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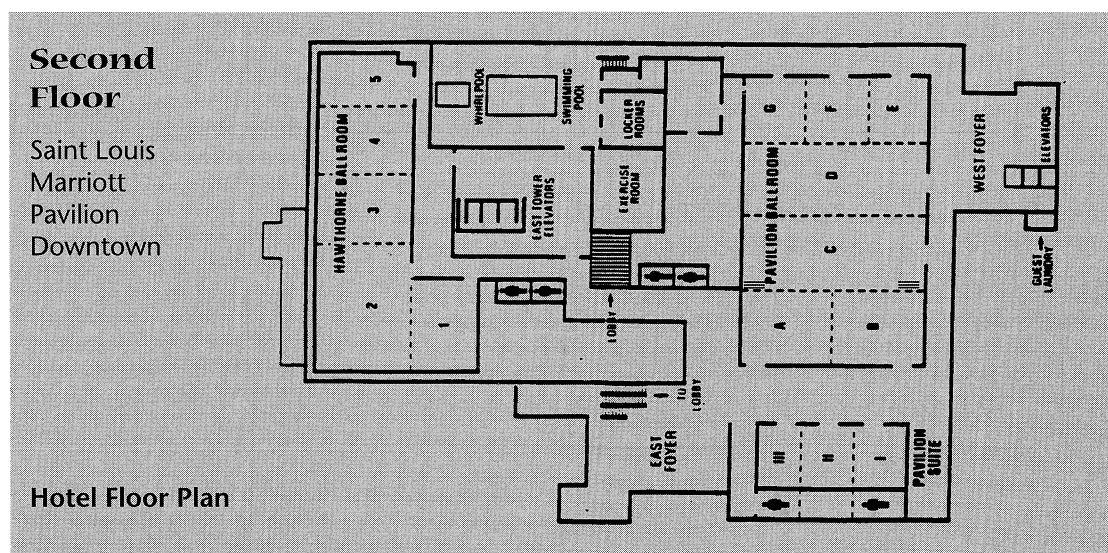
PROGRAM

May 29-31, 1997

GAZETTE INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING INSTITUTE (G.I.N.I.)
*Coordinator of International Polio Network and
International Ventilator Users Network*

*Welcome to the
Seventh International Post-Polio and
Independent Living Conference.*

Below is a floor plan of the meeting rooms for the Conference which are located on the second floor of the West Tower of The Saint Louis Marriott Pavilion Downtown.



Please wear your name badge. It is your "ticket" for the sessions. The time schedule will be adhered to because many of the sessions will be audio and video-taped. Questions of the panelists may be submitted in writing.

Your meal tickets are in your badge holder. All meals will be served in Pavilion Salon A-D, the same room as the sessions. We must clear the room so the hotel staff can set up for the meals. Please remember to take your meal ticket with you when you leave the room. Tickets will be taken at the door(s) upon re-entry. Meal tickets may be purchased at the G.I.N.I. registration desk for the Friday luncheon by noon on Thursday and for the Saturday meals by noon on Friday.

Exhibits are located in Pavilion I-I-III. (See page 9-10.)

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7:30 AM - 2:00 PM REGISTRATION

7:30 - 8:20 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 All attendees welcomed

PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

8:30 am -
 12:00 noon

The Big Picture

Moderator: Joan L. Headley

PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

Welcome

Shaaron Peters, Martin B. Wice, MD

Lessons Learned ... Future Challenges

Joan L. Headley

Transforming Experiences: Stories and Scholarship

Karen Hirsch, PhD

Target 2000: Reaching the Goal Robert A. Keegan

Polio Survivors: Data from the 1994-95 National Health Interview Survey

Linda Tompkins

10:00 - 10:30 AM BREAK

EAST FOYER

Post-Polio Motor Neurons and Units: What We Know for Sure

Neil Cashman, MD

Strategies for Aging with a Disability: The Later Life Effect Study

Margaret L. Campbell, PhD

What Is Wellness? Agnes Wallbom, MD

12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

LUNCHEON

12:30 - 1:30 PM

PAVILION

BALLROOM A-D

2:00 pm -
 5:00 pm

How Will I Support Myself?

