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### Director's Letter

Greetings,

Just two brief announcements this month:

First, there will be a free live (on-line) lecture on leech therapy this coming Thursday, 11:am PST. Focusing on the principles and practice of leech therapy in the U.S., this BTER Foundation led course was presented at the Wild on Wounds Conference in 2020. The course is designed for prescribers, therapists, pharmacists, and all others who may use or handle medicinal leeches. Thanks to the support of



the Carolina Biological Supply Company, the Wound Care Education Institute and the BTER Foundation will repeat the course, live, on Thursday, February 25. the lecture is free, but Registration is required.

Hope to see some of you at the class, "How not to Suck at Leech Therapy. More information can be found below.

Also, we want to announce that the "awards-eligable" broadcast, *BioTherapy Live!* is returning next month. *BioTherapy Live!* will again feature lectures, interviews, discussions and more. The program is tentatively scheduled for March 23 and the 3rd Tuesday of each month, thereafter. If you have questions about any aspect of medicinal animals, be sure to tune in. If you have experience in biotherapy or biotherapy research, please join our panel of experts. More information will be forthcoming.

We hope to offer in-person workshops and courses by the end of the year. We will keep you posted. Let us know your educational needs so that, together, we can continue **advancing healthcare through education and research in biotherapy**,



## Hirudotherapy (Leech Therapy) Lecture, On-Line



Interested in Hirudotherapy (leech therapy)?
Did you miss the BTER Foundation's lecture 5 months ago at the Wild on Wounds Conference? This week, the course will be repeated, live and on-line, at no cost, thanks to the sponsorship of Carolina Biological Supply Company.

Called "How not to Suck at Leech Therapy," The class will focus on leech therapy as practiced and regulated in the U.S. by the Food and Drug Administration, and is aimed at clinicians of all levels as well as support staff who may someday be required to assist in the use, ordering, application or handling of medicinal leeches.

The class begins on February 25, 11:00 am, so register soon, at: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2426557703619326991

### Biotherapy Live! is Back

In addition to the forthcoming live webinar on leech therapy (see the paragraph above), check out our list of tentatively scheduled Biotherapy webinars for 2021 (below). We are bringing back the on-line video BioTherapy Live! sessions, featuring lectures, interviews, and experts to answer your questions. The first webinar is scheduled for March 23, 11:am PST. After that, the webinar is tentatively scheduled to air live on the third Tuesday of each month. If you miss an episode, you can view it on our YouTube or Facebook channels. More information will be announced in the coming weeks.

If you have experience in biotherapy or biotherapy research, please join our panel of experts.

- March 23, 2021: BioTherapy Live; 11:am PST
- April 20, 2021: BioTherapy Live; 11:am PST
- May 18, 2021: BioTherapy Live; 11:am PST
- June 15, 2021: BioTherapy Live; 11:am PST
- July 20, 2021: BioTherapy Live; 11:am PST

If a "BeTER" time for the live sessions works for you - let us know!



BTER Foundation Board members, Randall Sullivan and Pam Mitchell (wearing black t-shirts), teaching nursing students how to apply maggot therapy dressings. Beginning in 2007, BTER Members set up "classroom booths" at healthcare exhibits across the country in order to reach clinicians who otherwise might not attend a biotherapy lecture.

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