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The "E" in "BTER" stands for education. It may be the second to the last letter, but it is the second word in our name ("Biotherapeutics, Education and Research Foundation"), and it is second in importance only to patient care ("Biotherapeutics").

If the seriousness in which we take our educational mission is not already clear, it should be evident from reading this month's newsletter. For over ten years, we have produced educational programs for therapists, patients, and the wider community in the form of lectures, workshops, publications, and web-based learning. Our biotherapy library has long been available to BTER Foundation members, and serves as an excellent resource for expanding one's knowledge of a variety of subjects within the field of biotherapy.

In addition to showcasing our current activities within already well-established programs, this month's newsletter will link you to our latest educational program, the Journal Forum. The goal of the Biotherapy Journal Forum is to make the latest research and information available to everyone, and to add a few comments to help put the featured research into context. Obviously no one can keep up with all of the relevant publications, and what is relevant to one person may be different from what is relevant to another. So, we at the BTER Foundation will continue to select what we feel are meaningful publications, and we will share them with you as quickly as we



can. You can view a list of upcoming articles on the [Biotherapy Journal Forum page](#).

Most of all, if you know of an article that you would like included or reviewed, please let us know. We also have a few remaining spots for one-time or ongoing journal reviewers. Remember - YOU are the BTER Foundation, and we need YOU to help us help you.

Ron Sherman

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Palliative Wound Care Conference and International Biotherapy Conference

In the next few months there are some great conferences coming up in the fields of biotherapy and wound care that will help further your professional knowledge and skill set. We're highlighting a couple of them below, but also make sure that you check out our full list of conferences toward the end of each month's BeTER LeTTER.

We'd also like to invite you to [register](#) for the International Biotherapy Conference in biotherapy organized by the Malaysian Society of Wound Care Professionals. The conference will take place from October 16-18th, 2015 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The International Biotherapy Conference will be located at the Pyramid Convention Centre in Malaysia and intends to bring together internationally recognized authorities in the fields of wound care and biotherapy. Additionally the conference will explore the 5 "E's" of wound care: 1. Explicit knowledge 2. Expertise 3. Experience 4. Empowerment and 5. Excellence. Please join us as we strive towards a better future for biotherapy and wound care.

Also, there's still time to [register](#) for the Palliative Wound Care Conference! This year's conference will take place May 14-16 in Orlando, Florida, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Downtown. The Palliative Wound Care Conference is the only gathering of its kind, dedicated to palliation and wound care at the end of life.



During this conference, the BTER Foundaton will be providing a workshop on debridement with maggot therapy, from 12pm-1pm on Thursday, May 14th. We looking forward to meeting with you there.

BTER Foundation Board Member Biography: Sam Kohn



This month in the *BeTER LeTTER*, we are continuing our project of profiling the people who make the BTER Foundation possible, from staff workers to board members. Below, read the biography of Sam Kohn, the treasurer of the BTER Foundation. Are you interested in playing a bigger role in the world of biotherapy? We're currently looking for new board members to share their voices and skill sets with the BTER Foundation. Interested? Contact rsherman@bterfoundation.org for more information.

Sam Kohn is the Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer of National Equity Funding, a boutique private money lending firm. With a love of both real estate and automobiles, he purchased and operated a Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealership. Recognizing a need for custom tailored financing options to meet specific customer needs, he began an in-house finance and leasing company. As a business leader, Sam's dealership was awarded "Business of the Year" honors. He developed a finance based CRM program which led him to a position with a Fortune 300 company and eventually to real estate finance. Seeking a new challenge, Mr. Kohn founded National Equity Funding, Inc. to provide borrowers with common sense equity based real estate solutions. Beacuse of his belief that you should give something back to the community, Sam was elected President of the local Chamber of Commerce and has served on many non-profit boards for more than 25 years. At the BTER Foundation, Sam serves as treasurer on the Board of Directors and chairs the Finance Committee, helping our organization to make the most sound financial decisions possible.

Journal Forum

For his first Biotherapy Journal Forum, Dr. Sherman has decided to review Polat and Kutlubay's article: Four cutaneous leishmaniasis case resistant to meglumine antimoniate treatment. Even though most of the article is written in Turkish and Dr. Sherman is not able to read it, he felt that the study was novel enough to warrant his attention. Perhaps it warrants your attention, too.

Journal Citation: Turkiye Parazitol Derg. 2014;38(3):177-80. doi: 10.5152/tpd.2014.3410.

Authors: Polat E1, Kutlubay Z.

Title: Four cutaneous leishmaniasis case resistant to meglumine antimoniate treatment

To read Dr. Sherman's review, check out our [journal forum page](#).

Become a Member of the BTER Foundation!

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 materials in our 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.

2015 Workshops and Conferences

BTER Foundation Lectures & Workshops

May 14-16, 2015; [Palliative Wound Care Conference - MDT Workshop](#)
Orlando, FL
Sept 2-5, 2015; [Wild on Wounds](#); Las Vegas, NV



Conferences with Biotherapy Lectures & Exhibits

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
May 15-17, 2015; [The Charles Mraz Apitherapy Course And Conference](#), New York City, New York
June 6-10, 2015; [Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society Conference](#); San Antonio, TX
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 and Wound Care](#); New Orleans, LA
Sept 26-28, 2015; [Symposium on Advanced Wound Care, Fall](#); Las Vegas, NV
October 1-4, 2015; [Academy in Physicians in Wound Healing](#); Philadelphia, PA
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.

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." - Albert Einstein

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Your name could be here, too!

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