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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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We were excited to see an increased offering of topics related to brain injury at CSM 2009 Las Vegas. CSM attendees were able to choose from the following brain injury related programs:

- Evaluation and Treatment Strategies for the Hospitalized Patient with Severe Brain Injury
- Neurological Screening and Return to Participation Following Mild Traumatic Brain Injury
- Maximizing Skill Development in Cognitively Impaired Patients
- Paying Attention, Making Choices: The Role of Cognition in Fall Prevention!
- Impact of Aerobic Exercise on Cognition
- ASPIRE to Excellence: Using the CARF Standards as a Quality Framework to Develop and Continually Improve Medical Rehabilitation Programs Across the Continuum.

Our business meeting presentation, Impact of Aerobic Exercise on Cognition, drew a large crowd. We also had great attendance at the round table discussion where we reviewed the current CARF Brain Injury Program Revisions. Thanks to both of our speakers, Jeanne Lojovich from the University of Minnesota for presenting her doctoral project and to Chris MacDonell, managing director of the medical rehabilitation customer service unit (www.carf.org), for answering questions for those pending CARF certification.

Special thanks to Allison Cuneo who has helped with the Brain Injury Awareness Day at the Capitol for the past several years as well as the TBI white paper written last year.

We had a significant increase to the BI SIG membership last year increasing it by approximately 47%. Our goal for next year is to pass the 500 member mark. We are also looking to increase our key contacts. We now have a contacts in 13 states (CA, FL, GA, ME, MN, NC, OR, PA, TN, TX, VA, WI and WV) The ultimate goal is for each state to have a contact person: Next year 's goal is to obtain contacts in at least 20 states. If you are interested, please contact one of the officers.

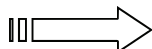
We are also in the process of developing the key contact US map in which all BI SIG members will have an easier time locating their key contact by state. We will be the first SIG to trial this website concept.

The development of a SIG message board is in process and being trialed with the vestibular SIG. We are hoping to add this to the BI SIG if the trial is successful.

We have programming in place for both CSM 2010 San Diego and CSM 2011 New Orleans. If you have ideas for future topics or would like to be considered for the BI SIG business meeting presentation, please contact us.

Thank you,
Michelle Peterson, BI SIG Chair

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