

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Through the AACAP's Annual Meeting, Annual Review Course, Lifelong Learning Institute, Psychopharmacology Update Institute, *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, and eAACAP online CME programs, physicians and allied professionals are educated in the newest research on childhood mental, emotional, developmental, and behavioral disorders. The AACAP's continuing medical education programs are a part of clinicians' lifelong learning and daily practice and are designed to bring the best treatments to children in need.

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

The AACAP has achieved an Accreditation with Commendation decision from the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) for its continuing medical education.

Only 6-8% of accredited CME providers attain this status. To achieve this, the AACAP completed a comprehensive, written, 400-page self-study report, participated in a televideo interview, and wrote a progress report detailing the past four years of CME activities. This decision means that we have a six year accreditation term instead of a four year term. We received exemplary compliance in the following essential areas and elements: planning process, needs assessment, evaluation of overall CME program, business and management policies and procedures of CME program, and policies for disclosure and standards for commercial support. This decision confirms the strength of AACAP's continuing medical education program.

Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

The *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* (JAACAP) is recognized worldwide as the leading scientific journal dedicated exclusively to the study of child and adolescent mental health.

Readership of the *Journal* extends beyond AACAP membership and encompasses not only child and adolescent psychiatrists, but pediatricians and other child and adolescent healthcare providers. December 2007 marked the final year of editorship for **Mina Dulcan, M.D.**, who has served as editor since 1998. **Andrés Martin, M.D., M.P.H.**, began his term as Editor on January 1, 2008. During Dr. Dulcan's tenure, *JAACAP* became ranked first in the Science Citation Index's impact factor for children's mental health as well as the number 1 journal in pediatrics, as reported in the recently released SCI Journal Citation Reports for 2007. Dr. Dulcan also oversaw the development and implementation of the online version of JAACAP.



Benjamin Büttner and Claire Elizabeth Ford, daughter of Heidi Ford, enjoy the Jersey Shore.

AACAP's Annual Meeting

Each year, the Annual Meeting provides an update on the latest research in child and adolescent psychiatry. Highlights of AACAP's 54th Annual Meeting in Boston include:

- A rich scientific program, which was led by **Neal D. Ryan, M.D.**, Program Committee Chair, and **Bennett L. Leventhal, M.D.**, Deputy Program Committee Chair.
- Outstanding local support of the meeting was coordinated by **Sharon Weinstein, M.D.**, chair of the Boston Local Arrangements Committee, who also served on AACAP's 2007 Program Committee as part of her responsibilities. **Joan Wall**, Local Arrangements Administrator and Executive Director of the New England Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (NECCAP) also played a key role in organizing the committee and was extremely helpful onsite.
- The Research Forum on *The Future of Neuroimaging: Relevance for Child Psychiatry* garnered high interest and sold out quickly.
- The **Karl Menninger, M.D.** Plenary Address on Wednesday, October 24 was presented by AACAP President-Elect **Robert L. Hendren, D.O.** and focused on *eAACAP: Casting a Wide Net to Nurture Mentally Healthy Children*. During this plenary session, the Humanitarian of the Year Awards were presented to **T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.** and **Robert Coles, M.D.** and

tributes were presented to **Stella Chess, M.D.**, **Henry Work, M.D.**, **Melvin Lewis, M.D.**, and **Henrietta Leonard, M.D.** **Mina Dulcan, M.D.** was also recognized for her service as Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

- Chaired by **Thomas Anders, M.D.**, the Town Meeting was on *Ethical Issues and Industry Influence Members and AACAP: What Should We Do?*
- AACAP offered the special institute for Primary Care Clinicians, titled *Practical Pediatric Psychopharmacology for Primary Care Clinicians*, chaired by **Christopher Kratochvil, M.D.**, and **Adelaide Robb, M.D.** The Institute provided practical information to primary care clinicians on the use of psychotropic medications in their practices. AACAP marketed the Institute to pediatricians, primary care clinicians, and family physicians. With 83 physicians enrolling, the Institute was a well-attended success.
- AACAP is very appreciative of the support we received for the 2007 Annual Meeting. Gold level sponsors—Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli Lilly and Company, Shire US Inc.; Bronze level sponsor: McNeil Pediatrics Division of McNeil-PPC, Inc.

Maintenance of Certification

During 2007, the Work Group on Maintenance of Certification worked tirelessly on the development of *Module 4: Schools, Forensics, Community Systems of Care, Consultative Issues, Ethics, Culture, Public Policy/Advocacy, and Updates on Relevant Topics for Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists*.

The MOC Institute at the Annual Meeting received very high evaluation ratings. In the coming year, the AACAP will continue to make members more aware of MOC issues.



2007 Local Arrangements Committee Chair Sharon Weinstein, M.D., and her son, Daniel.