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Dear Ronald Sherman,

We have news and upcoming events to tell you about, so read on . . .

### **BTER Foundation Announcements**

#### **IRS Renews BTER Charity Status**

To the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the BTER Foundation is not really a "private foundation," but rather a "public charity." The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) makes a distinction here, and renders a decision every 5 years as to how and if a non-profit organization can continue its tax-exempt status. The BTER Foundation celebrated its 5-year anniversary with the news that it's public charity, tax exempt status has been renewed for another 5 years. So contribute with confidence; your donations will still be tax-deductible.



#### **Upcoming Workshops and Meetings (see full list, below)**

The first workshop will be held in Irvine on April 4, 2009 from 8:00 - 12:00 noon. The \$150 registration fee is being subsidized by Monarch Labs. Space is limited; reservations will be given only to the first 10 individuals to sign up. To attend, call: 949-679-3000 or e-mail: [info@BTERFoundation.org](mailto:info@BTERFoundation.org). More information (brochure) at: [www.bterfoundation.org/indexfiles/mdtworkshop\\_090404.pdf](http://www.bterfoundation.org/indexfiles/mdtworkshop_090404.pdf)

#### **Will you be attending SAWC-2009 in Dallas, TX?**

If so, stop by the BTER Foundation exhibit booth to meet Board Members, to share your thoughts, to get the latest information, or just to socialize. Drop in and have a great time with us maggots and leeches!

#### **BTER Foundation Website to Get a Facelift**

We outgrew our website ([www.BTERFoundation.org](http://www.BTERFoundation.org)) a couple years ago, and now we are getting a new one. New site should be ready within 6 weeks.

#### **Committees discuss Membership and CME Programs**

Both the BTER Foundation ([www.BTERFoundation.org](http://www.BTERFoundation.org)) and the American Apitherapy Society ([www.apitherapy.org](http://www.apitherapy.org)) are expanding their membership offerings. Officials have begun talks to combine efforts in the advancement of biotherapy in the U.S. Stay tuned for news about new membership opportunities.

#### **BioTherapy in the News**

A phase I clinical study of bacteriophage therapy safety in venous stasis ulcers was completed in 2008; results should be available later this year. We will alert you to them as soon as we hear anything.

Pam Mitchell reports that the maggot therapy segment of "The Doctors" television program, which aired January 7, was a big success. The information appears to have reached many people.

ReachMD (XM Radio160) with Dr. Rutenberg aired a segment on maggot therapy on February 16. If you are a subscriber and missed the program, you can listen to it at:

<http://www.reachmd.com/xmsegment.aspx?sid=4208>.

Monarch Labs received FDA marketing clearance for a new patented maggot therapy dressing --- a single-piece hinged maggot cage dressing ("*Le Flap*") which should be simpler to apply than the current method of constructing cage dressings at the bedside from hydrocolloid pads, netting and adhesives. Monarch Labs will announce the dressing as soon as it is available, probably within the next couple weeks.

## **Courses & Meetings**

### **BTER Foundation Workshops and Exhibits**

[Principles & Practice of Maggot Therapy](#); April 4; Irvine, CA  
[Ontario Society of Chiropractors](#); April 17-19; Mississauga, Ontario  
[Symposium for Advanced Wound Care](#); April 26-29; Dallas, TX  
[Wild on Wounds](#); September 11-12; Las Vegas, NV

### **Conferences with BioTherapy Lectures & Posters**

[Diabetic Foot Conference \(DFCon\)](#); March 19-21; Los Angeles, CA  
[Ontario Society of Chiropractors](#); April 17-19; Mississauga, Ontario  
[Apitherapy Course & Conference](#); April 17 - 19; Tampa, FL  
[Symposium for Advanced Wound Care](#); April 26-29; Dallas, TX  
[Wild on Wounds](#); September 11-12; Las Vegas, NV  
[Diabetic Limb Salvage](#); September 24-26; Washington, D.C.  
[American Association of Equine Practitioners](#); December 4-9; Las Vegas, NV

## **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 1-hour lectures, full day workshops, and anything in between.

## **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!

## **Do You GoodSearch?**

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**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead**

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