Moderator: Linda L. Bieniek, CEAP

PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

Making Employment Decisions: The Physician's Role

Stuart J. Glassman, MD

Making Employment Decisions: Suggestions and Resources

Linda Baker Oberst and Linda L. Bieniek

3:15 - 3:45 PM BREAK

EAST FOYER

Employment Decisions: Options and Reforms within Social Security

Thomas Gloss

Medicare/Medicaid: Recent and Impending Changes

James G. Scott

Making Health Insurance Decisions

Daniel J. Ashbaker and Linda L. Bieniek

6:30 - 7:00 pm

BOOK SIGNING BY TONY GOULD

EAST FOYER

6:30 - 7:00 PM CASH BAR

EAST FOYER

7:00 - 9:00 pm

DINNER

PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

GUEST SPEAKER: TONY GOULD, AUTHOR OF *A SUMMER PLAGUE: POLIO AND ITS SURVIVORS*
"BEFORE AND AFTER POLIO: TRAVELS IN NEPAL"

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PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

8:30 am -
12:00 noon

How Can I Maintain Wellness?

Moderator: *Jessie K.M. Easton, MD*

PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

The Team Approach to Wellness for Polio Survivors

Frederick M. Maynard, MD

Team Leader: The Polio Survivor Ellen Fay Peak

Primary Care Physician's Role

Marny Eulberg, MD

The Post-Polio Specialist's Role Martin B. Wice, MD

10:00 - 10:30 AM BREAK

EAST FOYER

The Role of Activity James Agre, MD, PhD

The Role of Nutrition Lauro S. Halstead, MD

What Works: Results and Implications of Post-Polio Clinic Survey

Stanley K. Yarnell, MD

12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: *JUDITH E. HEUMANN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*

LUNCHEON

12:30 - 1:30 PM

PAVILION

BALLROOM A-D

Session I

2:00 - 5:00 pm

How Will I Get Around?

Moderator: *Beth Kowall, MS, OTR*

PAVILION SALON A-C

Indicators for a Change Jacquelin Perry, MD

Professional and Personal Concerns about Bracing

Mark K. Taylor, CPO

Determining Appropriate Seating

Robbie B. Leonard, MS, PT

Surgical Options for Shoulders

Mary Ann Keenan, MD

3:15 - 3:45 PM BREAK

EAST AND WEST FOYERS

How Will I Carry Out My Daily Activities?

Similarities and Differences between Acute Poliomyelitis Rehabilitation and Post-Polio Interventions

Paul E. Peach, MD

Physical Therapy: Not What You Remember

Marianne T. Weiss, LPT

Occupational Therapy: Not Just Reachers

Beth Kowall, MS, OTR

Rethinking the Physician/Therapist/Survivor Team

Nancy Caverly, OTR

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Session II

2:00 - 5:00 pm

**How Do the Late Effects of
Polio Affect Those Around Me?**

Moderator: Dorothy Woods Smith, RN, PhD

PAVILION SALON D

From My Point of View Gail Genereau

Maintaining Relationships during Change

Lillian Genskow, RN, and Jack Genskow, PhD, CRC

Confronting Fears in Developing New Relationships

Margaret E. Backman, PhD

3:15 - 3:45 PM *BREAK*

EAST AND WEST FOYERS

Five Ways to Find Peace with One's Self and the World

Robert J. Ronald, SJ

Relationships: A Two-Way Street Joyce Tepley, LMSW/ACP, LPC

Know Your True Colors: Creative Communications

Kathleen Navarre, PhD and Angela Radlinski

Session III

2:00 - 5:00 pm

**Forum on Home
Mechanical Ventilation**

*Moderator: Augusta Alba, MD and
Susan Sortor Leger, RRT*

PAVILION SALON E-F

The Danish Experience Grethe Nyholm, RNP

The Japanese Experience: Ventilator User

Kimiyo Satoh

The Japanese Experience: Physician

Yoichi Sakakihara, MD, PhD

The American Experience: Ventilator User

Debbie Cunningham

The American Experience: Physician

Edward Oppenheimer, MD

3:30 - 3:45 PM *BREAK*

EAST AND WEST FOYERS

The Effects of Aging on Ventilator Equipment Choices

Augusta Alba, MD

Face Mask Displays

Session IV

2:00 - 5:00 pm

**Forum for Support Group
Facilitators**

Bette Plass, Bette Plass & Associates

PAVILION SALON G

Recognizing and Enhancing Leadership Style

3:30 - 3:45 PM *BREAK*

EAST AND WEST FOYERS

Utilizing New Leadership Skills

M O R N I N G

8:30 - 9:30 am

Session A
 SALON D
**Post-Polio Research:
 What Is Being Done
 and Needs to be Done**
Burk Jubelt, MD
Daria A. Trojan, MD
 Current and proposed future
 research in epidemiologic,
 etiologic, pathophysiologic,
 diagnostic, and therapeutic
 studies will be presented.

