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Chiropractic Comes of Age at ACC-RAC 2003 Conference

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The March 13-16, 2003, Association of Chiropractic Colleges Research Agenda Conference (ACC-RAC) at the Omni Hotel in New Orleans marked the second year the two groups have joined forces to create a program designed to enhance significantly the natural relationship between chiropractic scholarship and education. The 2003 conference combined the 10th annual meeting of the ACC with RAC's 8th annual meeting.

The 334 attendees enjoyed a variety of thought-provoking plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, and platform and poster presentations. This year's platform and poster presentations represented a wide range of scholarship efforts in chiropractic. Plenary sessions covered such issues as diversity in chiropractic education, practice and research; influencing public policy on chiropractic; and strategies to increase chiropractic's research capacity.

"It's wonderful to see this event come together after a year's worth of work," said Claire Johnson, DC, MS Ed, faculty member at Palmer College of Chiropractic West and ACC peer-review chair for the conference. "So many people from a myriad of disciplines at chiropractic colleges have contributed through poster presentations, platform presentations and on various conference committees. The quality of scholarship continues to improve each year, thanks to everyone's efforts."

A team of professionals from several chiropractic colleges worked together to bring the ACC-RAC conference to fruition, according to Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, conference project director and director of chiropractic sciences at the Palmer College of Chiropractic Division of Graduate Studies.

"It gives me great pleasure to work with my colleagues at Palmer and other chiropractic institutions to ensure chiropractic educational and research scholarship are brought to new levels at each ACC-RAC conference," commented Dr. Hawk. "Dr. Jean Moss (president of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College) was a gracious and hard-working conference chair. It's also important to recognize the generous financial

support of the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions. Their continued support, along with other funders, allows us to enhance the scope of this conference each year."



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