

2006 PAA Convention Program

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The 2006 PAA Convention will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101, Tel: (717) 233-6000.

Thursday September 28, 2006

11:00-12:00 p.m: Registration

12:00-12:15 pm: Welcome and Opening Remarks

12:15-1:45 pm: Session 1. Counseling Strategies for Real-Life Audiology

Kris English, Ph.D., Professor University of Pittsburgh. Patients may be unwilling to acknowledge their hearing challenges, may resist hearing help or may be chronically disappointed with the limits of hearing aids. This presentation will present typical counseling challenges, and a range of strategies designed to support patients work through the help-seeking process.

1:45-2:15 pm: Break with Exhibitors (refreshments)

2:15-3:45 pm: Session 2. Pediatric update

Diane Sabo, Ph.D., Director of Audiology and Communication Disorders at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Infants are challenging us to work efficiently and develop new skills in diagnosis and management of hearing loss. This presentation will focus on the very young infants and the audiologic care that we need to provide to them. Not only will it include information regarding diagnostic testing and hearing aid fitting, but also informational literature that needs to be provided to families.

4:00-5:00 pm: Newborn Hearing Screening Update

Robert Cicco, M.D., Associate Director of the NICU at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital. Member, PA EHDI Advisory Committee. Dr. Cicco has been a long time advocate for families in the NICU and early intervention settings.

5:30-7:00 pm: Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall.

Friday September 29, 2006

7:45-8:30 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30-10:00 am: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Session 3. Enhancing Hearing Aid Fittings with Audiologic Rehabilitation in a Busy Clinical Practice.

Patricia McCarthy, Ph.D. Professor Rush University. Often audiologists forego follow-up rehabilitation because the evaluation/fitting of hearing aids is labor and time intensive. This session will focus on practical ways to incorporate audiologic rehabilitation into a busy clinical practice in order to enhance service delivery, improve communication effectiveness and increase the probability of success with amplification.

10:30-10:30 am: Break with Exhibitors (Refreshments)

10:30-12:00 pm: Concurrent Sessions

Session 4: Management of Auditory Processing Disorders.

Deborah Moncrieff, Ph.D. University of Connecticut. Children and adults are being diagnosed with auditory processing disorders, but few are receiving remedial treatments to ease the difficulties associated with their processing problems. This talk will focus on the diagnostic subtypes of auditory processing disorders, how each type affects the listener's ability to comprehend and communicate, and what specific therapies could be used to facilitate improvement in the client's overall performance.

Session 5. Newborn Screens for Hearing Loss and genetics: The Pandora's Box of Hearing Screening.

D. Holmes Morton, M.D., founder of the Clinic for Special Children. Dr. Morton has received seven honorary doctoral degrees for his work with neurobiology and genetics.

12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch Banquet and Business Meeting

2:00-3:30 pm: Session 6 . Tinnitus Update 2006.

Gail Brenner, Au.D., Professor PCO School of Audiology. As audiologists in clinical practice, we must deal with the Tinnitus patient. That patient, with or without Reduced Sound Tolerance, is one that challenges us on a regular basis. This session will prepare you for these *special* patients.

3:30-5:30 pm: Exhibitor Forums and Poster Session

Exhibitors will give a presentation at their booth during the above stated time. There will be 4 sessions, each lasting 30 minutes. Convention attendees will rotate to different booths during this time and will be able to learn about their services. Each exhibitor, will have four opportunities to present their information.

3:30-4:30 pm: Round Tables

1. **FM System-Phonak and Oticon**
2. **Aural Rehab- Patricia McCarthy, Kris English, Jane Curtin**

4:30-5:30 pm: Round Tables

3. **Educational Audiology**
4. **Private Practice** (Craig Johnson, Susan Parr, Jim Zeigler) A panel discussion will be presented to discuss governmental issues on the State level and how the Pennsylvania Academy can promote its leadership role in Harrisburg. By establishing a proactive legislative advocacy agenda, issues that may “surprise” the profession will be reduced, if not eliminated. This session is designed for audiologists who wish to better understand and promote the advocacy process.

5:30-6:30 pm: Happy Hour and Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall

Saturday September 30, 2006

8:00-9:00 am: Exhibits Open (Continental Breakfast)

9:00-10:30 am: KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Session 8. Variation in Patients with Auditory neuropathy/Dys-synchrony: Implications for Evaluation and Management.

Linda Hood, Ph.D. Professor Vanderbilt University. Accumulation of a large number of AN/AD patients indicates broad variation in auditory and other characteristics, generally with marked difficulty in understanding speech, particularly in situations with competing stimuli. Patient variation in the context of evaluation and management considerations in infants, children and adults will be discussed.

10:30-11:00 am: Break with Exhibitors (Refreshments)

11:00-12:30 pm: Session 9. Current Evaluation and Treatment of BPPV.

Terri Ives, Sc.D., Au.D. Professor PCO School of Audiology. If you have never done a Hallpike or a roll test, don't know how to identify the canal by the eye movements, or to properly identify which semicircular canal is involved, and to distinguish between canalithiasis and cupulolithiasis. Both the evaluation techniques and the different treatments for BPPV will be demonstrated and practiced. Case studies will be used to test your newly learned skills.

12:30 pm: Adjourn

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