

A.T. *Still Research Institute*

"Advancing patient care and wellness through development and support of premier osteopathic research"

October 2007

*Still Research Institute
makes great strides in
Research Collaborations over the
Summer!*

July 2007

Still Research Institute (SRI) assists with the International Masters Program in Osteopathic Clinical Research.

Eight students traveled from Europe to Kirksville, MO, in order to participate in a week-long seminar series, July 16-20, 2007, which consisted of sessions on how to develop fundamental concepts and skills in osteopathic clinical research along with a focus on standards for manual medicine research. These students engaged in small-group discussions and hands-on research training during this event.



August 2007

Administrators of the Still Research Institute conduct a

Strategic Planning Retreat with their External Board of Scientific Counselors.

SRI administrators met with their External Board of Scientific Counselors in St. Louis, MO for an all-day Retreat on August 6, 2007. Institute Director, Brian Degenhardt, D.O., C-SPONM, gave a brief overview of achievements for the SRI to-date. Institute center directors and researchers presented progress reports on current research activities, expressed challenges and barriers in accomplishing their research, and discussed data collection processes and dissemination efforts. Discussion was also had in regards to the 2007-2012 Strategic Long-Range Plan for the Still Research Institute. The SRI External Board of Scientific Counselors (EBSC) then provided feedback/input on how to improve the

current research and gave guidance on how to overcome some of the challenges/barriers. They provided suggestions on ways to improve and advance the Institute infrastructure. In addition, the EBSC suggested recruitment avenues and helped in identifying collaborative research partners for the Institute. The EBSC also provided feedback in identifying key areas for future research.

September 2007

The Center for Osteopathic Diagnostic and Therapeutic Studies (known as CODES) receives site visit from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation.

On September 12, 2007, the Board of Directors from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation came to Kirksville, MO, for a site-visit in regards to the \$2 million Osteopathic Heritage Foundation endowment in honor of John C. Auseon, D.O. and Boyd W. Bowden, D.O. During this site visit, Dr. Brian Degenhardt, center director for CODES, provided a brief overview of the Institute and the research progress occurring within the center. The Board toured the SRI laboratory and was shown how SRI instrumentation is being utilized in research. The OHF Board reviewed the project timeline for achievements and stated that they were pleased with the progress that had been made. A tour of the new Connell Information Technology Center was also provided.



SRI gives presentation and tour of research facility to the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles (ECOP).

The Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles (ECOP) held a nationwide meeting at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine campus on September 13-14, 2007. ECOP is made up of leaders/chairs of Osteopathic Manual Medicine departments from colleges/schools of osteopathic medicine. The Council provides ideas pertaining to the teaching of osteopathic principles and practices and presents recommendations for improvement of curriculum in osteopathic medical education. During the ECOP meeting, members of the SRI administrative team had the opportunity to present SRI resources to the Council and discuss the potential for collaborative research projects.