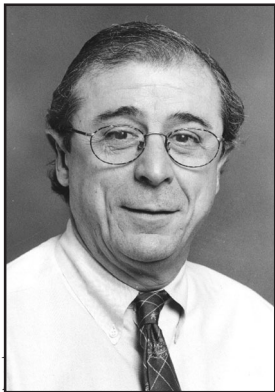


LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



President,
Dr. Luciano Dias

Reaching Beyond Orlando

One of the main goals of our Academy is to disseminate knowledge. As most of you know, teleconference was used for the first time at last year's Los Angeles meeting. Through this medium we were able to reach about 400 medical professionals in 2 different cities in Brazil. Their response to this teleconference participation was outstanding.

So, this year at Orlando our goal is even higher. We plan to transmit the meeting (Friday and Saturday) to 6 different sites in Latin America (Brazil, Argentina and Mexico). We hope that we can reach over 1,000 people. In doing so, we are fulfilling our mission and it makes me feel very proud of our Academy's achievements.

We have also been able to extend our reach through the tutorials, which began in 2004. The response to these initial tutorials was very positive and we have continued to offer this educational opportunity to our membership in 2005. Again, the response has been quite favorable with some tutorials reaching capacity and members being wait-listed for possible repeat sessions.

A new educational venture for our Academy is being planned to start in October 2005. Using the internet, monthly lectures will be offered on relevant topics for our membership. We will be formally announcing this at our Orlando meeting as well as by e-mail. Stay tuned.

Dr. Barry Russman will be assuming the presidency of the Academy at the Orlando meeting. He and his

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MAKE YOUR TRIP TO THE OMNI ORLANDO RESORT EASIER

Go to the link provided on www.aacpdm.org annual meeting information and reserve your ride to the hotel

The Omni is a significant distance from the airport and a one-way taxi ride can be as much as \$70 each way. AACPDM has made special arrangements with a local transportation company to provide direct service at a fraction of the cost. Take advantage of shuttle service directly to the hotel. If you arrive at Orlando International Airport Tuesday or Wednesday between 10 AM and 6 PM, the Academy has arranged dedicated shuttle service. For **\$49 round trip**, you will be met in the baggage area by uniformed staff who will direct you to the appropriate luggage carousel. Once you have your baggage, you will be escorted to waiting transportation located on Level One. **This service has been arranged specifically for our group to help you avoid the costs of a cab and the time issues of the regular airport shuttle – all while providing direct service to the Omni with NO OTHER STOPS!!**

If you arrive on other days, you may reserve a shared ride shuttle through Mears via the same website, take a taxi or rent a car. Mears Motor Shuttle operates *shared ride* van and bus service from the Orlando airport to area hotels. At the airport, collect your luggage and go to the Mears Motor Shuttle Desk on Level One. Adult round-trip fare is \$29. Children ages 4-11 traveling with an adult cost \$18 per child.

ANNUAL MEETING SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

We want to bring to your attention a program that will be tried this year for the first time. On Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 5:00 PM, following the symposia, we shall have five rooms set aside for

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

The Eyes

You always start with the eyes. Are they attentive; do they respond to your face and the movements about the room? Is the brain behind the eyes taking in all that happens about the little person? Then the hands. How do the fingers work? Are they supple and free; are the movements deliberative and directed? Then the feet...and so it goes. The child's mother sits quietly, but attentively, hoping for a miracle and trying to find some of the joy she remembers awaiting the birth of this child. Her dreams of a perfect baby dashed by the reality of the handicapped child in front of her who once lived in her womb. It is only maternal love that keeps her from running out the room and escaping the truth that's part of those eyes, hands, and feet. This could be in New York or Boston or some small town, but today it is in Canto Grande, in San Juan de Lurigancho, a district of 900,000 people in Lima, Peru.

Canto Grande is made up of small, homemade buildings pressed against each other with bars on the doors and windows on the edge of roads without names, pavement or signs. Traffic laws are suggestions at best. Small cars and motorcycle buggies cut each other off in a motored ballet without rules. Buses pass by with one man driving and another calling and hanging out the door hawking passengers. Poverty is unlike anything experienced in the developed world. And yet as one goes up the hill the poverty becomes more intense (I know no better word). The homes become sheds at best. Each day finds new sheds made out of anything one can scrounge and support against a cut-out in the rock and dirt hillside. In June the sky is never blue and the sun never shines as the air is filled with a low lying haze and air pollution. I will not see the stars in a week. But mostly there are dogs and children and dust. Nothing grows without irrigation and rain is not to be expected. A layer of dust covers every sign, roof, and your eyelids when you're outside for more than an hour.

