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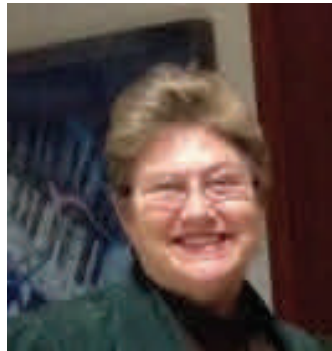
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Message from the Chair.....



Debra J. Carson
2013 Chair, CoA-NDT

2012 was a year of transition for the CoA-NDT! As you may recall, we changed our name from the Committee on Accreditation in Electroneurodiagnostics (COA-END) to the Committee on Accreditation in Neurodiagnostic Technology (CoA-NDT). Our former Executive Director, Theresa Sisneros, accepted a full time position at the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) and we hired a new Executive Director, Jackie Long-Goding, PhD, RRT-NPS, FAARC. We also moved the office from Colorado to Massachusetts. We said good-bye to Sherry Kelly, R EEG/EP T, when she completed her term of service to the CoA-NDT and welcomed Stephanie Jordan, R EEG/EP T, CNIM, CLTM to begin her three-year appointment to the CoA-NDT.

We completed our work on the proposed Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring (IONM) Standards and Guidelines and presented them for a public hearing at the CAAHEP meeting in January 2013. For more information about the IONM Standards and

Guidelines, including our plan for implementation, please see page 3.

Although it seems impossible, we last revised the NDT Standards and Guidelines in 2008! Therefore, it is time to begin reviewing and revising the *Standards and Guidelines for Educational Programs in Neurodiagnostic Technology*. To this end, I have appointed CoA-NDT Vice Chair Bernard Cohen, PhD, CNIM, FASNM as the Chair of the Standards Review Subcommittee. In addition, I have appointed five task forces to review and revise the Graduate Competencies. These task forces, and the individuals who chair them, are as follow:

NCS Graduate Competencies:

Debby Ferguson, MSED, R EEG/EPT, RPSGT, R NCS T, CNCT, RST

EP Graduate Competencies:

Maureen Carroll, BS, R EEG/EP T, RPSGT, CNIM

IONM Graduate Competencies:

Bernard Cohen, PhD, CNIM, FASNM

NDT Graduate Competencies:

Deb Carson, EdD, R EEG / EP T

PSG Graduate Competencies:

Maureen Carroll, BS, R EEG/ EP T, RPSGT, CNIM

LTM Graduate Competencies:

Deb Carson, EdD, R EEG / EP T

The CoA-NDT has also asked for recommendations from our sponsors for additional subject matter experts in these content areas to

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Meet your CoA-NDT



Stephanie Jordan,
R EEG T, CNIM

Stephanie Jordan, R EEG T, CNIM, CLTM was appointed to the CoA-NDT in August, 2012 by ASET—The Neurodiagnostic Society. She is the supervisor of Clinical Neurophysiology at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, WA.

Registered as an EEG technologist since 1982, Stephanie grew up on analog EEG since her mother was a classically trained technologist out of UCLA. Stephanie began working in her mother's lab as a volunteer, then received further training at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. In 1994, she began working at a level four Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Swedish Hospital.

Stephanie earned her CNIM credential in 1996, the same year she became responsible for the Intraoperative Monitoring Program. Her responsibilities continued to grow, and in 2006 she became the supervisor of the Clinical Neurophysiology De-

partment which includes multi-campus pediatric and outpatient labs, 8 and 6 bed monitoring units, and intraoperative monitoring services.

The lab has achieved two successful accreditations by ABRET (EEG and Intraoperative Monitoring) under Stephanie's leadership. In addition, she has continued her professional growth by earning the EP and CLTM registries.

Stephanie currently serves as the Chairperson for the Advisory Committee to Bellevue Community College NDT program and supervises students during their clinical rotations at Swedish Medical Center.

The CoA-NDT welcomes Stephanie Jordan as she begins her three-year term of service to the profession. ■

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Mirela Simon,
MD



Mirela Simon, MD, was appointed to the CoA-NDT in February, 2012 by the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society (ACNS). Dr. Simon received her medical degree from Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest, Romania and a Master of Science in Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health. She completed her Neurology residency at Boston University Medical Center, followed by a two-year clinical neurophysiology/epilepsy Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Simon joined the faculty at MGH in 2003, and since then has served as the Medical Director of the Intraoperative Neurophysiology Unit in the Department of Neurology. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Simon has a broad interest in clinical

neurophysiology, particularly its intraoperative applications in the prevention of postoperative neurological deficit. A major emphasis of her research is to improve and develop new methods for neurophysiologic mapping of the central nervous system. In addition, she works to foster a better understanding of the neurophysiology of normal and abnormal cortical excitability, and its fluctuations under certain conditions such as anesthesia and arousal states. Her exploration of the variability in depolarizing thresholds of eloquent cortex has led to the optimization of a multimodal technique for neurophysiologic functional mapping and monitoring during supratentorial surgery.

