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Greetings General : Salutation - Formal,

Welcome to the New Year! And welcome to all of you new and returning members and supporters of the BTER Foundation!

I hope your year is off to a good start. Our year is off to a spectacular, fast-paced beginning. Reflecting over the past year, as is our custom in December, I was encouraged by taking stock of all of the programs, research, and publications we had put forth in 2014. This month, as I assemble the Foundation's teaching and conference schedule and review the list of projects and publications that our interns are working on, I feel confident that 2015 will be a busy, productive year as well.

We are grateful to our members for their support throughout the year. Most of you are a quiet group, asking for very little support in return. Perhaps that is because you can find all of the support you need from our online services, or because we have helped you sufficiently in the past to become experts in your field. Nevertheless, please know that you can contact us at any time for therapist support, patient support, or any other service. Providing assistance to our members and supporters is a significant part of the BTER Foundation's mission and we love to connect with you.

In that regard, we will be signing up all members to receive the complimentary Table of Contents from the premiere journal, Evidence-Based Complimentary and Alternative Medicine ("eCAM"). Many of our members have published their work in



eCAM, and I welcome you all to take a look at their articles and perhaps contribute as well. Here are some examples of past BTER Foundation contributions to eCAM:

[Mechanisms of Maggot-Induced Wound Healing](#)

[Recommendations for the Use of Leeches in Reconstructive Plastic Surgery](#)

[Maggot Therapy: The Science and Implication of CAM](#)

If you spot an article in the e-mailed Table of Contents, just click on it to read the Open-Access paper. Read more about this great opportunity below.

I've got to get back to work now. In the coming months, I look forward to sharing more information about what you are doing to *help you help others*.

All the best,

Ron Sherman

[Check out our website!](#)

Insect Exhibit at the Otago Museum in New Zealand



In 2014, the BTER Foundation contributed expertise and materials to the Otago Museum, in Dunedin, New Zealand. The Otago Museum strives to

share the cultural and natural stories of the city of Otago with the surrounding community and the world. In addition to several permanent exhibits at the Otago Museum focusing on local wildlife, Pacific cultures, and animals, the museum curates several rotating exhibits. The BTER Foundation contributed to the current exhibit "Bugs: The Mega World of Minibeasts" by providing information and images on some of the specimens on display. In this manner, the BTER Foundation was able to help further public knowledge about animals with biotherapeutic properties like leeches and maggots. To learn more about the Bugs exhibit and the Otago Museum, click [here](#).

Member Subscriptions to eCAM: Evidence Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine

As part of membership benefits, all current BTER Foundation members will soon receive an online Table of Contents to the journal Evidence Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine (eCAM). eCAM is an open access journal and you can freely download any biotherapy articles that pique your interest simply by clicking on the link provided in the Table of Contents. If you decide you do not wish to receive the monthly Table of Contents, let us know by emailing info@bterfoundation.org and we will be happy to remove your name from the mailing list. If you wish to subscribe to the eCAM Table of Contents but are not currently a member, please feel free to contact us. Interested in learning more about the eCAM journal? Click [here](#).

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Are you a member of the BTER Foundation?

If so, thank you for supporting the organization that has brought biotherapy to thousands of patients, and information to hundreds of thousands. Our work would not be possible without all of our volunteers and members.

If you are not yet a member, or if your membership has lapsed... please review all of the [benefits of membership](#).

Membership often pays for itself in program discounts. Members qualify for free access to our entire Biotherapy Library (with the cost of membership being less than the cost of ordering one or two scientific papers from the publisher, based on the dues for Community and Student members).

Other benefits include free educational materials, free insurance billing assistance, discounts on workshops and conferences, and more.

Raising Money through GoodSearch

The BTER Foundation is pleased to announce that in 2014, we were able to raise \$10 towards our work simply by using the website GoodSearch to conduct online searches! GoodSearch is an excellent resource for donors and nonprofits alike. As of January 2015, GoodSearch users

have raised over 11 million dollars to support 100,000 nonprofits and schools. Using GoodSearch is simple! Just visit [GoodSearch.com](#) and select the BTER Foundation as one of the organizations you want to support. While you're at it, check out the [GoodShop](#) branch of GoodSearch, which allows you to select from more than 5,000 stores to get a donation for your cause almost every time you shop.



Looking for other ways to support the BTER Foundation in 2015? We've brainstormed tons of other ideas on our [website](#). Thanks for supporting us in the new year and helping us work toward our mission to advance healthcare through education and research in biotherapy.

2015 Workshops and Conferences

BTER Foundation Lectures & Workshops

Feb 12-15, 2015; [Pacific Coast Region of WOCN Society Conf.](#); Anaheim, CA

Feb 22-25, 2015; [LTC Nursing Continuum Symposium](#); Lake Geneva, WI

April 16-17, 2015; [Medical Surgical Nursing Conference](#); San Francisco, CA

May 14-16, 2015; [Palliative Wound Care - MDT Workshop](#); Orlando, FL

Sept 2-5, 2015; [Wild on Wounds](#); Las Vegas, NV



Conferences with Biotherapy Lectures & Exhibits

February 12-15, 2015, [Pacific Coast Region of Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society](#); Anaheim, CA

Feb 20-21, 2015; [NPUAP](#); Orlando, FL

Feb 22-25, 2015; [LTC Nursing Continuum Symposium](#); Lake Geneva, WI

March 13-15, 2015; [Superbones East](#); Orlando, FL [Bruce Cohen]

March 19-21 2015; [DFCon](#); Los Angeles, CA

April 16-17, 2015; [Medical Surgical Nursing Conference](#); San Francisco, CA

April 29-May 3, 2015; [Symposium on Advanced Wound Care Spring](#); San Antonio, TX

May 14-16, 2015; [Palliative Wound Care Conference](#); Hilton Orlando Downtown, Orlando, Florida

June 6-10, 2015; [Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society Conference](#); San Antonio, TX

June 25-28, 2015; [Western Foot and Ankle](#); Anaheim, CA

July 23-26, 2015; [American Podiatric Medical Association Annual Scientific Meeting](#); Orlando, FL

Sept 2-5, 2015; [Wild on Wounds](#); Las Vegas, NV

Sept 18-21, 2015; [Clinical Symposium on Skin & Wound Care](#); New Orleans, LA

Sept 26-28, 2015; [Symposium on Advanced Wound Care, Fall](#); Las Vegas, NV

October 16-18, 2015; [International Biotherapy and Wound Conference](#); Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, Malaysia

Oct 22-24, 2015; [Superbones-West](#); Las Vegas, NV

Nov 18-20, 2015; [Desert Foot](#); Phoenix, AZ

Know about something we don't?

Let us know of any biotherapy news or event that isn't on our list, so we can make sure that everyone knows about it!

Don't hesitate to contact us for more information. Hope to see you there!

[How About A Workshop in Your Town?](#)

To arrange a maggot therapy or leech therapy workshop in your community, contact the BTER Foundation. Local and national experts are available to provide onr-hour lectures, full day workshops, and anything in between.

"A good heart and a good heart are always a formidable combination." - Nelson Mandela

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