

NORTHWEST RECAP

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A huge thank you to all the delegates, exhibitors and speakers who helped make the 52nd annual Northwest Naturopathic Physicians Convention a success. It was also the largest and most successful conference ever hosted in BC.

Our delegates came from across the continent: Alberta, Alaska, Arizona, BC, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Nevada, Ontario, Oregon, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Washington, and Wisconsin. In addition, we welcomed exhibitors from those states and provinces as well as from Texas, Virginia, Illinois and Florida.

Overall the speaker line-up was very well received. Tree Farm Tapes was on hand to record lectures (as CD or MP3). Contact them directly (www.treefarmtapes.com) for information on ordering. If you would like an additional copy of the syllabus, or a CD with all the speaker notes in PDF format, contact the BCNA (www.bcna.ca). For information on Dr. Abramson's book contact the BCNA. Our opening plenary speaker, Dr. James Duke, celebrated his 79th birthday at the Northwest. Thank you James for providing us with your wealth of insight and expertise.

Some thanks are in order for all the organizational work involved in hosting the event too. The NW committee includes doctors from across the Canadian and US Pacific Northwest. I would like to thank all directors for accepting various tasks and roles that helped move the convention along smoothly. We were ably supported by Dr. David Bayley as MC. Also, Dr. Scott Tyler helped organize entertainment on both Friday and Saturday evening. The arcade, DJ, live music and magic were a wonderful accompaniment to the seminars. The Healing Hands seminar Saturday morning provided a wonderful opportunity to share technique. Thanks to Dr. Hal Brown for facilitating this event. And I'd like to thank the BCNA staff, Glenn Cassie and Pascale Rootham, for managing registration.

Our balloon raffle was a lot of fun. Thanks to all the doctors who participated. Our big Hills Health Ranch spa getaway was won by BC's Dr. Jonas LaForge. In turn, Hills Health Ranch staffers, Juanita Corbett and Regula Wittmer, won the LCD TV and DVD player. Generosity

truly does have it's rewards! There were many other prizes awarded of course. Our thanks to Dr. Lisa Connolly for the Keirestell B&B Weekend, won by Dr. Erik Gilbertson of Washington; Drs. Kelly Farnsworth and Mark Percival, Patricia Hutchison and Cheri Percival for the Apex Ski vacation, won by Victoria's Dr. Jane Rohon O'Halloran; accommodation at the Hilton for the 2009 NW, won by BINM grad Jese Wiens; registration at the 2009 NW, won by Dr. Bruce Milliman of Seattle, a long-time NW supporter; and of course, we had many other contributions, including Ferlow Brothers Botanicals (also on the exhibit floor), Hyatt, Lifespa, and local merchants.

At the Saturday banquet we honoured Dr. Chris Turner of Manitoba for his many years of support and especially his generosity. An 80th birthday card, signed by doctors and staff at NCMN as well as alumnae, was presented to my father Dr. Gerald Farnsworth. Other elders in attendance included Drs. Allan Tyler and Betty Radelet.

I feel the Hyatt provided exceptional opportunities for colleague and supplier interaction. There were some drawbacks in terms of overall space, particularly the size of our breakout room, but as the profession grows, and demands for space increase, we are limited in the venues available to us. The Hyatt is one of three Vancouver hotels that allows us to host a convention on one level in adjacent rooms—a priority for the committee as we plan ahead.

For those of you who attended and haven't sent in a feedback form, please take the time to do so. Our committee reviews all feedback and uses your suggestions and preferences as a means to develop future conventions.

Don't forget to bookmark our website, www.nwnpc.com, and pencil in the 2009 NW in Seattle, April 24-26.



Top: Opening plenary speaker on Saturday, Dr. John Abramson. Bottom: On the exhibit floor l t r, Drs. Dorothy Fairley, Brenda Gill, Russell Marz.

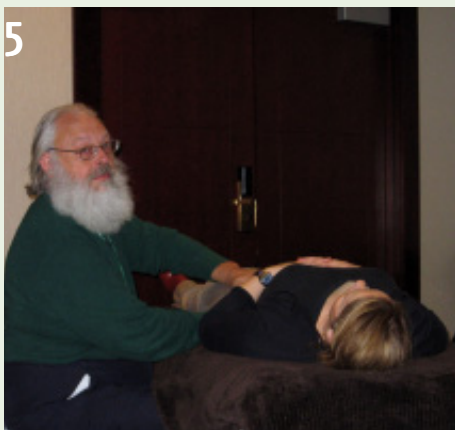
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1. On the exhibit floor l to r: Dr. Raj Jheeta, Randall DeMone of Cytomatrix, Luis Flores, homeopath and BINM student, Dr. Scott Tyler and, in front, his wife Lexie. Scott oversaw entertainment on Friday and Saturday and MC'd Saturday night.
2. Dr. Todd Farnsworth, NW Convention Committee Chair, at the registration desk with a Kashi product, one of the convention sponsors.
3. L to r: BCNA Honorary Member Dr. Allan Tyler, Dr. Jim Duke, keynote presenter on botanical medicine, and Dr. Ted Sleigh.
4. Adam, keynote on energetic medicine.
5. On the exhibit floor l to r: Dr. Tonia Mitchell, newly elected to the BCNA Board of Directors, CCNM grads/new doctors Bobby Parmar and Karen Nguyen, and Dr. Matt Gowan of ND Assist.



1. Dr. Cathy Carlson Rink (front), who presented on obstetrics on Saturday. Also pictured Dr. Marnie Wachtler, Andrew Munaweera of Flora, Dr. Isis van Loon, BINM Dean of Clinical Studies and Dr. Tanja White.
2. Dr. Melinda Beck, taking questions after her lecture on hydrotherapy.
3. Dr. Todd Farnsworth manages the balloon raffle at the Saturday evening banquet. Drs. Christoph Kind, Sherry Kirchner, Jane Rohon O'Halloran and Liza Austin vie for a winning balloon.
4. On the exhibit floor, l to r: BCNA President Dr. Christoph Kind, Dr Ara Elmajian, Bojana Djokivic of York Downs.
5. At the Healing Hands breakfast. Dr. Filip Vanzhov performs Reiki.
6. At the Healing Hands breakfast. Dr. Hal Brown works with Dr. Jeanne Paul. Hal subsequently presented on cervical manipulation.
7. At the Saturday evening banquet, l to r: Dr. Cathryn Coe, her fiancée, and Dr. Sanjay Mohan Ram.