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For Immediate Release:

Scholl's Armstrong Gives Keynote for First Pan-Hellenic Diabetic Foot Symposium

ATHENS, GREECE -- David G. Armstrong, DPM, PhD, Professor of Surgery and Associate Dean at the William M. Scholl's Center for Lower Extremity Ambulatory Research at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science was the first keynote speaker at the launch of the Marcy 27-29 Pan-Hellenic Diabetic Foot Symposium in Athens Greece.

The meeting, which brought together several hundred clinicians from more than a dozen countries around the Mediterranean, highlighted the importance of foot care in persons with diabetes.

"Standardizing training for various levels of foot specialists worldwide is critically important as we move forward," noted Dr. Armstrong.

The meeting featured two subsequent keynote addresses by Professor Andrew J.M. Boulton of the University of Manchester and Professor Sir Karel Bakker of the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot.

The key role of the podiatrist echoed throughout these sessions.

"The most critical person on the team is the podiatrist", noted Dr. Bakker. "Yet podiatric physicians exist in only one country and podiatry as a field exists in less than two dozen of the more than 200 nations."

The meeting also featured the launch of the Greek Diabetic Foot Society, which promises to tackle this and other issues in amputation prevention around this region.

About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprised of the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Rosalind Franklin University recently received approval for its new doctoral program in Interprofessional Healthcare Studies – the first in Illinois – and will launch a new master in science program in Psychology Clinical Counseling in fall 2008.

There are more than 15,000 RFUMS graduates in the United States and worldwide.