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LADDERS | 65 Walnut Street | Wellesley, MA 02481

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SCHEDULE

Day 1

Friday, April 11

- 7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 AM Opening Remarks**
CTIA 2008 Planning Committee; Margaret L. Bauman, MD; Felice Loverso, PhD; Jan Feinstein; Ronald Kleinman, MD; Vince Goglia, Michael Chmura
- 8:30 AM Stephen Shore, PhD**
Preparing For Success In Adult Life For People With Autism: An Inside View
- 9:30 AM Margaret L. Bauman, MD**
Looking Inside the Brain of Individuals with ASD Throughout the Course of Their Development
- 10:30 AM Break and Exhibits**
- 11:00 AM Timothy Buie, MD**
Where is the Medical in Biomedical Interventions for Autism?
- 12:00 PM Networking Reception**
Exhibits and the Higashi High School Band
- 12:30 PM Lunch**
- 1:30 PM Concurrent Sessions**
 - SESSION A **Marvin Natowicz, MD, PhD:** Genetic and Metabolic Causes of Autism: Insights from Clinical Practice and Research Studies
 - SESSION B **Michael Weiss, PhD:** Autism as a Movement Disorder: Implications for Understanding Hyperlexia and Literacy
- 2:40 PM Concurrent Sessions**
 - SESSION A **Marvin Natowicz, MD, PhD:** Disturbances of Mitochondrial Energy Production and the Autism Spectrum Disorders
 - SESSION B **Stacey Szklut MS, OTR/L:** Identifying and Shifting Sensory Based Behaviors: Strategies to Improve Participation
 - SESSION C **Sheldon Wagner, PhD:** 5 Lessons, 6 Strategies and 7 Principles: Behavioral DEVELOPMENT (Not Management) from Childhood to Adolescence in Stereotypies, Language, and Social Cognition
- 3:40 PM Break and Exhibits**
- 4:00 PM Isaac Pessah, PhD**
Environmental Risks Factors in ASD: What We Know/ What We Need to Know
- 5:00 PM Wrap-up Day 1**
Margaret L. Bauman, MD
- 5:45 PM Awards Reception**
All Conference Participants are Welcome
Fruit, Cheese and Cash Bar

SCHEDULE

Day 2

Saturday, April 12

- 7:15 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast**
 - 8:00 AM Opening Remarks**-(report to respective concurrent session rooms)
 - 8:10 PM Concurrent Sessions**
 - SESSION A **Soma Mukhopadhyay, BS, MS, Chemistry and BA Education:** Rapid Prompting Method (RPM)
 - SESSION B **Charles Henry, MD:** Treating Aggressive and Disruptive Behaviors in Autism Spectrum Disorders
 - 9:20 PM Concurrent Sessions**
 - SESSION A **Anne Larkin, PhD:** He's an Adult-Now What?
 - SESSION B **Dorry Brown, MEd:** Promoting Language and Social Skills in Young Children: A Group Model for Intervention
 - 10:20 AM Break and Exhibits**
 - 10:35 AM Concurrent Sessions**
 - SESSION A **Dorothea Iannuzzi, LICSW, Michael A. Mancusi, LICSW, BCD, Marianne K. Fougere, LICSW:** Where Do We Go From Here? Putting Together the Pieces; Setting Priorities, and Finding Balance for Your Family
 - SESSION B **Howard Shane, PhD, James Sorce, PhD:** A Clinical Model for Observational Learning
 - 11:45 AM Concurrent Sessions**
 - SESSION A **James McPartland, PhD:** The Development of Face Processing in Autism
 - SESSION B **Joel Smith, PhD:** Vocational Success
 - 12:45 PM Lunch**
 - 1:45 PM Diane Chugani, PhD**
How brain imaging can help us understand critical periods of brain development: Role in the development of new interventions
 - 2:45 PM Nancy Minshew, MD**
Autism as a Disorder of Neural Connectivity & Information Processing
 - 3:45 PM Break and Exhibits**
 - 4:00 PM Pat Levitt, PhD**
Translational Research Opportunities: Personal Lessons Learned from Autism Spectrum Disorders
 - 5:00 PM Closing Remarks**
Dr. Margaret Bauman
- Saturday Dinner Panel (separate admission)**
- 5:45 PM Speaker Reception and Buffet Dinner**
(participants must be confirmed, separate entry fee)
An opportunity to speak to a panel of CTIA 2008 speakers and expert clinicians from LADDERS on the many realistic treatments, therapies and education programs for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.