Session B
 SALON C
**Isolating and
 Managing Pain**
Ann E. Hueter, RPT
Paul E. Peach, MD
 The most common reasons many
 polio survivors experience pain
 and effective means of alleviation
 of pain symptoms will be
 discussed.

Session H
 SALON G
**West Park Hospital Post-
 Polio Clinical Educational
 Outreach and Training
 Program**
Wendy Malisani
 To help fill the need for qualified
 healthcare professionals to under-
 stand, assess, and treat those who
 experience post-polio, we devel-
 oped the Post-Polio Educational
 Kit, a comprehensive educational
 tool to give knowledge and
 resources needed by a qualified
 caregiver to post-polio clients.

9:30 - 9:45 AM BREAK
 EAST AND WEST FOYERS

9:45 - 10:45 am

Session C
 SALON D
**Fatigue: Many Causes
 and Possible Management**
Mavis Matheson, MD
Stanley K. Yarnell, MD
 In polio survivors, fatigue is more
 frequently multi-factorial in
 nature than due to a single
 cause, such as post-polio
 muscular atrophy. This presenta-
 tion discusses those factors as
 well as the implications for
 management.

Session D
 SALON C
**Fibromyalgia and Post-
 Polio: Differences and
 Management Approaches**
Anne Carrington Gawne, MD
 This session will explore the
 diagnosis, prevention, and
 treatment for fibromyalgia and
 post-polio muscle pain.

Session Q
 SALON A
**Interactions with
 Therapists**
Nancy Caverly, OTR
Beth Kowall, MS, OTR
Robbie B. Leonard, MS, PT
Marianne T. Weiss, LPT
 An exchange of ideas with the
 OTs /PTs from the Friday session
 to better understand how OT/PT
 can assist you in your daily living.

10:45 - 11:00 AM BREAK
 EAST AND WEST FOYERS

**11:00 am -
 12:00 noon**

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Session I
 SALON B
**Applying True Colors:
 A Rainbow of Diversity**
Kathleen Navarre, PhD
Angela Radlinski
 Your individual results of the
 "True Color Inventory" will be
 used to enhance and empower
 your communication style and
 effectiveness.

12:00 - 2:00 PM LUNCH
 LUNCHEON
 12:30 - 1:30 PM
 PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

