



Michael Sussman, M.D.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**W**ith the Academy Board meeting in Chicago just concluded, this is a good opportunity to report to you, the membership, on Academy news.

Our treasurer, Hank Chambers, reported that the Academy is in very good financial health with total assets of \$1,301,742. The annual meeting was very successful with a year-end "profit" of \$161,718. There has been a continuing initiative to build our endowment fund so that when we achieve our \$500,000 goal, we can then begin taking some of the interest that is generated to fund scholarly activities of the Academy. In particular, we hope to offer scholarships to foreign members. To that end, the Board voted to transfer \$100,000 of our profit to the endowment fund to reach a fund total of nearly \$460,000. Approximately 75 members have contributed to the endowment fund, with donations ranging from \$10 up to \$2,000. In the last year and a half, the fund received a total of \$20,000 in contributions.

In the area of scholarships, we are pleased that Allergan has chosen to support a group of scholarships to enable US and Canadian trainees to attend the annual meeting. Details of this will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. The Board also approved a second set of scholarships for international members (see page 4 for more details).

The Academy recently received a request for funding from a group in the Middle East holding a congress on developmental disabilities in Istanbul, October 5-7, 2001. The Academy Board agreed to provide some modest financial support for this meeting, which may lead to the development of a multi-national organization within the Middle East that will focus on children with developmental disabilities. These funds will be used for organizational expenses including printing of brochures, deposits for hall rentals, etc. (I am also involved in the organization of this meeting as an individual, not in my capacity as president of the AACPDm. However, I will represent the AACPDm at this meeting).

During the meeting, Martin Bax reported on the status of the journal, *Development Medicine and Child Neurology* (DMCN). Martin plans on retiring in 2004 and a search committee has been established to find someone to take over leadership of this important journal. The Academy will seek representation on the search committee. We discussed the future impact of electronic access not only to DMCN but also other journals. The role of advocacy was addressed. The Academy and the Board continue to support the guidelines of the strategic plan in which the Academy will educate our membership on advocacy issues, but will not

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## COMMITTEE NEWS

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**Advocacy and Parent/Consumer Partnership**

Chris P. Johnson, MD, Chair

***The National Family Support Act Needs Your Help!***

The National "Family Support Act" is found in Title II of the Developmental Disabilities Act. The Act was passed and signed into law in October 2000. The purpose of Title II is to promote, strengthen, and increase the availability and funding of family-driven support services for families of children with disabilities. Title II was not funded. \$15 million are needed! The current National Family Support Grants to states from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) are funded with special discretionary dollars.

However:

- ADD cannot use this money to fund these Grants indefinitely.
- There was no money included in the President's Budget to fund Family Support next year (10/1/01 - 9/30/02).
- Congress needs to provide funding for Family Support or these projects will end in September of 2001.

**You can help** by calling or writing your U.S. Senators and Representative in Congress in the next 30 days. You need to contact your Representative or Senators by phone, letter, or fax. E-mail is not an effective way to communicate with members of Congress. Decisions about the budget are being made during this time.

When writing to your representative:

- Keep your message short and concise (1-2 pages).
- Introduce yourself (e.g., I am a physician who primarily cares for children with disabilities...). State that you are writing about the Families of Children with Disabilities Support Act of 2000. This is "Title II - Family Support" from the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Public Law 106-402, October 30, 2000.
- Briefly describe the purpose of Title II (e.g., to promote, strengthen, and increase the availability and funding of family-driven support services for families of children with disabilities).
- Describe some of your state's accomplishments that relate to Title II. (optional)
- Urge your Senator or Representative to provide \$15 million for Title II. This amount of money will help assure that the goals of the "Family Support Act" will be met.
- Tell them that Family Support is a cost effective way to support and enhance the lives of families.
- Remember, E-mail is NOT an effective way to communicate with Congress.

