fellowship training and joined the faculty of the School of Medicine at UAB.

With the exception of two years in the United States Air Force, his entire academic career has been spent at the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Medicine as a clinician, a distinguished teacher, and clinical scholar. At UAB he has served in many roles, including Pulmonary Academic Awardee of the NHLBI (1972-1977), Director of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (1971-1992), Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine (1981-1995), and President, CEO and Medical Director of the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation (1988-1992) during which tenure he was the principal in the building of The Kirklin Clinic at UAB.

Dr. Briggs has been the President of the American College of Chest Physicians, a founding member and President of the Association of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program Directors, Chairman of the ABIM Pulmonary Disease Board, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

In 1995, he received the Breath of Life Award from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and he was named Laureate of the Alabama American College of Physicians. Dr. Briggs was honored by the American College of Physicians in 1997 when he became a Master, and in 2001 when he was selected as a Master Fellow by the American College of Chest Physicians. He delivered the Louis Mark Memorial Lecture at Chest 2002. In 2003, Dr. Briggs was inducted in the Alabama Tennis Hall of Fame.

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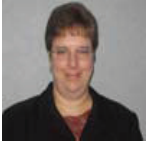



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