President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Names American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine as a Science Partner

*AOSSM joins six other prestigious organizations as Science Partner*

Rosemont, IL (Vocus) June 17, 2008 -- The President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS) and the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) are proud to announce that AOSSM will serve as a Science Partner to the PCPFS. The six other organizations already serving as Science Partners include the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, American College of Sports Medicine, American Physical Therapy Association, National Athletic Trainers’ Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

“As a world leader in sports medicine education, research, communication and fellowship, we are excited to work with PCPFS in promoting the distribution of action oriented educational materials and hope that our collaboration will enhance sports injury prevention and rehabilitation efforts nationwide,” said AOSSM President, Bernard R. Bach, Jr., MD.

PCPFS is an advisory committee of volunteer citizens who advise the President through the Secretary of Health and Human Services about physical activity, fitness and sports in America. The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, is an office within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Through its programs and partnerships with the public, private and nonprofit sectors, the Office of the PCPFS serves as a catalyst to promote health, physical activity, fitness and enjoyment for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities through participation in physical activity and sports.

“AOSSM has a long history of dynamic educational materials and programs and we are looking forward to working together to promote wellness through physical activity,” said Melissa Johnson, MS, executive director of the President’s Council.

AOSSM will be working with PCPFS to distribute and create patient education materials for both the public and professional communities via product distribution and web site initiatives. For more information on either AOSSM or PCPFS please visit www.sportsmed.org or www.fitness.gov.

The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) is a world leader in sports medicine education, research, communication and fellowship, and includes national and international orthopaedic sports medicine leaders. The Society works closely with many other sports medicine specialists, including athletic trainers, physical therapists, family physicians, and others to improve the identification, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of sports injuries. For more information, please contact AOSSM Director of Communications, Lisa Weisenberger, at 847/292-4900 or e-mail her at lisa @ aossm.org.

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