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Hoosier RT's Attend 33rd ISRC Seminar

More than 250 respiratory care practitioners, the largest crowd in several years, attended the ISRC Fall Seminar, on September 20 and 21, 2007, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Indianapolis

New at this year's seminar was an entire day dedicated to sleep medicine. Dennis Wissing presented the Bob Glass Honorary Lecture on Thursday. Nationally renowned speaker Bob Kacmarek, gave both a historical perspective on mechanical ventilation and a look at the future. Attorney Mr. Charles Bate, esq. presented a mock trial of a respiratory care practitioner to emphasize the importance of documentation.

Therapists and students crowded the exhibit hall during breaks, visiting the more than 40 vendors with both respiratory and sleep related products. Several booths took on the "PulMonopoly" or other game theme. Seminar attendees voted the Therapists Choice Award to Lincare, while Cardinal Health was awarded the ISRC Program Committee Award.



2007 Scholarship winners: Melissa Gerdom, John King, Leslee McBride, and Bonnie Davis.

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As has become a tradition in recent years, the silent auction was a hit, raising more than \$2000 for respiratory care scholarships. Twenty-five students from several programs submitted papers for this year's scholarships. Bonnie Davis and Leslee McBride, both of IVY Tech Community College in Indianapolis were awarded the Patrick E. Doyle Literary Awards, while John King of the University of Southern Indiana and Melissa Gerdom of IVY Tech in Fort Wayne won ISRC Literary Awards.

Mary Todd, ISRC President, presented the Chapter of the Year Award to Chapter 3 (Susan VonTobel and Greg Woodsmall), the Most Improved Chapter to Chapter 7 (Susan Wynn and Lori Davis), and the President's Award to Ross Havens.



Susan Wynn (left), Lori Davis (Right); accept the Most Improved Chapter Award from Marry Todd

The program Committee has already begun preparing for next year's seminar, which will be held in West Lafayette on October 8-10.

Evansville Celebrates Respiratory Care Week, 2007



ISRC President Mary Todd(right), Ron Bacon, Chapter 6 Director (far left) and Tony Schmitt, USI professor accept a Mayoral proclamation for Respiratory Care Week from Evansville Mayor Jonathon Weinzapfel (2nd from the right).

Message from the President

By Mary Todd

The last 2 years have flown by. I am sad and excited for my presidential term to come to an end. I have met a lot of interesting and dynamic people in the profession at the state and national level. The ISRC Chapter Directors are a great group of people. They have made the board meetings entertaining and kept me on my toes! Thank you Chapter Directors! Do you know who your Chapter Director is??

The last 2 years, the Fall Seminar has been a huge success for our state. For anyone not knowing this, the ISRC supports itself through out the year with this meeting. Without the Fall Seminar, we would have a hard time functioning. So, the Program Committee should give themselves a big pat on the back for a job well done!

Without all the other committees, the ISRC would not be able to stay focused. Our Legislative Committee keeps us informed of all the bills that affect our profession. Thank you Pat Ingle and the rest of your group!

Ross Havens has resurrected the Pulmonary Press and kept the AARC/ISRC members informed. Candy Schladenhauffen and Ross Havens, as our delegates, have kept everyone informed at the national level. Thank you Candy & Ross! Ted Jackson has big plans to increase the AARC/ISRC membership in our state with the discount vouchers for the AARC memberships. Remember, more

members mean more voice and power! Ted has worked long and hard to get this up and running. Thank you Ted!

Cheri Bate, as the secretary, has sent information out to the ISRC Board Members to keep them updated and keep me going. Thank you Cheri! Charity Bowling has found us a room on the IVY Tech campus for any meetings we have needed. Thank you Charity! As Treasurer, Craig Traxler has kept everyone on track with spending and the money coming in. He is a great treasurer and has helped keep us in the black! Thank you Craig!

Starting in 2008, Jennifer Brink will be taking over as President. She has a lot of great experience with the Board and will do a wonderful job. So, as I say goodbye, please welcome Jennifer!