It is critical to send this message to all members of Congress. Contact information for your state's elected officials can be found on the web at [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org), [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov), [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or by calling the United States Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. A list of key committee members follows:

**House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education**

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## Continuing Education Committee

Susan R. Leibold, MS, RN, Chair

Continuing Education has a budget of \$3,000 to act as unrestricted grants of up to \$1,500 to help small educational meetings that will benefit the AACPD membership. The meetings should have a faculty of professionals and relate to cerebral palsy or other developmental disabilities. To apply, send a copy of the program and a letter requesting the funds to the AACPD office, 6300 N. River Road, Suite 727, Rosemont, IL 60018.

## International Affairs Committee

By Donald Wuori, MD, Chair

Thirty-three countries! One hundred and forty four (144) attendees at our last AACPD meeting in Toronto (17% of attendees) came from 33 countries outside of North America. As overseas interest in the AACPD has grown, our Academy has continued to search for new ways to better serve our international members and visitors. As part of the Academy's learning process, the International Affairs Committee developed a questionnaire that was mailed to all international members and international attendees at the Toronto meeting. Of the 250 that were mailed, 55 (22%) were returned. Almost all of those returning the questionnaires were members of the Academy (44 or 80%). Twenty-five of the group had attended one meeting in the last five years and 19, two or more. Twenty-seven of the participants returning the questionnaire had attended the Toronto meeting (49%) and 15 (27%) had presented a paper, poster or been involved in a course.

Asked about their reasons for attending the Toronto meeting, respondents cited the following: wanting to learn more, to network or because of location. Few of the respondents came to the meeting because of location (2 of 55 or 4%) and as expected, many indicated that they came

to learn more (22 or 40%) and to network (18 or 33%). Overall, the attendees were pleased with the meeting, but a variety of suggestions were made to improve the meeting or make it easier to attend.

Some of the suggestions included earlier notification of the meeting and its contents, more papers, the inclusion of more scientific research, more instructional courses, publishing the "minutes" of the meeting as a bulletin, and more time for networking and discussion. The high cost for an international attendee was mentioned as an issue. Thirty-nine respondents have access to our web site (71%).

Respondents were also asked how the Academy could better meet an international member's needs. The cost of meeting attendance was again a concern, while others spoke of the need for access via the newsletter or e-mail to current/new information on important issues of concern. Seventy-six percent (42 respondents) have access to the *Journal of Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*. Most of those responding belonged to professional organizations like the AACPD.

Overall the questionnaire provided some insight into the needs of our international visitors and members and will, I hope, translate into a continuing effort to better meet the needs of this important constituency. Our Academy is clearly becoming a more international organization – that should please us all.

## Reading Lists

*Have you read a good book lately?* Al Scherzer is looking for recommendations from the membership to include in the Parent and Professional Reading Lists. Your help is needed to keep the lists up-to-date. E-mail him at ascher90@aol.com or send suggestions to the office. They will be forwarded to Dr. Scherzer.

## Grant News

### Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health Announces Grants

Health Disparities Grants: Twenty to thirty grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to community-based non-profits to reduce the disparate incidence of diseases and disabilities in minority communities. Grant funds are not meant to support direct treatment, but should be used to help implement pilot projects which will lead to more effective service delivery.

#### Grants are due May 21.

The Office of Minority Health intends to award 17 to 25 grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000 to help community-based coalitions coordinate outreach efforts to targeted minority communities, increasing access to medical care to promote health and prevent disease. Targeted minority populations are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. Applicants must address priority health issues identified in "Healthy People 2010," which can be downloaded from <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/Document/tableofcontents.htm#volumel>.

#### Grants are due May 18.

Bilingual/Bicultural Service Demonstration Grant Program: Nine to 15 grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded to local agencies to increase the capacity of health-care professionals to work with specific linguistic and cultural populations and expand health care services among limited English populations. The Office of Minority Health expects applicants to reflect a partnership between health care providers and minority organizations to ensure the needs of the population are effectively addressed. Projects planned for implementation in empowerment zones or enterprise communities are prioritized for funding (see <http://www/ezec/gov>). Grants are Due May 18.