I am a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon specializing in the care of children with disabilities. In this week I will have children on my lap with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, Down syndrome, and the list goes on. I have come at the invitation of the Holy Cross Fathers to see if I may assist in the care of handicapped children in this barrio that they call home. I am privileged to work beside some incredible people who work at a special place called Yancana Huasy,

where people with disabilities are loved and respected and are given a chance to work and create. But in this culture, as in our own, there is often a sense of shame in having a handicapped child. So I join some workers of Yancana Huasy making house calls across Canto Grande. I ride the buggies, the buses and taxis, as we go across this endless barrio. I walk the streets coating my shoes, shirt, and pants in dust. No one turns us away when we knock on their door. They bring the children out into the main room and I examine them. Through an interpreter I try to find ways to compliment them on the care of their child and try to make suggestions to help. As in my clinic at home, every parent wants to know if their child will walk.

Soon it became clear to me that cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, and Down syndrome look almost identical in Peru as in upstate New York. Just in Peru the hair is nearly black, the skin is coffee colored and the eyes are a beautiful dark brown. As I walked the streets dodging dogs, smiling to children, and breathing the dust that is becoming caked on my clothes I suddenly found myself feeling very much at home. At one point I stopped, looked around and had to remind myself that I really didn't live or work here. It astounded me that in less than four days I felt as though these people whom I had never met were my colleagues and coworkers, and that I belonged in this place. Given that this was their home and they did this day in and day out I could only attribute the feeling to the openness and generosity of spirit that these workers freely gave me.

After working several days I took one afternoon and visited downtown Lima. Here the streets are named and lined, and the sidewalks are clean with painted curb cuts for wheelchair travelers. A few blocks from the main basilica was my destination, the monastery of Santo Domingo. Upon entering I was met with the sound of beautiful music as I came upon the main chapel. I continued on past a Spanish style courtyard with a rose garden surrounding a central fountain. The sides of the courtyard were lined with hand made tiles that predated the pilgrims landing at Plymouth. Down one further hallway and I stood before the small chapel. There on the floor, half way to the altar on the left, was the grave of St. Martin de Porres.

Four decades earlier I had chosen this newest of saints for my Confirmation. This bastard son of a Spanish nobleman and a native slave lived in the late sixteenth

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and early seventeenth centuries but was only canonized by John XXIII in 1962. He was a humble man who took the vows of a Dominican brother and is always pictured with a broom in his hand. Yet he was blessed with the gift of healing and many people came to this place to receive his care and ministry. His infirmary was this very chapel in which I stood and where he lies to this day. As I knelt down to touch his grave marker I was overcome by an emotional burst that this engineer turned surgeon did not expect. Never when I chose his name for my Confirmation did this small town boy ever expect to be a doctor much less travel to Lima, Peru. Outside of the chapel were two murals depicting the miracles that led to his canonization. One painting was of a shocked surgeon leaning over a boy who was to have his crushed foot amputated only to see it healed. I could relate to the face of the surgeon all dressed and prepared to operate. I was deeply thankful that I had the opportunity to share taking care of the children of this place with my saint before visiting where he worked, prayed, and lived out his calling.

After returning to the barrio, I noticed that at each church there were side rooms which were designed as a basic health clinic. The Holy Cross Fathers and Sisters got it exactly right. Instead of building a large hospital in the center of Canto Grande, they have focused their energy and resources in church community based healthcare. There will be times that an individual will need extended care in a hospital but clearly the vast majority of the population can be cared for medically within their local area in the shadow of the church that nourishes them spiritually.

No child comes into this world thinking they're handicapped. It is something we must teach them. Likewise no child knows that they are poor until we show it to them. They are not born with the hopelessness that comes from crushing poverty or the anger that often emerges from a sense of being trapped. We must teach them about injustice. Yet is it possible that through love and sacrifice and touch that one can unlearn hopelessness, despair, and disability? I think St. Martin understood this nearly four centuries ago as he walked in the dust among the children and dogs of Lima. I am just one person who worked for less than one week in this place of deep poverty. But I was there long enough to be a witness to the incredible work of the Holy Cross Fathers and Sisters and the growing number of indigenous lay people and clergy that are taking their place in church, education, and healthcare

leadership. I found in the people of Canto Grande a sense of disquiet that maybe the despair wasn't so deep or the situation for themselves and their children without hope. It starts as confusion as the rock-wall reality of poverty that they have been taught to accept appears to have a few cracks. It is a dangerous dream of the possibility that their presence and willingness to invest in their community might indeed make a difference in their lives. It's a candle that flickers but now it's lit. You won't hear it in their conversations or find it written on their walls.

But you can see it in their eyes.

Joseph Dutkowsky, MD
Newsletter Editor

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Frank S. Pidcock, M.D. has been elected to be a Traveling Fellow for 2005 by the Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine. He will be presenting lectures in Japan in August 2005 on topics in pediatric rehabilitation including the use of botulinum toxin in the management of spasticity and systems of care for children requiring rehabilitation.