Faculty

Margaret L. Bauman, MD: Pediatric Neurologist, MassGeneral Hospital; Director, The Autism Research Foundation and LADDERS Clinic; Medical Chair, Autism Treatment Network; Associate Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School

Dorry Brown, MEd: Director, Group Language Therapy Program Children's Hospital Boston at Waltham Center for Communication Disorders

Timothy Buie, MD: Pediatric Gastroenterologist, MassGeneral Hospital for Children; Autism Treatment Network; Instructor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

Michael Chmura, MA: President, Friends of LADDERS

Diane Chugani, PhD: Professor of Pediatrics and Radiology, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Department of Pediatrics, PET Center

Jan Feinstein, PT: Site Manager, Ambulatory Services, Spaulding Wellesley

Marianne K. Fougere, LICSW: Therapist, Counseling Collaborative; DOE Coordinator, Cambridge Family and Children's Services

Vincent C. Goglia: Executive Director, New England Chapter, Autism Speaks

Charles Henry, MD: Child Psychiatrist, Assistant in Child Psychiatry, MassGeneral Hospital, LADDERS Clinic

Dorothea Iannuzzi LICSW: Child/Adolescent Clinician, Riverside Community Care Wakefield, MA, Suicide Prevention Specialist, Riverside Community Care Trauma Center Dedham, MA

Ronald Kleinman, MD: Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology, MassGeneral Hospital, Chief of Pediatrics, MassGeneral Hospital for Children

Anne Larkin, PhD: Professor of Education, Lesley College; Co-founder, "PALS" (Personal Advocacy & Lifetime Support)

Pat Levitt, PhD: Annette Schaffer Eskind Chair, Professor of Pharmacology, Director of Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development

Felice Loverso, PhD: President and CEO, Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation, Inc.

Michael A. Mancusi, LICSW, BCD: Child/Family Therapist and Partner Counseling Collaborative, Lexington, MA; Vice President, Health Center Operations, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

Nancy Minshew, MD: Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

James McPartland, PhD: Associate Research Scientist, Yale Child Study Center

Soma Mukhopadhyay, BS, MS, Chemistry and BA Education: HALO Director of Education, Developed Soma(r) Rapid Prompting Method (RPM)

Marvin Natowicz, MD, PhD: Department of Neurology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Autism Treatment Network

Isaac Pessah, PhD: Director, Center for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention UC Davis

Howard Shane, PhD: Associate Professor of Otolaryngology; Director, Center for Communication Disorders, Children's Hospital, Boston

Joel Smith, PhD: Executive Director Autism Services Association

Stephen Shore, PhD: ASD Consultant, Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee Appointee, author, Board President AANE, adult with Asperger Syndrome

James Sorce, PhD: Director, Multimedia Projects, Center for Communication Disorders, Children's Hospital, Boston

Stacey Szklut MS, OTR/L: Executive Director, South Shore Therapies

Sheldon Wagner, PhD: Developmental Psychologist and Director of Behavioral Development and Educational Services, Inc.

Michael Weiss, PhD: Developmental Psychologist, Giant Steps, Connecticut

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Awards Reception

Friends of LADDERS will honor the recipients of the **Margaret L. Bauman, MD, Awards for Excellence** within the Autism Community at the Awards Reception on Friday, April 11, 2008, at 6PM. This event recognizes exceptional parents and professionals who make a difference in the lives of individuals with autism. The presentation of **The Sarah Seaman Dubuque Award** will also take place during this reception.

The review committee wishes to recognize the commitment, dedication, and excellence of individuals in the following areas:

- **Outstanding Teacher/Educator in a School Setting**
- **Outstanding Medical Professional**
- **Outstanding Therapist Provider**
- **Outstanding Early Intervention Provider (Center or Home Based)**
- **Outstanding Parent or Professional in a Volunteer Capacity**
- **Outstanding Provider or Advocate for Adult Services**
- **Outstanding Student Researcher**

Nominate someone you value!

Please take a moment to fill out the ballot below and nominate someone in one or more of the categories listed above (simply photocopy this form if you wish to nominate more than one category). In addition, you may nominate someone through our online registration form at www.ladders.org. Follow the link to the 2008 Current Trends in Autism Conference. **There is no extra charge for this event.**

Nominations should be received no later than March 20, 2008 to CTIA 2008, PO Box 256, Arlington, MA 02476. Recipients will be notified prior to the conference and will be invited to receive their award at the Awards Reception.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Category of Nomination _____

I want to nominate this person because: (provide a narrative including how long you have known this person, in what capacity and what special attributes distinguish this person in their category). Please be as complete as possible and use additional space if needed.