## Allergan and AACPDm Offer Scholarships to Attend Annual Meeting

Through a generous grant from Allergan the Academy is able to offer US and Canadian residents, fellows, trainees, or students up to \$1,000 scholarship money to attend the 2001 Annual Meeting in Long Beach, California. Funds can be used for presentation preparation, travel, lodging and up to a \$50 per diem. Registration for the meeting will be waived, but not for instructional courses. The attendee must pay for optional events and register. Ten scholarships are available for MDs or equivalent, currently in pre- or post-doctoral training programs, or other disciplines currently in pre or post-graduate training programs or less than three years in practice.

Although submission of an abstract is not an absolute requirement, the goal of these grants is to encourage trainees to submit research abstracts to the AACPDm Annual Meeting (instructional courses are not eligible). Preference will be given to applicants whose abstracts have been accepted as platform or poster presentations. Trainees may come from any professional discipline related to the mission of the Academy. A letter from the applicant's institution certifying training or career level status must accompany any application.

As further implementation of the strategic plan, the Board of Directors voted to use some of the proceeds from the Endowment Fund to provide support to international (non-US or Canadian) professionals to attend the Annual Meeting, particularly those from emerging nations. To qualify, non-US/Canadian professionals may be in any stage of their career, although more junior applicants will be given priority. Submission of an abstract for a platform presentation or poster is not required to apply for a scholarship to attend the 2001 Annual Meeting. Financial need will also be taken into consideration. A letter describing why the scholarship is needed is also required. Five scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be provided. The money may be used for travel, lodging and up to \$50 per diem. Registration will be waived. Awardee will be responsible for paying for optional events.

**Deadline is June 1, 2001.**

### Want to Attend the AACPDm Annual Meeting?

See if you qualify for the Annual Meeting Scholarship, generously supported by Allergan and the AACPDm Endowment Fund.

#### General Information and Principles:

1. Funds can be used for up to a \$50 per diem, preparation of presentation, travel, and hotel. Registration will be waived.
2. Submission of an abstract for a poster or paper will be an absolute requirement, (instructional course does not qualify) in 2002. The goal of these grants is to encourage trainees (and individuals very early in their careers) to submit abstracts to the AACPDm Annual Meeting.
3. Preference will be given to applicants whose abstracts are accepted as platform or poster presentations.
4. Trainees may come from any professional discipline related to the mission of the AACPDm.
5. An ad hoc committee made up of representatives of the Membership, Research and Awards, Endowment, and International Affairs Committees will make the final selection of awardees.

#### Specific Selection Criteria:

For U.S. Scholarships: Applicants must be in training or within 3 years of training completion for MD/PhD and within 5 years of completion of training for other professional categories. Selection will be based on quality of the abstract or poster.

1. Applicants must complete and submit the proper application form by the due date with abstract.
2. A letter from applicant's institution in support of application and including level of training or from applicant themselves for those not with an institution copy of C-V.

For the 5 non-U.S. Scholarships funded by the AACPDm Endowment Fund: Applicants may be in training or in practice, but more junior applicants will be given preference.

1. Applicants must complete and return form by the due date with abstract.
2. A C-V.
3. A letter from the applicant as well as from applicant's chief of service verifying status and supporting applicant.
4. Include statement of financial need.

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become involved in advocating directly to governmental or other agencies. The International Affairs Committee submitted an excellent suggestion. International members will be teamed up with active members of the Academy for the purpose of welcoming them to the meeting and introducing them to other Academy members.

At the same time the Board was meeting, the Program Committee was also meeting to discuss plans for the 2001 meeting in Long Beach, California. The program looks excellent with three Free Papers sessions, 32 instructional courses, and some exciting invited guest lectures.

As you read about the recent decisions of the Board, you may wonder about the people and processes behind these decisions. If you are unfamiliar with our governance, I'd like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with the process by which the Academy is governed.

