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Dear WTS Member:

On January 28, 2008, WTS had a dynamic leadership meeting which preceded the general membership meeting. For those of you who attended, you know the general meeting saw its best attendance in years with standing room only for the presentations. As usual, it was wonderful to reconnect with colleagues and socialize with friends.

At the leadership meeting I was charged with invigorating the mentorship program. If you have visited our WTS Web site (www.wtsnet.org) recently, you will see that it has undergone significant reconstruction. It is easier to maneuver and provides mentees with direct links to mentor CTSNet Web sites and e-mails.

If you have agreed to be a WTS mentor, I would ask that you visit the Web site, review your information, and update your areas of advice, levels of mentoring, and contact information. To update the information you may send in e-mail to Web site editor Virginia Litle (virginia_little@urmc.rochester.edu) or you complete form on website and fax or email to me (as per form). Similarly if you are not actively a mentor but would like to be, please download the same mentoring commitment form, fill it out, and e-mail it to me. We will see that your name is listed with the rest of your colleagues to provide mentoring to young surgeons and students.

The Web site is going to be expanded to include articles and presentations that have been informative in shaping the mentoring program. I would also invite you to visit the Association of Women in Science mentoring Web site (www.awis.org) as another alternative to provide mentoring for young scientists.

The Web site renovation has been phenomenal. Dr. Litle has done a wonderful job, so please take some time to visit it and peruse its many options. If you have any additional questions about mentoring, or if you have any suggestions about the future direction of this section of the Web site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Herrington'.

Cynthia S. Herrington, MD
Chairman of the WTS Mentoring Committee