The CoA-NDT welcomes Dr. Mirela Simon and her contributions to the education of neurodiagnostic technologists. ■

Highlights from the January 2013 CoA-NDT Meeting



The CoA-NDT met in Tampa, FL, January 26-27, 2013. Listed below are some of the highlights of the CoA-NDT Annual Meeting that were not discussed in other sections of the newsletter.

1. The Chair presented her report, outlining the Committee's significant accomplishments for 2012.
2. Possible abstract topics for presentation at the 2013 ASET Annual Conference were discussed and identified.
3. The CAAHEP Liaison presented her report to update CoA-NDT members about actions taken by the CAAHEP Board of Directors.
4. Seven Annual Reports submitted by NDT programs were reviewed and actions taken.
5. One program was reviewed for Initial Accreditation and a recommendation was submitted to CAAHEP for action.
6. A revision to the policy governing Self Study reviews and the scheduling of site visits was reviewed; the policy will be brought to the March meeting for final approval.
7. The Site Visit schedule was revised.

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The CoA-NDT anticipates approval of the IONM Standards at the March 2013 CAAHEP Board of Directors meeting.

Update on Proposed IONM Standards

A public hearing was held on the proposed IONM Standards and Guidelines on Thursday, January 24. During that hearing, the CAAHEP Standards Committee considered one comment that was submitted; the comment was related to the qualifications for the medical director of an IONM program. The CAAHEP Standards Committee asked the CoA-NDT consider the comment during its January 25-26 meeting.

The CoA-NDT reviewed the submitted comment and determined that no further action was necessary. Consequently, the CAAHEP Standards Committee was asked to forward the proposed IONM Standards and Guidelines to the CAAHEP Board of Directors for consideration and approval at its March 2013 meeting.

CoA-NDT Chair Deb Carson has appointed a taskforce to begin developing the Self Study forms, site visit materials, and other associated documents that will be needed to implement the IONM Standards when they are approved by the

CAAHEP Board of Directors. The CoA-NDT anticipates approval of the IONM Standards at the March 2013 CAAHEP Board of Directors meeting, with an effective date of June 1, 2013.

The Self Study forms and other documents programs will need to apply for accreditation will be posted to the CoA-NDT website (www.coa-ndt.org) as soon as they are finished and approved by the Committee, but not later than May 15. The Standards and Guidelines will be available on the CAAHEP website (www.caahep.org) and posted on the CoA-NDT website as soon as they are approved by the CAAHEP Board of Directors. In the meantime, feel free to contact our office by emailing office@coa-ndt.org.

We are excited that the years of planning have come to fruition, and we will soon start to accept requests for accreditation of stand-alone IONM programs! ☑



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A Committee on Accreditation of

Message from the Chair

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assist in reviewing and revising the Graduate Competency documents.

We began work on our Mission, Vision and Values Statement last fall. The statement was presented to the Committee at the January meeting for initial review. We'll be reviewing our Mission, Vision, and Values Statement again at our March 5 teleconference meeting, when the goal is to adopt the statement. After the Mission, Vision and Values Statement is adopted by the CoA-NDT Board, it will be used to guide the development of our strategic plan.

2013 is shaping up to be a busy year! You will hear more about our plans for 2013 in our next newsletter, and in the news bulletins we plan to publish every two months following our CoA-NDT teleconference meetings. One of our primary goals for 2013 is to increase communication with our communities of interest. In the meantime, we are planning to update the Bylaws and our CoA-NDT Policy and Procedure Manual this year. Training materials for NDT program directors are being de-

veloped, with the first project devoted to the Annual Report. We're working on submitting proposals for the 2013 ASET Annual Meeting, and, we're working with ASET to develop some webinars describing the benefits of accreditation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or if we can be of assistance to you! We are here to help you at any step in your accreditation journey. ■

Highlights from the January CoA-NDT Meeting

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8. A Bylaws Revision Committee is being appointed by the Chair.
9. A Subcommittee on Finance is being appointed by the Chair.
10. The CoA-NDT reviewed and made initial proposed revisions to the 2008 *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Neurodiagnostic Technology*. ■