### **Academy Governance**

The Academy is governed by a Board of Directors, which consists of the officers and six (6) members at-large, all of whom are selected carefully by the Nominating Committee and then elected by the membership. The presidential line begins by assuming the second vice presidency for one year followed by the first vice presidency for a subsequent year and the presidency for one year. The past president continues to sit on the Board for two years. Other members have terms of three years with staggered terms. This, along with the strategic plan as our backbone, helps to maintain continuity rather than throwing an entirely new group into the governance business every year. In addition to participating in Board decisions, the at-large Board members also serve as liaisons to the committees, each member at-large overseeing one or two committees. This way when a committee chairman submits their report to the Board through the member at-large, the liaison is prepared to discuss in-depth any issues revolving around the report because they have had close contact with the committee through its chairman.

The Board meets three times during its term. The first meeting is at the end of the annual meeting, usually for one-half day. The second meeting is usually a full-day in March, and the final meeting takes place over a half-day just prior to the annual meeting. The committees meet before the Board so that committee reports can be presented at the Board meeting and acted on. The Board is a very positive, collegial group. Although there may be significant disagreement regarding some issues, the discussion and outcome are never unpleasant or offensive.

The Board is very ably assisted in all of their tasks by the Academy executive office led by Sheril King, who is executive director, along with her staff, which includes Mary Gebhardt and Melody Raymond.

New initiatives for the Academy come through one of two major pathways. The first is through officers and Board members who bring up suggestions which may be discussed directly and acted on by the Board, or may be referred to the appropriate committee for further discussion, refinement and ultimately suggestions to the Board for implementation. The second is through committees that may develop initiatives on their own and bring them to the Board with their written report and a formal request for support.

This year the Board used the strategic plan to develop initiatives. At the mid year meeting in 2000, we went through all of the goals and strategies outlined in the strategic plan and made a number of (brainstorming) suggestions on specific activities that we could undertake to implement these strategies. At the meeting in September 2000, we went through this list and each person voted on the top five activities they felt we should concentrate on over the course of the year. From this we developed a list of specific activities that was sent to appropriate committees for refinement and proposal development. It is anticipated that this process will continue so that the Academy will grow based on initiatives directly developed by the Board and committees, as well as those that we feel from year to year would best satisfy the goals of the strategic plan.

I hope that this brief overview of our governance structure helps you, our membership, understand how we reached some of the decisions we made during the Board meeting. My report, of course, can only contain highlights of the meeting and there are many more issues to be discussed and resolved.

Overall, our main focus was and is our annual meeting. We look forward to an even more successful meeting in 2001 than the one that was held this past year. We look forward to seeing you all in Long Beach!

*Michael Sussman, M.D.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 5th International Congress on Cerebral Palsy

June 7-10, 2001  
Bled, Slovenia

The International Child Neurology Association is sponsoring the 5th International Congress on Cerebral Palsy on June 7-10, 2001, in Bled, Slovenia. For more information e-mail Prof.dr. Milivoj Velickovic Perat milivoj.velickovic@mf.uni-lj.si or visit [www2.mf.uni-lj.si/~velickovic/](http://www2.mf.uni-lj.si/~velickovic/)

### AACPDM 55th Annual Meeting

September 13-15, 2001  
*Specialty Day:* September 12, 2001  
Long Beach, California

### Eastern Mediterranean Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine Congress

October 5-7, 2001  
Istanbul, Turkey

A group of AACPDM members from the Middle East is organizing the first regional Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine Congress to be held in Istanbul, October 5-7, 2001. The Congress will be held with support and collaboration of the AACPDM, as well as The Turkish Orthopaedic Association. This meeting is being developed by a multinational group under the leadership of Drs. Selim Yalcin and Nadire Ozaras from Turkey, and includes professionals involved with Uri Givon from Israel and others from Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Palestine. North American participants include Drs. Mercer Rang, Michael Sussman, Michael Aiona, and Barry Russman.