Submitted by: Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

My name may be disclosed to the nominee: Yes No

I would enjoy reading selections from my ballot at the reception: Yes No

Hotel Accommodations

The **Boston Marriott Burlington** has reserved a block of rooms for CTIA 2008 attendees at a special rate of \$99 (plus tax) per night, single/double occupancy. Reservations must be made by March 28, 2008 to receive the reduced CTIA 2008 rate. Enter code **ATSATSA** in the group code box when making online reservations at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bosbu-boston-marriott-burlington, or call 1(800)228-9290/(781)229-6565 and state you are with Current Trends In Autism Conference. Regular hotel rates will apply to reservations made after March 28, 2008.

Directions

FROM LOGAN INT'L AIRPORT: Take I-93 North to Exit 37B to I-95 South. Take Exit 33B (Burlington) straight through the lights. Hotel is on the left.

FROM BOSTON: Take I-93 North to exit 37B to I-95 South. Take Exit 33B (Burlington) straight through the lights. Hotel is on the left.

FROM THE NORTH: Take I-95 South to Exit 33B (Burlington) straight through the lights. Hotel is on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-95 North to exit 32A-B. Keep left to stay on ramp and take exit 32B (right) onto Middlesex Turnpike. Turn right on Mall Road after the Burlington Mall. Drive approximately 1 mile. Hotel on the right.

FROM THE WEST: Take the Mass Pike to I-95 North exit 24, take ramp (left) onto I-95, and take exit 32A-B. Keep left to stay on ramp and take exit 32B (right) onto Middlesex Turnpike. Turn right on Mall Road after the Burlington Mall. Drive approximately 1 mile. Hotel on the right.

Registration

Registration will be accepted by mail (payment by check to CTIA 2008/FOL) or online (payment by credit card—MC/Visa/JCB only) at www.ladders.org/online.php. One person per form, please. Feel free to make copies of the form. Mail check and registration form to:

**CTIA 2008/FOL
PO Box 256
Arlington, MA 02476**

Space is limited, so register early. No phone or fax registration will be accepted. Mail-in registration closes April 4, 2008. You will receive a confirmation postcard or email.

Walk-in Registration will be accepted as space permits for an additional fee of \$25/per person/per day. Please call (781)449-6074 x1311, for updates.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be in writing with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Cancellations received by March 24, 2008 will receive a full refund. Any received after that date will be subject to a \$50 processing fee.

No refunds will be given for cancellations after April 3, 2008.

Registration fee includes conference materials and all meals listed in the program. Any proceeds from the conference will help to support programs and research endeavors at LADDERS.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Confirmation of registration: (check one) Email (preferred) Phone
 Fax _____ Postcard

Parent (child's age____) Person with ASD Student

2 days - Friday and Saturday @ \$195 \$_____

1 day (indicate which day) Friday **or** Saturday @ \$125/day \$_____

Saturday Evening Dinner and Panel - additional \$30 \$_____

Professional (professional credits applied for, indicate profession:_____)

2 days - Friday and Saturday @ \$295 \$_____

1 day (indicate which day) Friday **or** Saturday @ \$175/day \$_____

Saturday Evening Dinner and Panel - additional \$30 \$_____

I would like to make a donation to: Friends of LADDERS \$_____

The Autism Research Foundation \$_____

Please make checks payable to: **CTIA 2008/ FOL** TOTAL \$_____

Credit card payment available via online registration at www.ladders.org/online.php

Please check appropriate boxes:

Vegetarian meal option

I will attend the Friday night Awards Reception (no fee)

I cannot attend the Awards Reception, but will send in a nomination for a deserving individual

Continuing Education Credits:

- Physicians may self-claim credits of AMA PRA category 2 credit for this program: 6 credits for 4/11/08, plus 7 credits for 4/12/08.

- This program meets the requirements of the Board of Registration in Nursing, at 244 CMR 5.00 for nursing continuing education: 6 contact hours for 4/11/08 plus 7 contact hours for 4/12/08.

- Certificates of attendance/clock hours will be available for teachers, occupational therapists, and other disciplines: 6 hours for 4/11/08 plus 7 hours for 4/12/08.

Contact hours/credits have been applied for from:

- The National Association of Social Workers for continuing education contact hours: 6 CH for 4/11/08 plus 7 CH for 4/12/08.



- Massachusetts General Hospital, Speech-Language and Swallowing Department is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for 1.3 CEUs (intermediate level; professional area). ASHA Continuing Education Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

Breakout Sessions

Indicate 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choices for each breakout and general session (refer to schedule)

Friday **1:30 PM** _____ SESSION A _____ SESSION B Saturday **8:10 AM** _____ SESSION A _____ SESSION B

Friday **2:40 PM** _____ SESSION A _____ SESSION B Saturday **9:20 AM** _____ SESSION A _____ SESSION B

_____ SESSION C Saturday **10:35 PM** _____ SESSION A _____ SESSION B

Saturday **11:45 PM** _____ SESSION A _____ SESSION B