

ASSOCIATION NEWS



Semi-Annual Spring Convention

The Arizona Naturopathic Medical Association (AzNMA) is hosting its Semi-Annual Spring Convention May 31-June 1 at SCNM in Tempe.

The convention will offer continuing education hours for NDs.

A schedule of the conference was not available as of press time. For more information or to register, visit www.aznma.org or call 480-921-3088.

BCNA Applauds Gov't Speech on Healthcare Reform

The British Columbia Naturopathic Association (BCNA) expressed its support for the Campbell government's Speech from the Throne, which introduced new directions for healthcare and better use of health professionals to meet patient needs.

"Government has recognized that the shortage of health professionals continues to grow, and the best way to combat that challenge is to allow NDs and all health professionals to practice to the full extent of their training and ability," said Christoph Kind, ND, president of the BCNA.

The Throne Speech mentioned improving the ability for NDs to better serve patients, by allowing them to prescribe medicinal therapies and removing their restrictions to medical labs.



OANP Seminars

The Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians (OANP) is organizing several seminars in its Healthy Environment Forum Series that are great sources of information for both physicians and their patients. All seminars will be held in Portland at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah.

- Mid-May (date TBD as of press time): The Falling Age of Puberty in U.S. Girls: What We Know and Need to Know. Sandra Steingraber, PhD, will share recent findings and discuss policy actions necessary to address this problem.

- Mid-June (date TBD): Drugs in the Water: How our Medicine Cabinets are Contaminating Nature. Marc Taylor, MD, will discuss how prescription drugs enter the environment, their potential consequences, and how they affect humans as well as fish and other species.

For more information about the seminars or this series, visit www.oanp.org, call 503-262-8586 or e-mail info@oanp.org.



FNM Update

FNM continues to build international relations in an effort to not only create a codifying textbook of naturopathic foundations, but also to strengthen the medicine's impact on global healthcare solutions.

Invaluable Resource Donated to FNM

Mitchell Bebel Stargrove, ND, LAc, a scholar, leader and history associate editor, generously donated the IBIS and Interactions projects' resources, a database including more than 20,000 articles and abstracts covering relevant topics such as medicine, science, history and culture, to be used by FNM editors and writers. Eventually, Stargrove wants to make the database available to the profession, including colleges. To extend, expand and secure the database online, FNM has established a fellowship held by Zora DeGrandpre, MS, ND. Kris Ritchey, currently developing a natural medicine fellowship program, will be working closely with FNM and DeGrandpre to pilot and develop the program.

BNA Recognizes Senior Editor

Roger Newman Turner, ND, DO, BAC, an FNM senior editor, was one of five NDs awarded a fellowship from the British Naturopathic Association last year. The first of its kind, the award reflects "naturopathic principles, a spirit of renaissance and the five elements in a design that evokes the spiral of life, the flow of water, the growth of plants, the flight of imagination, the flame of love, the mystery of the

universe and, above all, the inspiration that each Fellow has given to so many NDs." The award went to individuals having made an outstanding contribution to naturopathic medicine. Turner, practicing since 1963, has authored many books on health and diet, and has lectured internationally.

UK Sponsor Marks Growing International Support

FNM sponsors now extend beyond our continent, heralding a global promise of collaborative naturopathic healthcare. United Kingdom's Nutri (Imports & Exports) Ltd., the first international donor, generously gifted \$10,000. FNM leaders hope to visit the UK to hear from students, faculty, professionals and other industry friends sharing their mission.

On Track with Textbook's Timeline

Authors have worked diligently to meet the March 31 deadline for drafts. As the book's publishing date draws nearer, FNM's international crew of authors and editors are making streamline use of Moodle, the online communication management system donated to the project by NCNM. Senior and associate editors will continue taking advantage of Moodle's global networking ability to share with contributors their introductory section chapter drafts for feedback, making final draft completion efficient and thorough.

New Associate and Senior Editors Welcomed

Several new authors have joined FNM's team of editors. FNM is honored to add Hans Baer, PhD (University of Melbourne) and George Cody, JDI, MPA (Bastyr University) to the history editors' team of Jared Zeff, ND, LAc, (Bastyr) and Dr. Stargrove (MedicineWorks.com). Baer's years of scholarship, writing and vast knowledge of medical anthropology, sociology, medical history and naturopathic medicine; and Cody's expertise in naturopathic history and public policy will boost the already adept team. Pauline Baumann, ND, is now associate editor for spirituality, bringing her vision and precision; and Dr. Turner has joined the nature cure editors' team of Cathy Rogers,

ND and Letitia Watrous, ND. Don Warren, ND, DHANP (Canada) rounds out the international leadership as a senior editor.

New Books by FNM Authors

Two FNM authors continue to advance natural medicine: Dr. Stargrove is coauthor with Jonathan Treasure and Dwight L. McKee, MD of *Herb, Nutrient and Drug Interactions: Clinical Implications and Therapeutic Strategies* (published by Mosby Elsevier). Leon Chaitow, FNM lead author, is editor of *Naturopathic Physical Medicine: Theory and Practice for Manual Therapists and Naturopaths* (Elsevier).

Contact FNM at www.foundationsproject.com or 206-517-4527 for more information. The FNM is a project of NCNM.

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Academic Home and Partners Program

NCNM

The FNM Project continues to have its academic home at NCNM in Portland. NCNM's commitment to the project through its Partners Program has been important to the long-term strength of FNM as a catalyst for professional formation.

speakers, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts for kids, and musical talent. Bastyr's vegetarian cafeteria will be open, and student groups will sell herbal baked goods and snacks, as well.

Keynote speakers for the event include Deborah Frances, ND and herbalist; Jennifer Hahn, adventurer, wild food harvester and author of *Spirited Waters: Soloing South Through the Inside Passage*; and Sandor Ellix Katz, author of *Wild Fermentation*, who also will be offering three workshops at the fair.

Last year more than 3,000 visitors attended the event.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.bastyr.edu/news/news.asp?NewsTypeId=1 or e-mail continuing@bastyr.edu.



NCNM Receives President's Honor Roll Award

The Corporation for National and Community Service named NCNM to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

"Our purpose is to make natural medicine available to people all over America," said David Schleich, PhD, NCNM president. "We know our mission is thriving when our student interns, doctors and teachers are able to reach out to so many people through community clinics. This honor reflects our commitment."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its

commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

In affiliation with the NARA Indian Health Clinic, NCNM began offering healthcare to underserved populations in 1993. NCNM now operates 13 natural health clinics in conjunction with non-profit organizations in the Portland area, which record approximately 17,000 patient visits per year, and provide primary healthcare and natural medicines valued at \$1.2 million each year to underserved populations. The clinics are completely supported by donations; they receive no government funding.



BINM on Track for Full School Enrollment

As the youngest naturopathic medical college in North America – established in 2000 – Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM) in New Westminster, B.C. has grown considerably since its foundation.

BINM accepts only 36 students per year, offering high student-faculty interaction and mentoring.

In January 2009, BINM will be starting a unique, part-time ND 36-student cohort, to be held on evenings and Saturdays for established healthcare professionals and qualified individuals with previous time commitments. At that time, BINM's enrollment will be at full capacity.