The meeting will be directed towards physicians in the fields of Orthopaedic Surgery, Rehabilitation, Pediatrics, Neurology, as well as health professionals in associated disciplines including Physical and Occupational Therapy Educators, Speech, Language and Hearing Therapists. The objectives of the Congress are to provide an Eastern Mediterranean platform for discussion of recent scientific advances in the area of childhood neuromuscular disability, to present current research and knowledge in the field of cerebral palsy and other development disabilities and most importantly, to foster

interdisciplinary communication and interchange in the region that will provide more effective care for individuals with neuro-developmental disabilities. Main topics will be cerebral palsy, management of spasticity, spina bifida, muscular dystrophies, gait analysis, and orthotics.

For more information, visit [www.turk-ortopedi.net/mecpdm.htm](http://www.turk-ortopedi.net/mecpdm.htm) or write to [emcpdm@turk-ortopedi.net](mailto:emcpdm@turk-ortopedi.net).

### European Academy of Childhood Disabilities

October 11-13, 2001  
Goteborg, Sweden

In collaboration with Sven Jerring Foundation, the European Academy of Childhood Disabilities will hold its 13th Annual Meeting, "From Stem Cells to Habilitation" on October 11-13, 2001 in Goteborg, Sweden. Over 30 leading international researchers and clinicians are expected to attend.

The meeting will include:

Scientific workshops on:

- Gait analysis and orthopaedic treatment in cerebral palsy
- Intervention in neurodevelopmental disorders
- Respiratory problems in neuromuscular disorders
- Communication and severe movement disorders
- Nutrition in children with functional deficits
- Fine motor control and activity

Workshops on services:

- Teamwork
- Mainstream schools
- ICIDH

Invited lectures:

- Quality of life
- Stem cells and neural regeneration
- Central visual impairments

There will also be training courses in relevant subjects. For more information, visit [www.congex.com/eacd2001](http://www.congex.com/eacd2001).

### Time and Timing Developmental Neurology Symposium

October 25-27, 2001  
Graz, Austria

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### Child Neurologist University of California, Davis

The Department of Neurology is seeking a child neurologist for a full time position in the Regular (tenure track) series. The position requires and individual who is board certified or eligible in Child Neurology and who has a research interest in neurodevelopmental disorders. The individual should have skills in teaching medical students and house staff, and also have demonstrated ability or potential to develop an extramurally funded independent research program. The individual will work closely with the UC David Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders (M.I.N.D.) Institute to develop a basic or clinically oriented research program. Applicants must hold a current California medical license or be eligible for licensure in the State of California. The level of appointment will be commensurate with credentials.

Send letter indicating interest, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three references by May 31, 2001 to:

William Jagust, MD  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Neurology  
University of California  
Davis Medical Center  
Ambulatory Care Center  
4860 Y Street, Suite 3700  
Sacramento, CA 95817

### Orthopaedic Surgeon Academic Position University of California, Davis, Health System

The Department of Orthopaedics is seeking a full time orthopaedic surgeon to join the faculty and practice at Veterans Administration Hospital in Sacramento. This position will include teaching within the orthopaedic residency program as well as patient care. Academic rank commensurate with credentials.

# OPPORTUNITIES

Qualifications include: M.D. degree or equivalent medical training, successful completion of a certified orthopaedic residency-training program. Must be eligible for licensure in California.

Send letter indicating interest, curriculum vitae, publications list, and the names and addresses of five references by June 30, 2001 to:

George T. Rab, MD  
Professor and Chairman  
Department of Orthopaedics  
4860 Y St., Suite 3800  
Sacramento, CA 95817

## Neurologist University of California, Davis

The Department of Neurology is seeking a neurologist with subspecialty expertise in movement disorders for a full time position in the Professor of Clinical Neurology series. The position requires an individual who is board certified or eligible in Neurology and who has fellowship training or the equivalent in movement disorders. The individual should have skills in teaching medical students and house staff and also have demonstrated ability or potential to develop and administer a clinical program with research components. Applicants must hold a current California medical license or be eligible for licensure in the State of California. The level of appointment will be commensurate with credentials.