Dr. Pidcock is Associate Director of Pediatric Rehabilitation at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore, Maryland.

JOURNAL SURVEY...

AACPDM and Mac Keith Press are continuing to discuss the option of offering either a year's subscription to *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, or one or two books (depending on the book price) from the Clinics in Developmental Medicine series. Once the details are worked out, the option would be available for the 2006 subscription year. For basic information about the books and a full list, go to www.cambridge.org/medicine/mackeith and then to Clinics in Developmental Medicine.

You have received a survey about the *Journal*. If you haven't sent it in yet, please do so; it will help us plan for the future.

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special interest group meetings. Light refreshments and soft drinks will be provided.

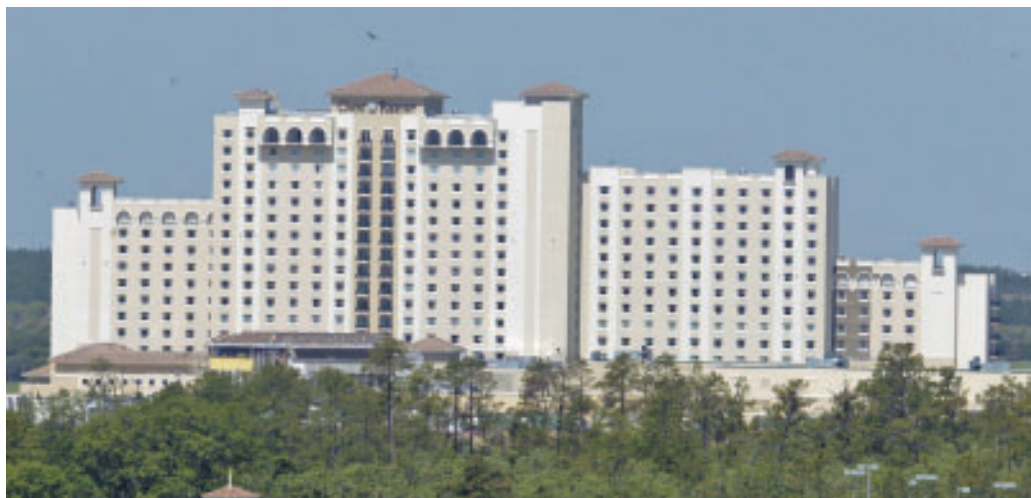
1. One room will be set aside for nurses;
2. the second for occupational and physical therapists;
3. the third for developmental pediatricians and psychologists;
4. the fourth for child neurologists and psychiatrists;
5. and, the fifth for orthopedists.

The purpose of these special interests meetings will be to offer an opportunity to network and discuss what you want to achieve, what you hope to learn from the meeting, and what you, as individuals and as specialists, can offer the Academy? By meeting individuals from your discipline prior to the start of the meeting, it is anticipated that fruitful discussions will take place and will make the AACPDMD meeting more meaningful for you. One or two people from each of the specialties will be asked to develop an agenda so that there will be some organization to each of the meetings. The meetings will last one hour, following which the general reception will commence at 6:00 PM.



**GOLF OUTING
SUPPORTING THE
AACPDMD
ENDOWMENT FUND**
*YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE
A PRO* to take part in the Friday golf outing. Scrambles offer the most enjoyment for the player with the least amount of pressure. The teams are usually created with players of varying ability.

Each player will drive from the tee, then the team will pick the best shot and each player will hit from that position. This process will be repeated for each shot until the ball is holed. The team with the lowest combined score wins the event. No matter what your level of play, you can enjoy this event.



Courtesy of Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate.

The money raised from this event will benefit the AACPDMD's Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund supports activities of the Academy that are not supported by the dues or the tuition for the national meeting. These include scholarships for international colleagues from underdeveloped countries, startup grants for research into cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities as well for speakers to enhance the value of the national meeting.

Hopefully, you can join us for this event.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LUNCHEON

Attend the International Affairs Luncheon featuring an international panel. The panel will discuss the state of pediatric rehabilitation in their country, how they started their program, what the most challenging issues were, how they resolved them, and how they managed to build a network of professionals in their area. The panel will be from Armenia, Bosnia, COP South Africa, Turkey and Poland. This should be a most interesting event. Registration for lunch is \$35.

PLEASE NOTE...

The Omni Hotel is remote from other hotels in the area. To save the cost of a rental car, pay for gas and drive 15 or 20 minutes to the meeting, we recommend that you stay at the hotel. Even if another hotel is cheaper, you will save the daily car rental, gas and save yourself the drive.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

Applications now available for 2006 Federal Public Policy Fellowships

The Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation is now accepting applications for its one-year fellowships in Washington, DC. Parents of children with developmental disabilities and mid-career professionals working in the disability field are strongly encouraged to apply. Fellows learn how legislation is initiated, developed and passed by Congress, how programs are administered and regulations promulgated by federal agencies. Candidates should have solid policy experience in state level advocacy, education, development of community supports and services, or similar areas. Visit www.jpkf.org for details and application.

