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**ACRM 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, *Progress in Rehabilitation Research* (#PIRR2016)**

**The LARGEST conference in the world for rehabilitation research**

Curating and disseminating world-class science, informing best practices and IMPROVING LIVES

**RESTON, Virginia** – Coming to the Hilton Chicago, 30 October – 4 November 2016, the ACRM 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, *Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)* brings together top rehabilitation professionals from around the world to hear and discuss the latest research informing and guiding today's clinical practice.

An expansive educational program will include hundreds of educational symposia, scientific papers and posters and instructional courses covering 8 focus areas including brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases, pain, cancer, pediatric rehabilitation and neuroplasticity, plus dozens of cross-cutting topics — such as international rehabilitation, technology, geriatric rehabilitation, and more.

The evidence-based programming offers CME / CEUs for 15 disciplines and up to 48 hours of continuing education credit — more than any other conference.

High-caliber faculty features rehabilitation all-stars like **Pamela Duncan**, Wake Forest School of Medicine; **Keith Cicerone**, JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute; **Daniel Corcos**, Northwestern University; **Alan Jette**, Boston University School of Public Health; **Alison Cernich**, NCMRR; **John Tschida**, NIDILRR and others.

What really distinguishes PIRR from all other conferences is the interdisciplinary focus and the welcoming and inclusive culture of ACRM.

*"The conference provided a rich environment for interprofessional education that is needed for collaborative clinical practice and research," said attendee, Genevieve Pinto Zipp PT, EdD. "A must-attend conference for all team members!"*

The week is comprised of the main **CORE CONFERENCE** and the **PRE-CONFERENCE** delivering a total of SIX jam-packed days of evidence-based education.

**CORE CONFERENCE >>> 2 – 4 NOV 2016**

**Pamela Duncan**, nationally and international renowned expert in health policy, outcomes research and clinical epidemiology will kick off the Core Conference on 2 November. An expansive educational program of up to 30 concurrent tracks will follow with 250+ educational sessions, symposia, lectures and meetings.

Attendees will gain knowledge of cutting-edge rehabilitation research and technology, and advances in evidence-based practice across all diagnoses and disciplines to IMPROVE LIVES. At PIRR, you're not just a sponge in a pool of data; you're a contributing participant in the ongoing collaboration of today's complex rehabilitation team.

**PRE-CONFERENCE >>> 30 OCT – 1 NOV 2016**

It all begins with a jam-packed Pre-Conference program, providing core conference attendees the chance to add a whopping 24 hours of continuing education credit to their conference experience while exploring topics of specific interest in depth. This is an ideal venue for busy clinicians who need continuing education credit, but lack time to attend a full conference. Choose:

- Up to 3 days of half- and full-day **Instructional Courses** to dig deep into hot topics

- **Cognitive Rehabilitation Training** – Two-day introductory course teaching evidence-based interventions for impairments of executive functions, memory, attention, hemispatial neglect, and social communication. [www.ACRM.org/COG](http://www.ACRM.org/COG)
- A full-day **Early Career Development Course** – essential tips, connections, resources, and support for young investigators

### NEW IN 2016

- “**Chat with an Expert**” series — allowing up-close networking and exchanges
- Expanded **GRAND ROUNDS** — moderated tours of award-winning scientific posters
- Exciting **SPECIAL SYMPOSIA** featuring rock-star presenters and important topics

### PROGRAM FAVORITES

- **Three PLENARY presentations**, with fresh news on recent progress in rehabilitation research
- *Back by popular demand:* **Special Session on Funding** with **Alison Cernich**, NCMRR Director and **John Tschida**, NIDILRR Director — with invaluable insights on federal funding of research
- **Sheldon Berrol Memorial Chautauqua**, exploring topics that provoke questions of values, ethics, and humanism in brain injury rehabilitation
- **Deborah L. Wilkerson Early Career Award Lecture**, presented by the 2016 awardee
- **Hot Topics in Stroke Rehabilitation**, a special symposia
- **Mark Ylvisaker Memorial Pediatric Brain Injury Symposium**
- **NIDILRR-Sponsored ARRT Young Investigators Panel**, a series of scientific paper presentations by NIDILRR-sponsored early career investigators
- **John Stanley Coulter Award Lecture**, presented by the 2016 awardee, **Alan Jette** on strategies for moving rehabilitation from innovation dissemination to implementation
- The **Brucker International Luncheon** and additional luncheons with guest speakers sponsored by the Neuroplasticity Networking Group, the Spinal Cord Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group and the Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group
- The **Henry B. Betts Awards Dinner & Gala**, celebrating excellence in rehabilitation research with the presentation of prestigious ACRM awards

### FAST FACTS & LINKS

**EVENT:** ACRM 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference: *Progress in Rehabilitation Research*

**LINK:** [www.ACRMconference.org](http://www.ACRMconference.org)

**DATES:** 30 October – 4 November 2016

**LOCATION:** Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois, USA

**LINK:** [www.ACRM.org/hotel](http://www.ACRM.org/hotel)

**REGISTRATION:** As low as \$349 student member, \$499 member. The **WORLD PASS** registration bundle provides huge value for those who want to do it all. Includes access to all in-depth Pre-Conference Instructional Courses, the Core Conference, the Henry B. Betts Awards Dinner and Gala, CME/CEUs, and digital access to conference slides — all for as little as \$14.56 / CME/CEU credit (BEST Rate/Student pricing). Registration is open with the lowest rates of the year: **LINK:** [www.ACRM.org/register](http://www.ACRM.org/register)

**VIDS:** **ACRM YouTube:** **LINK:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-IGDnJdrkg>

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** Accepting proposals for scientific papers and posters through 11 April. Call for symposia and instructional course proposals has officially closed; however, LATE-BREAKING research is always welcome. **LINK:** <http://www.ACRM.org/submit>

**SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITING** opportunities are available. Contact Jenny Richard, Community Relations Director, +1.703.574.5845 for details. **LINK:** [www.ACRM.org/sponsor-exhibit](http://www.ACRM.org/sponsor-exhibit)

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