Send letter indicating interest, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses of three references by July 31, 2001 to:

William Jagust, MD  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Neurology  
University of California  
Davis Medical Center  
Ambulatory Care Center  
4860 Y Street, Suite 3700  
Sacramento, CA 95817

## Pediatric Development Specialist Roanoke, VA

Carilion Health System has an immediate opening for a Pediatric Developmental Specialists at Carilion Medical Center for Children, which serves as the tertiary referral center for southwest Virginia. Its hospital-based pediatric specialists include general pediatrics, cardiology, pulmonology, neonatology, pediatric surgery, hematology/oncology, critical care, hospitalist, and gastroenterology. Pediatric specialists in private practice include orthopedics, ophthalmology, neurology, neurosurgery and allergy. Inpatient areas include a 42-bed NICU/intermediate nursery, and eight-bed PICU and 22-bed inpatient ward.

Carilion Medical Center for Children is expanding the development pediatric services that are currently offered from a part-time position that has focused primarily on developmental follow up from NICU and young children with developmental delays, to a more comprehensive program to include older children with learning disabilities, communication disorders, cerebral palsy, etc. The new clinic will be supported by PT, OT, and speech therapy, as well as educational psychology, a nurse coordinator and social worker.

For additional information, please call or write:

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102 Highland Ave., SE, Suite 435  
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(540) 985-9800 – phone  
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## Editorial

### Report of Mid Year Board Meeting

By Janice Cockrell

The content of the Board discussions has changed considerably over the past few years. At one time, there were extensive discussions concerning the appropriate role of the Academy. Now that the Academy has developed clarity of vision, new opportunities have arisen, particularly in the areas of international health, clinical care and the electronic media. Furthermore, closer attention to the committee process has resulted in a wider base of participation among the membership. The Board occasionally gets sidetracked by new opportunities, but is now able to refer to the mission and the strategic plan to focus its efforts.

Some highlights of the mid-year Board meeting include:

- As the Endowment approaches the goal of \$500,000, the proceeds from the interest will be utilized for the membership, beginning in 2001 with international scholarships.
- Several active committees, which have not previously had budgets, will now be given an annual budget of \$1,000 each to facilitate their work and encourage initiation of project. These committees include Adaptive Sports, Advocacy, Lifespan, and Continuing Education.
- Resident/Fellow/Trainee scholarships will be offered for the first time this year to facilitate Academy attendance and participation in the Annual Meeting. This will be the first year scholarships will be offered, thanks to a grant from Allergan, Inc.
- The newsletter will be available on the Website and can be sent via email if requested.
- The International Affairs Committee has completed a survey of our international members, and the results are featured in this issue of the newsletter.
- Some of the subjects for the Long Beach, CA meeting will include spinal cord regeneration, newer concepts in neuroimaging, genomic imprinting, and constraint therapy in cerebral palsy.
- The Advocacy Committee is coordinating with the Program Committee to highlight advocacy issues during the Wednesday pre-meeting seminar, the "Breakfast with the Experts" presentation, and the Family Forum.
- The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee for the 2001 Business meeting is as follows: 2nd Vice President Luciano Dias, Members-At-Large Holly Cintas and Anita Bagley, Membership Committee, William Walker, Cathy Graubert, Glen Ginsberg.

The Board looks forward to another year of progress and new opportunities. Please contact the appropriate committees with any suggestions you may have, or feel free to volunteer to participate in the governance of the Academy. Many individuals have made remarkable contributions to the organization in the past, and the Board welcomes creative approaches that fall within the mission of the Academy.

