

Paediatric PTs in Disneyland

The International Organisation of Physical Therapists in Paediatrics (IOPTP) joined with the American Physical Therapy Association's Section on Pediatrics to organise a conference on "Moving Children Forward through Global Discovery and International Collaboration". The conference was held in January in Walt Disney World, Florida.

Nearly 500 people attended, coming from 43 American states and nine countries, including Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Chile, China Republic of Taiwan, Jamaica, Netherlands, Pakistan and Poland.

There were six tracks of programming covering infants, adolescents, school-based services, autism, gait, differential diagnosis, gait analysis, and fitness/sports. The subjects covered included cultural diversity and competency, knowledge translation, strategies for using research evidence to improve practice, and the future of education. Roundtable discussions focused on NICU, early intervention, and education.

"With such great participation and professional interaction, the Section on Pediatrics plans on hosting SoPAC in 2011 with hopes that the IOPTP will again join in collaboration," says Sheree York, IOPTP Secretary.