NYCPM Sponsors 1st Transatlantic Wound Science and Podiatric Medicine Conference with the National University of Ireland, Galway

When the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and the National University of Ireland, Galway signed their affiliation agreement in April 2011, one of the expected areas of cooperation was to be an international conference that would feature the latest developments in podiatric medicine.

The inaugural conference of this partnership, "The 1st Transatlantic Wound Science and Podiatric Medicine Conference," was held in October in Galway, Ireland and attracted 350 foot-care providers from Ireland, England, Europe and the United States. The conference featured daily lectures, master classes, workshops, cadaver surgery, exhibitions and poster viewing in a range of subjects. Michael J. Trepal, DPM ('81), FACFAS, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean at NYCPM, served as scientific co-chair along with Caroline McIntosh, PhD, head of department of the Podiatry School at NUI, Galway. He also gave the conference's opening address, “A World of Opportunities.” In it, he spoke about the international value of podiatric medicine and how educational institutions have partnered to enhance podiatric medical education. In addition, Dr. Trepal spoke about metatarsalgia and Hallux limitus. Robert Eckles, DPM, Associate Professor of Orthopedic Sciences and Dean of Clinical Education and Graduate Medical Education at NYCPM, gave the keynote talk in the section on biomechanics and also lectured. During the Biomechanics session, Eileen Chusid, PhD, Associate Professor and Dean of Pre-Clinical Sciences, and Director of Institutional Research, NYCPM, lectured on “Brain stimulation to treat podiatric pathologies;” while Dr. Eckles lectured on “Podiatric intervention in cycling ‘gait’.”

Held at the beautiful Galway Bay Hotel, the conference was declared a great success. The next conference is anticipated to be in New York City.