## The Evolving Role of the AACPDM In the American Health Care System: **New Challenges and Solutions**

*Robert P. Christopher, M.D., Historian*

The six physicians who founded the AACPDM in 1946 did so in order to provide a scientific forum for the exchange of ideas that they felt would result in better medical care for children with cerebral palsy. In truth, at the beginning it was an "old boys' club." The founders represented the fields of Orthopaedic Surgery, Pediatric Neurology, Pediatrics, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. All were nationally prominent in their respective fields, and all were familiar with the others' research and publications. The original scientific meetings were attended only by these six and a few invited guests. As more physicians and other health care workers in the field heard of this emerging new scientific society, they requested permission to attend the meetings and share in the discussions and presentations. The organization grew slowly but steadily.

As the organization has grown over the years and as various ideas have been introduced by newer members elected to the Board of Directors, the Academy has made changes in its mission statement and in its long-range plans to reflect its role and responsibility as the leading scientific organization in North America devoted to the care of children with neuro-developmental disabilities. Indeed, your Academy has become recognized as one of the leading organizations in the entire world in this field. As evidence of this statement, physicians and health care workers from 33 countries outside the U.S. and Canada attended our most recent annual meeting in Toronto in September 2000.

These changes did not happen by chance. With each change the Academy made in its goals and objectives, there was extensive discussion at the Board level. Many of the proposals were brought to the membership meeting in the form of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. For example, in the early days of the Academy, full Fellowship was open only to physicians and health professionals at the Ph.D. level. Other health professionals were invited to join at the level of Associate Member, but without the right to vote at membership meetings. With the tremendous growth of the nursing and allied health professions in the past 40 years, the Academy Board realized the increasing importance of these professions in providing care for the children that were and still are the Academy's focus. In its desire to encourage membership in the Academy from these groups, the Board proposed a change in the Bylaws several years ago which would confer full Fellowship on these former Associate Members with full rights to vote, chair committees and serve on the Board of Directors. This was enthusiastically approved by the membership. Anyone

who has attended the annual meetings in recent years cannot but be highly impressed by the enriching influence of the nursing and allied health professions in the scientific presentations and the activities of the various Academy committees and the Board of Directors.

As the Academy has evolved in recent years, there has been a shift in emphasis at the Annual Meeting away from presentations emphasizing only scientific research and patient care. Many papers, posters and instructional courses are presented each year recognizing the important role of the family in the provision of excellent health care for special needs children and on the special needs of these family members. In addition, as these individuals with child-onset disabilities become adults, the Academy has taken steps to provide information to health care providers regarding the management of adults with these disabilities. The Academy's LifeSpan Care Committee has coordinated and presented numerous symposia on this timely subject.

In the past few years, there have been several discussions by the Board regarding whether the Academy should play a role in advocacy for the people it serves. For many years, the Academy Board's position was that the Academy should remain as a purely educational organization and leave lobbying and other advocacy activities to the various consumer groups representing people with disabilities. The Board did appoint an Advocacy Committee that has been working during recent years to educate the membership regarding ways in which they may be of help in advocating for the needs of people with disabilities at the state and local level. While not providing direct advocacy programs, the Academy's Committee has been instrumental in providing information to the membership and consumer groups that are helping them to be more effective advocates.

The activities listed above are only a few examples of how your Academy has continued to grow and evolve over the years. The Board of Directors values your input on issues facing people with disabilities and their families as well as your suggestions on how the Academy can be more effective in helping to meet the needs of the people we serve. If you would like to serve on a Committee, please notify the Academy office. We need your assistance and ideas.

### Easter Seals Interactive

Easter Seals has an autism listserv. To sign up visit Easter Seals Interactive, <http://affiliate.easter-seals.org/private/pps/pps.html> (user name: "es" password: "private"), click on "listserv" and follow directions to add your name and e-mail address. The autism listserv is intended as a resource tool to share successes and challenges in serving this growing and under-served population.

### AT&T Scholarships

AT&T announced scholarships of up to \$500 are being made available to professionals to attend conferences and regional training seminars if any of their clients are relatives of AT&T employees. The relatives do not have to live in the same city as the employee. Applications can be found at <http://www.lwsonline.com/ATTFund>.

