

# First Joint Pediatrics Conference a Success

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) and the International Chiropractors Association (ICA) teamed up for a Joint Pediatrics Conference held at the Turtle Bay Resort, Dec. 9-11, 2011, on the North Shore of the Island of Oahu in Hawaii. This event marks the first time specialty councils of the two organizations have collaborated to present one conference for the chiropractic profession.

Keynote speakers Drs. Robert Melillo and Bill Moreau were joined by a notable list of clinicians for 19 CEU hours of workshops and presentations. Dr. Melillo, a board-certified chiropractic neurologist, former ACA Chiropractic Neurologist of the Year and founder of the Brain Balance Centers, spoke on diagnosing and treating brain hemispheric imbalances and their connection to children with autism, ADD and learning disabilities. He has authored two books, *Disconnected Kids* and *Reconnected Kids*. Dr. Moreau is the first DC to hold the position of director of the Sports Medicine Clinics for the U.S. Olympic Committee. He also spoke on diagnosis and management of concussion in the pediatric population.



L to R: ICA President Gary Walsemann, DC; ACA Pediatrics Council v.p. Katie Pohlman, DC; ACA Pediatrics Council President Elise Hewitt, DC; Former Chair of ICA Pediatrics Council Peter Fysh, DC, Vice Chair ICA Pediatrics Council Sharon Vallone, DC; and ACA President, Keith Overland, DC.



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Elise Hewitt, DC, CST, DICCP, presented a technique workshop titled "Craniosacral Therapy for Newborns and Infants: Protocol and Technique for Chiropractors." Dr. Hewitt is a founding member of both the ICA and ACA Pediatrics Councils, serves as president of the ACA Pediatrics Council, is an ACA state delegate and is a member of NCMIC's Speakers Bureau.

The following presentations and workshops were also offered:

- Ian McLean, DC, DACBR—Case Studies in Pediatric Radiology: Lumbar Spine, Pelvis and Lower Extremity;
- Sharon Vallone, DC, FICCP—Techniques for Adjusting the Pregnant Patient and Management of Pediatric /Pregnancy Cases in Chiropractic Practice;

- Mary Beth Larsen, DC—Family Wellness Begins with Birth: How to Motivate and Advocate;
- Lora Tanis, DC, DICCP—Adjusting the Infant: Examination, Analysis and Technique;
- Dan Murphy, DC, DABC—Immune System Maturation;
- Joyce Miller, DC, DABCO—Chiropractic Pediatrics Research: Update on Childhood Conditions and Chiropractic Care for Infant Feeding Dysfunction;
- Lia Nightingale, PhD—Nutritional Factors and Fertility.

Selected research papers were presented by Diplomates in Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics (DICCPs) from the United States and Australia. The authors and mentors of the two best papers selected by blind review were awarded \$500 and \$250 cash each. All papers presented will be published in the *Journal of Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics*.

The two pediatrics councils have decided to repeat this event in 2012! The Second Annual Joint Pediatrics Conference will be held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado ([www.broadmoor.com](http://www.broadmoor.com)) Nov. 9-11, 2012. Speakers and details are still being developed, but please check the ACA Pediatrics Council website at [www.acapedscouncil.org](http://www.acapedscouncil.org) for updates as they become available, and make plans to attend!

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