Courtesy of Easter Seals Newsletter.

New NCD Listserv

The National Council of Disability (NCD) has launched a new listserv that provides critical information on issues affecting people with disabilities, including a monthly newsletter known as the *NCD Bulletin*, news releases, legislative updates and other newsworthy items. To subscribe, visit <http://listserv.access.gpo.gov/> and click on 'online mailing list archives', then select 'NDC-NEWS-L' and click on 'join or leave the list'.

Emergency Planning

Another item of interest at NCD's site is the NCD's report *Saving Lives: Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning*. Visit www.ncd.gov to learn emergency planning recommendations.

Disabilities Act Implementation Project

NCD recently published a presolicitation notice in Federal Business Opportunities. Visit <http://www.fedbizopps.gov> to conduct an Americans with Disabilities Act Implementation Project.

Promote Physical Activity

Become a mentor and/or learn more about the "I Can Do It, You Can Do It" program aimed at inspiring six million disabled children in the US to become more physically active and develop good nutritional habits. Visit www.hhs.gov/od to become involved in this 'win-win' program.

Visit www.adaptiveadventures.org for information about various programs promoting and providing progressive sports and recreation opportunities for people with physical disabilities.

MEETINGS/COURSES OF INTEREST

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE:

Pediatric Hypertonia Management: Cutting Edge Updates from the Field

August 11 - 12, 2005

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago – Chicago, Illinois

This course will focus on movement disorders in children and the current management strategies including the use of oral medications and focal treatments, orthopedic and neurosurgical techniques and therapeutic interventions. Preliminary program and registration available at www.ric.org/education

International Conference on Accessible Tourism

October 17 - 19, 2005 • Nairobi, Kenya

Visit the Kenya Disabled Development Society's website at <http://rdi.pl/kdds> for Conference topics and registration.

First International Convention on Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation

November 1 - 2, 2005 • Patna, India

For information contact Dr. AK Varma, cpr2005@rediffmail.com or by e-mail ajitvarma592@yahoo.com.

First National Congress of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Disorders

November 17 - 19, 2005 • Istanbul, Turkey

Preliminary program and registration available at www.cerebralpalsykongresi2005.org

AusACPDM Conference

March 10 - 12, 2006 • Adelaide, Australia

Paper and Poster Abstract Deadline: August 15, 2005

Visit www.dconferences.com.au/aacpdm2006 for details on abstract submission, member sponsorship, and Conference preliminary program. Keynote speakers are AACPDM Members, Associate Professor Annette Majnemer and Dr. Jan Willem Gorter.

10th International Child Neurology Congress

June 11 - 16, 2006 • Montreal, Canada

Visit www.icnc2006.com for details of this Congress.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ronald Kendig, age 54, passed away April 27, 2005. Dr. Kendig was an associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and rehabilitation at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. His colleagues remember him as a compassionate physician, respected professor and meticulous surgeon. Dr. Kendig dedicated his practice to the care of some of Mississippi's most unfortunate children. He is survived by his father and two sisters.

Dr. Arnold Capute, known as the 'Father' of Developmental Pediatrics, died November 30, 2004, at age 80. Dr. Capute was a faculty member at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine for nearly forty years. He devoted most of his career to increasing pediatrician's understanding of neurodevelopmental disabilities and was instrumental in the creation of the field of Developmental Pediatrics, now called Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. Dr. Capute has been an Emeritus Member of the AACPDM since 1996.

Dr. Nadene Coyne, former Director of the Physical Medicine Department at Cleveland City Hospital passed away June 12, 2004, at age 83. Dr. Coyne graduated from Northwestern University School of Physical Therapy and enlisted in the US Army Medical Corps where she achieved the rank of First Lieutenant. She earned her medical degree from the University of Illinois and completed her residency in physical medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. Coyne was a longtime AACPDM member and an Emeritus member since 1980.

PRESIDENTS LETTER,

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team have prepared an outstanding program, which I'm sure you will not want to miss.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to be able to serve as your president. The Academy is strong and will continue to grow. See you all in Orlando.

Lou Dias

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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Email James A. Blackman, MD, MPH at jab5u@virginia.edu with curriculum vitae attached.

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will be no printed Membership Directory this year, nor will there be a CD Directory. The entire Membership Directory will be available on our website (www.aacpdm.org) under the membership section by the end of August. There will be links to several sections of the directory (i.e., Discipline Listing, Emeritus Listing, Past Presidents, Past Meetings, Board of Directors and Committees). The address directory is currently available and is searchable by name, city, state and/or country.

AVAILABLE ONLINE...

There is a full-color version of the newsletter on the secure part of the member page of the web site. Visit www.aacpdm.org.

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