A F T E R N O O N

2:00 - 4:00 pm

**The Personal
 and The Global**

Moderator:
Joan L. Headley
 PAVILION BALLROOM A-D

Empower Yourself by Accepting Yourself
Caroline Heckman, MA, Ed, ADTR

Unmet Needs, Evolving Solutions
Liliana Bieberach and Javier Riba

What's Happening in Washington?
R. Speed Davis

Respond to Your Needs — Champion Universal Change
Cyndi Jones

M O R N I N G

<p>Session L SALON B</p> <p>What Works I: Neuro-muscular Re-education</p> <p><i>Diane Engelsdorfer, MA, NCTMB, NMT</i> <i>A.J. Nadeau</i></p> <p>Neuromuscular re-education — What is was like, what happened, what it is like now.</p> <p>Biomagnetics Therapy</p> <p><i>T.J. Autry</i></p> <p>A personal view of an alternative therapy.</p>	<p>Session K SALON F</p> <p>What Works II: Trauma Resolution</p> <p><i>Linda Bieniek, CEAP</i> <i>Michele Marshall, MSW, LCSW</i></p> <p>A discussion of using therapeutic approaches to work through barriers that may develop from having had polio.</p> <p>Chinese Medicine</p> <p><i>Susan Harris, Licensed Acupuncturist</i></p> <p>Exploring ways to increase your energy (Qi) and relieve pain.</p>	<p>Session E SALON A</p> <p>Bracing in Depth</p> <p><i>Glenn Ham-Rosebrock, CO</i> <i>Rich Stanfill, CO</i> <i>Mark K. Taylor, CPO</i></p> <p>Experienced orthotists will present additional options/ideas for bracing.</p>	<p>Session O SALON E</p> <p>Frogbreathing: Benefits and Techniques</p> <p><i>Augusta Alba, MD</i></p> <p>A video demonstrating the frogbreathing technique will be shown, followed by discussion and practice.</p>
<p>Session A (repeat) SALON B</p> <p>Post-Polio Research: What Is Being Done and Needs to be Done</p> <p><i>Burk Jubelt, MD</i> <i>Daria A. Trojan, MD</i></p> <p>Current and proposed future research in epidemiologic, etiologic, pathophysiologic, diagnostic, and therapeutic studies will be presented.</p>	<p>Session G SALON G</p> <p>Wellness for Women with Polio: A Holistic Program Model</p> <p><i>Rita Faudman, PhD</i> <i>Sunny Roller</i></p> <p>What is wellness? What is the wellness research study at the University of Michigan investigating? How might you create a rewarding wellness program just for you?</p>	<p>Session M SALON F</p> <p>Ventilators and Bi-Level Pressure Devices: What and How</p> <p><i>Alan Fiala, PhD</i></p> <p>Lessons learned in recognizing need for ventilator, choosing type, adapting to its use, accepting changes, insurance issues, etc..</p> <p><i>Sarah Riley</i></p> <p>Differences in volume and pressure products will be presented.</p> <p><i>Oscar A. Schwartz, MD</i></p> <p>Insights into choosing ventilator products.</p>	<p>Session N SALON E</p> <p>Assisted Cough: Benefits and Techniques</p> <p><i>George Emerson</i></p> <p>The setup and operation of the Emerson In-Exsufflator Cough Machine will be demonstrated.</p> <p><i>Susan Sortor Leger, RRT</i></p> <p>A manual assisted cough technique will be demonstrated.</p> <p><i>Steven Linder, MD, FCCP</i></p> <p>Presentation of study on abdominal muscle functional electrical stimulation to enhance cough.</p>
<p>Session J SALON A</p> <p>Where Will I Live?</p> <p><i>Nancy Caverly, OTR</i></p> <p>View a video about home accessibility. Ask questions about your home accessibility needs. Additional information will be available to take home about accessibility and other "housing" options, etc.</p>	<p>Session G (repeat) SALON G</p> <p>Wellness for Women with Polio: A Holistic Program Model</p> <p><i>Rita Faudman, PhD</i> <i>Sunny Roller</i></p> <p>What is wellness? What is the wellness research study at the University of Michigan investigating? How might you create a rewarding wellness program just for you?</p>	<p>Session F SALON F</p> <p>Equipment for Driving</p> <p><i>Alan Brown</i> <i>Doris Jones</i></p> <p>A slide presentation on vehicle/van wheelchair lifts and different types of driving controls and systems followed by a discussion will be presented.</p>	<p>Session P SALON E</p> <p>Medical Concerns of Living Long-term with a Ventilator</p> <p><i>Augusta Alba, MD</i> <i>Oscar A. Schwartz, MD</i></p> <p>Physicians experienced in treating individuals who use a ventilator full or part-time will offer insights about living long-term with a ventilator and will answer questions</p>

E V E N I N G

<p>5:00 pm SENATOR SUITE (1ST FLOOR)</p> <p>Mass</p> <p><i>Robert Ronald, SJ</i></p>	<p>6:30 - 7:00 pm EAST FOYER</p> <p>Cash bar</p>	<p>7:00 - 10:00 pm PAVILION BALLROOM A-D</p> <p>Dinner and Entertainment</p> <p><i>Shaaron Peters, Professional Storyteller</i></p> <p>Music by</p> <p><i>Pieces of 8</i></p>
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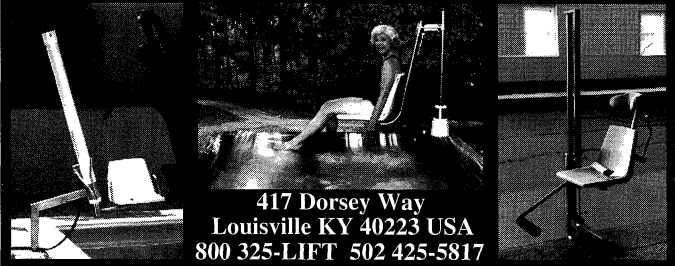
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