



International Conference on Behavioral Health
and Traumatic Brain Injury

St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ
October 12-15, 2008

**The Congressional Brain Injury Task Force
presents**

**The International Conference on Behavioral Health and
Traumatic Brain Injury**

at the

**St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center
Paterson, New Jersey
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Presented by:

Department of Defense, Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)
A Component of the Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and
Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE PH/TBI),
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, New Jersey
Congressional Brain Injury Task Force
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHA)
International Brain Injury Association
National Academy of Neuropsychology
International Brain Research Foundation

Purpose: To generate a comprehensive consensus statement to present to the Congress of the United States that will document specific recommendations for assessment, treatment, outcomes, and quality of life issues regarding traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress. International experts and health care professionals will convene to review and examine the current state of the science in PTSD/TBI that impacts research, education, health care services, family, community, and ethical issues.

Sunday, October 12, 2008

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Registration	Hilton Hasbrouck Heights Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey
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3PM to 7PM	Posters and Exhibits
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(4:00pm to 5:00pm: Special VIP reception for Silver, Gold, Platinum, & Title Sponsors)



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5:00 pm

Opening Reception and Welcome

Color Guard Procession

Brigadier General Loree Sutton, MD, National Director
Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health &
Traumatic Brain Injury (NCoE PH/TBI)

The Honorable William Pascrell
U.S. Representative, New Jersey

The Honorable Todd Platts
U.S. Representative, Pennsylvania

William A. McDonald, CEO & President
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center

Col. (s) Michael Jaffee, MD, National Director
Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)

Dr. George A. Zitnay, Co-Founder
Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)

Poster Session

Dr. Rosemarie Scolaro Moser, Poster & Exhibit Chair
Director, RSM Psychology Center

Monday, October 13, 2008

6:45 am

Breakfast Hilton Hasbrouck Heights
Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey

7:30 am

Buses Depart for St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center

8:15 am

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Conference Objective and Overview:

Dr. George A. Zitnay, Co-Founder
DVBIC

- 9:00 am **“Overview of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (NCoE PH/TBI)”**
Brigadier General Loree Sutton, MD
National Director, NCoE PH/TBI
- 9:15 am **Greeting and Charge via Videocommunication**
The Honorable John P. Murtha, U.S. Representative
12th Congressional District – Pennsylvania
Chairman – Defense Appropriations Committee
- 9:30 am **“The Scope and Cost of PTSD/TBI”**
Richard Hunt, MD, FACEP; Director – Division of Injury Response
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- 10:00 am **Break & Exhibits**
- 10:15 am **“PTSD – Science and Practice”**
Matthew J. Friedman, PhD, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and
Psychopharmacology/Toxicology
Dartmouth Medical School & Psychiatric Research Center
- 11:15 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**
“New Research Findings in Understanding the Brain after MildTBI”
David Allen Hovda, PhD, Director
University of California Los Angeles
Brain Injury Research Center



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- 12:15 noon **Lunch & Exhibits**
Rosemarie Scolaro Moser, PhD, Poster & Exhibit Chair
Director, RSM Psychology Center
- 1:15 pm **“Technological Advancements in TBI”**
Lucia W. Braga, PhD, SARAH Network
Brasilia, Brazil
Rory Cooper, PhD, Chair & Professor of Rehabilitation Science and
Technology, McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
University of Pittsburgh
- 2:15 pm **“Clinical Issues in TBI with PTSD”**
Col. (s) Michael Jaffee, MD
National Director, DVBIC
- 2:45 pm **“Novel Treatment in Mild TBI”**
Philip A. DeFina, PhD
International Brain Research Foundation
West Orange, NJ
- 3:20 pm **Break & Exhibits**
- 3:30 pm **“Psycho-pharmacological Issues and Model Treatment of the
Patient with Mild TBI and Psychological Problems ”**
Thomas McAllister, MD, Professor of Psychiatry
Dartmouth Medical School
- 4:30 pm **“Family Issues in Management of Psychological Health Issues
and TBI”**
Anne Lise Christensen, PhD, Professor of Neuropsychological
Rehabilitation, University of Copenhagen
Copenhagen, Denmark
Marie Cavallo, PhD
New York State Department of Health
Brain Injury Association of New York State
- 5:00 pm **“Traumatic Brain Injury - US Army R&D Initiatives”**
Col. Ronald Poropatich, MD, Deputy Director
Telemedicine & Advanced Technology
Research Center (TATRC)
Fort Detrick, MD



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- 5:30 pm **Buses depart for Hilton Hotel**
- 6:30 pm **Majestic Star NY Harbor Dinner Cruise**

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

- 6:45 am **Breakfast at Hotel**
- 7:30 am **Buses depart for St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center**
- 8:15 am **Meeting Opening & Announcements**
Dr. George Zitnay, Co-Founder
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- 8:30 am **“Understanding the Mild TBI and PTSD Conundrum”**
Panel Presentation
Col. (S) Michael Jaffee, MD – **Moderator**, National Dir. DVBIC
Maria Mouratidis, PhD
Command Consultant/SME for TBI &
Psychological Health
National Naval Medical Center
Nathan Zasler, MD, CEO & Medical Director
Concussion Care Centre of Virginia, Ltd.
CEO & Medical Director, Tree of Life Services, Inc.
Clinical Professor, VCU Dept. of Physical Medicine &
Rehabilitation; Editor, *Brain Injury*;
President, International Brain Injury Association
- 9:30 am **“European Approaches to Treatment of MTBI”**
Andrew Maas, MD, Department of Neurosurgery
University Hospital of Antwerp
Alexander Potapov, MD, Professor of Neurosurgery
Burdenko Neurosurgical Institute, Moscow, Russia
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am **“The Brain and PTSD”**
Catherine Harrison, PhD, Research Psychologist
Air Force Research Laboratory, AFRL/HEPA
Wright- Patterson Air Force
Stuart Hoffman, PhD, Research Director
DVBIC-Johnstown



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- 11:15 am **“Ethical Issues in Research and Treatment”**
Warren E. Lux, Jr. MD
Human Subjects Research Review Official
US Environmental Protection Agency
- 11:45 am **"The Contributions of Medical Informatics
and Computer Technology"**
Donald A. B. Lindberg, MD, Director
National Library of Medicine
- 12:15 pm **“Working Group Assignments”**
- Group Co-Leaders**
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| <i>Research</i> | Karen Schwab, PhD
Andrew Maas, MD |
| <i>Assessment & Evaluation</i> | Bruce Gans, MD
Louis French, PhD |
| <i>Treatment</i> | Lucia Braga, PhD
Kathy Helmick, MS, RN
Claudio Perino, PhD |
| <i>Family & Community</i> | Marie Cavallo, PhD
James Kelly, MD |
| <i>Education & Public Awareness</i> | Richard Hunt, MD
Jean Berube, Esquire |
- 12:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm **Working Groups**
- 3:15 pm **Break**
- 5:00 pm **Working Groups Feedback & Progress Reports**
- 5:30 pm **Buses depart for Hotel**
- 6:45 pm **Buses depart for Dinner Event**
Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange, NJ



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Wednesday, October 15, 2008

- 7:00 am **Breakfast at Hotel**
- 8:00 am **Final Report Summaries &
Recommendations to Congress**
- 10:00 am **“Where do we go from here?”**
Col. (s) Michael Jaffee, MD
National Director, DVBIC
- George A. Zitnay, PhD
 Co-Founder, DVBIC
- 10:30 am **Adjournment**
(Short working group meeting to follow)