Mary Todd RRT, ISRC President

Election 2007

At its November 16 meeting, the ISRC Board of Directors certified the results of the 2007 election. Charity Bowling was elected to a 2-year term as Secretary. Incumbent Directors who won re-election include Mike Williams (Chapter 1), Susan VonTobel (Chapter 3, Jeff Hunsucker (Chapter 4) and Lori Davis (Chapter 7). Newly elected Directors include Julie Myers (Chapter 2), Sharon Adams (Chapter 5) and Janet Sievers (Chapter 6).

We bid a fond (temporary ?) farewell to Cheri Bate, and Ron Bacon, who are leaving the Board of Directors, and heartily thank them for their years of service to the ISRC.

HR 3968

On October 22, during Respiratory Care Week, US Representative Mike Ross of Arkansas formally introduced bill **HR 3968** in Congress. This landmark bill will revise Medicare to give patients access to respiratory care services outside the hospital setting. If passed, this bill will significantly improve the respiratory care services we can provide in doctors offices, patients homes and other care settings. This bill validates the vital role Respiratory Therapists play in the health care system.

Please encourage your colleagues and patients to write to their Congressperson in support of this bill. The AARC provides an easy method to do so. Simply go to the AARC website, www.aarc.org, and click on the Capital Connection. By entering your ZIP code you can identify your Representative, and either send the prepared e-mail letter or write your own text.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL OF US TO STEP UP AND SUPPORT OUR PROFESSION AND OUR PATIENTS.

WELCOME

The ISRC welcomes new students who started their studies in Respiratory Care this fall

Clarian

Anas Al-mahrouq
 Baidu Banyon
 Kaci Beaty, Kristin Bilbo
 Jennifer Henkle
 Courtney Jeffers
 Nicole Konopka
 Katrice Leslie
 Kathy McCracken
 Jana Meredith
 Rachel Murphy
 Megan Nally
 Priscilla Ndiangang
 Phillip Nicely
 Matthew O'Neal
 Paula Ream
 Ranee Reed
 Brittany Robbins
 Chelsey Stutzman
 Talisha Turner
 Tamara Watkins-Ward
 Tiffany Weeden
 David Westenkirchner
 Hannah Whitmer
 Jacqueline Zedikers

IVY Tech - Michigan City

Jeanette Acunal
 Amanda Adkins
 Sandra Bale
 Lydia Brown
 Helen Chege,
 Melissa Dunfee
 Gina Eichelberg
 Valerie Graper
 Lisa Harbron
 Angela Kiger,
 Jamie O'Brien
 Wendy Smurdon
 Terah Thompson
 Ashley Tinoco
 Phillip Williams
 Arlene Wortsman

IVY Tech - Terre Haute

Chandra Andis
 Jessica Hastings
 Jerri Hays
 Lana Heath
 Leslie LeMay
 Kathy Lyday
 Kristina McAllister
 Ric McKanna
 Cindy Miller
 Suzanne Plank
 Erica Ransford
 Jodi Sullivan
 Dawn Thompson

IVY Tech - Indianapolis

Temitope Adeyemo
 Amanda Anderson
 Rosemary Areh
 Sharnay Brown
 Brianne Cheek
 Amber Covington
 Shaena Daugherty
 Jonathan Engle
 Carla Gibbs,
 Amie Grooms
 Gordon McClure
 Chelsea Noll
 Brian Novak
 Erica Pasch
 Dana Pennington
 Kerri Poindexter
 Keith Rhorer
 Chris Sczesny
 Shari Sczesny
 Jaime West
 Shay Wiseman

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR STUDIES.

ISRC Calendar

- February 1, 2008 12:00 Noon**
 IVY Tech Community College
 9301 E. 59th Street
 Indianapolis, Indiana
- June 6, 2008 12:00 Noon**
 IVY Tech Community College
 9301 E. 59th Street
 Indianapolis, Indiana
- September 8, 2008 6:00 PM**
 Purdue University Conference Center
 West Lafayette, Indiana
- December 5, 2008 12:00 Noon**
 IVY Tech Community College
 9301 E. 59th Street
 Indianapolis, Indiana

ISRC 34th Annual Seminar

October 8-10, 2008
Purdue University Conference Center
West Lafayette, Indiana

All Board meetings are open to the public.