### Kmart Fund for Kids

Attention grant shoppers! There is a blue light special in your community! The Kmart Foundation offers funding for non-profits that "help children live happier, healthier lives" through the Kmart Fund for Kids.

Kmart's Fund for Communities is for non-profits with a results-oriented track record. [Thanks to Indiana Youth Institute newsletter for this item.] <http://www.kmartcorp.com/corp/community/funds/index.stm>

Easter Seals and Johnson & Johnson have announced a collaborative grant program to support and recognize innovative programs that improve access to medical rehabilitation services for children and adults with disabilities through existing effective and unique programs. A minimum of three grants will be awarded and grant awards will range in size between \$10,000 and \$50,000. For more information contact Reenie Kavalari at 312-551-7115 or [rkavalari@easter-seals.org](mailto:rkavalari@easter-seals.org).

### Building Public Will Harvard Focuses on Strategic Communications

A good strategic communications campaign can educate the public about a problem and the ways in which they can invest in the solution, whether through volunteering two hours a week, writing a letter to a legislator or buckling a seatbelt, says Heather B. Weiss, founder and director of the Harvard Family Research Project. This issue of the project's Evaluation Exchange focuses on the increasing importance of strategic communications for nonprofits looking to influence policy and build public will for their important initiatives. <http://gseweb.harvard.edu/~hfrp>

Tools for strategic communications are posted in the Public Opinion section on Connect for Kids. <http://www.connectforkids.org/info-url1559/info-url.htm>

Visit the Connect for Kids Health topic page for more information on improving access and quality of children's health care. To subscribe to Connect for Kids Weekly, sign up online at <http://www.connectforkids.org/listserv1579/listserv.htm>.

On January 10, the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities released its third report Re-Charting the Course: Turning Points. The report includes 16 recommendations designed to further the emerging strategy of the Task Force to eliminate barriers to employment for adults with disabilities. The report can be found at [www.dol.gov/dol/\\_sec/public/ptfead/2000rpt/index.htm](http://www.dol.gov/dol/_sec/public/ptfead/2000rpt/index.htm).

On February 1, President George Bush released his "New Freedom Initiative." It can be accessed at [www.whitehouse.gov/news/freedominitiative](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/freedominitiative).

To subscribe to the National Council on Disability bulletin, e-mail [bulletin-request@ncd.gov](mailto:bulletin-request@ncd.gov). You can also access their Web site at [www.ncd.gov](http://www.ncd.gov).

# Members In The News

## Canadian Research Team Awarded \$1.7 Million from USA National Institutes for Health for Study of Children with Disabilities

The U.S. National Institutes of Health have awarded \$1.7 million to a Canadian research team led by the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research at McMaster University for a three-year study, which will influence services and policy for children with disabilities.

The research will involve 650 children aged 6-14 years from eight children's facilities across Ontario. The goals of the study are to describe:

- the extent and nature of participation in everyday formal and informal activities of children with physical disabilities
- changes in their participation as they grow older, and
- children's satisfaction with their participation

The research team is led by McMaster University Rehabilitation professor **Mary Law** of the CanChild Centre and **Gillian King** of Thames Valley Children's Centre in London. Other members of the team are **Peter Rosenbaum**, researcher **Susanne King**, and **Steven Hanna** from CanChild; **Marilyn Kertoy** of the University of Western Ontario, and **Nancy Young** of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

The study brings together a rich and unusual array of human, clinical research and community resources to address questions of fundamental importance to the life quality of children with disabilities.

## Can Child Releases New Report

Drs. **Peter Rosenbaum** and **Mary Law**, co-directors of the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability, have announced the completion of a 70-page overview of the incidence and prevalence of childhood disabilities for the Ontario Ministry of Health. The report is a critical review and summary of world literature over the past decade about cerebral palsy, spina bifida, PDD/autism, and other developmental disabilities. The report also has some commentary about the research and epidemiological issues associated with the challenges of obtaining data like this.

A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting CanChild via email at [canchild@mcmaster.ca](mailto:canchild@mcmaster.ca).

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