Two-Day Schuster Seminar Assembles Large Cadre of Biomechanics Experts

A one-of-a-kind gathering of leaders in the field of biomechanics distinguished the 2018 Richard O. Schuster, DPM Memorial Biomechanics Seminar, held November 10 and 11 at NYCPM. The seminar was coordinated and chaired by Joseph C. D’Amico, DPM, a professor and past chair of the department of orthopedics and biomechanics at NYCPM; the seminar was made possible in part by an unrestricted educational grant from a grateful patient of Dr. D’Amico, who the doctor cured of his debilitating foot pain and who wants to make available to all the techniques that led to his cure.

Held over two days for the first time, the packed daily agendas (available at http://www.nycpm.edu/cmelist.asp) reflected the seminar’s chief mission: to provide a meaningful historical and clinical review as well as current relevancy of the contributions of Richard O. Schuster, DPM to the field of podiatric biomechanics, pediatrics and sports medicine. John McNerney, DPM examined “Bringing the Ground Up to the Foot: Schuster’s Concepts,” J. David Skliar, DPM talked about “The Importance of Schuster’s Total Varus in Biomechanical Evaluation of Lower Extremity Function,” and Paul Coffin, DPM discussed “The Concepts of Richard O. Schuster, DPM in the Modification and Enhancement of Foot Orthoses.” Other speakers looked at various podiatric issues and problems through the lens of biomechanics; they looked at gait, orthoses, pediatric issues, and even the “Legal Aspects of Biomechanics,” presented by Barry Block, DPM, JD.