

PEDIATRICS CONFERENCE

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but clinically relevant, and then find speakers with the right expertise," said ICA Pediatrics Council Chair Dr. Lora Tanis. "It was very encouraging for us



ICA Pediatrics Council Chair Dr. Lora Tanis welcomes an enthusiastic group to the Council's 16th Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

to hear such positive comments from the attendees about the program in Nashville, and more importantly, see them enjoying themselves. The spirit of fellowship and camaraderie that is always prevalent at our pediatrics conferences is one that many of us look forward to year after year."

David Kirby, author of the best seller, "Evidence of Harm: Mercury in Vaccines and the Autism Epidemic" was the keynote speaker and gave an interesting presentation on the evidence he has found regarding mercury in vaccines and the intrigues and collusions by members of Congress, federal agencies and powerful pharmaceutical companies in covering up its possible connection to the increase of autism in this country. His presentation, supported by statistical data was very revealing, but alarming. Mr. Kirby had graciously agreed to sign his book after his presentation, little realizing that the line of people taking him up on the offer would stretch all down the ballroom foyer.

The tone for the conference this year was set by former ICA vice president and first Council Chair, Dr. Maxine McMullen, recognized as one of the pioneers of chiropractic pediatric care. She explained the "Big Idea" and why it should include kids. Other speakers on the program besides Mr. Kirby included Dr. Dennis Woggon, Dr. Joan Fallon, Dr. Peter Fysh, Dr. John Furlong, Dr. Lora Tanis, Dr. Sharon Vallone, Dr. Laura Hanson, Dr. Robin Pauc and Dr. Carol Phillips. The topics ranged from scoliosis to neurological motion analysis to apnea in prematurity. There were also seven excellent papers presented by field practitioners who are Diplomates in Chiropractic Pediatrics (DICCPS).

The Council paid a touching tribute to Dr. Maxine the next day during the luncheon with a slide show of her life in New Zealand and here in the United States.

Dr. McMullen recently announced she is retiring and returning to New Zealand. It was an emotional moment for her and all the doctors she has inspired and encouraged over the years. Dr. McMullen helped establish the ICA Pediatrics Council and the DICCPS pro-

gram which now has about 150 graduates and another 100 currently enrolled in Year 2 or 3 in different US cities as well as in Australia/New Zealand. In an emotional thank you speech, Dr. McMullen said she was happy to see so many of the "young" doctors who had been the "guinea pigs" of the DICCPS program when it started 10 years ago, playing a major role in the Council and proving they are leaders. "That was always our goal," she said, "to pass the torch and I am glad to see it has happened."

The conference was not all work and no play. On Friday evening attendees and family members boarded the famous riverboat General Jackson for a dinner cruise and musical show. The show was loud and lively and had everyone tapping their feet, clapping their hands and singing along.

Another highlight of the conference was the Saturday luncheon with a live auction. Every year the Pediatrics Council raises money for worthy causes and has given away thousands of dollars over the years. Kentuckiana Children's Center has been one of its most frequent recipients and this year it was again chosen as the major recipient.

Dr. Joan Fallon did a masterful job as the auctioneer and got doctors into a friendly competitive bidding game, raising nearly \$8,000. "We want to thank everyone who participated in the auction," said Dr. Laura Hanson, Pediatrics Council Secretary who coordinated the auction effort. "It was successful because of the generosity of our vendors and the doctors who bid on the items."

Plans for the 2007 Conference, September 7-9 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort in Phoenix, Ariz., are already in motion. "We invite everyone to come to our next conference," said Council Chair Dr. Lora Tanis. "It is going to be another exciting event and even if you don't look after children in your practice, come and find out why you should. We will have something for everyone, even beginners. I guarantee you will have a great experience."

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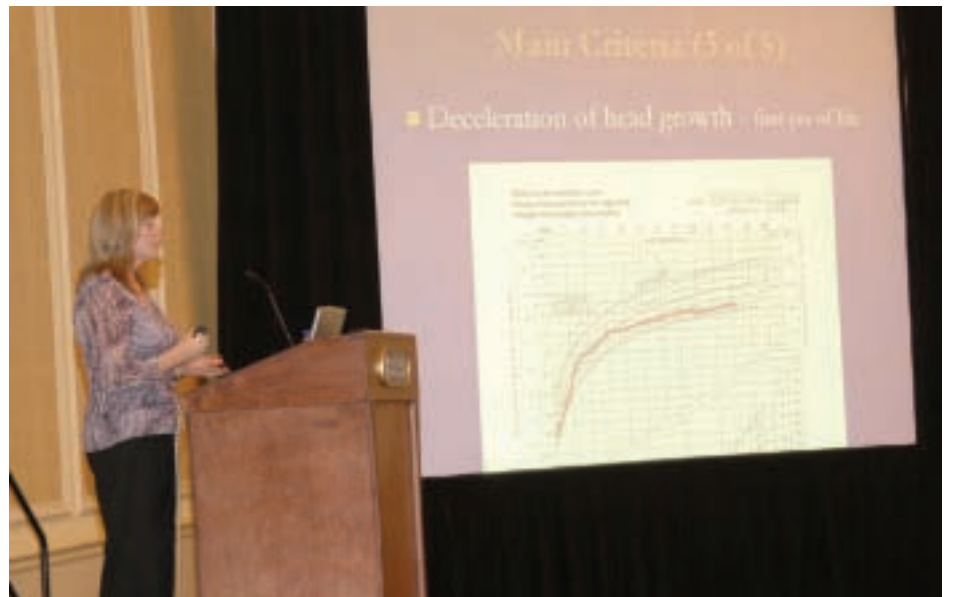
Dr. Peter Fysh teaches doctors how to identify causes of back pain in children and protocols of care.



David Kirby chats with doctors as he autographs copies of his book, "Evidence of Harm" at the ICA booth.



Attendees use the time during the breaks to help themselves to refreshments, visit with one another, or check out the exhibits.



Dr. Jane Brotski (DICCPS Class of '05) presents a research paper on Rett Syndrome.



On the exhibit floor a doctor tries out one of the massage chairs, some browse through books on display and others find out more about products and services from the vendors

