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broadcast reports on vaccine safety and informed consent issues. The mother of three children, her oldest son, Chris, was left with multiple learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder after a severe reaction to his fourth DPT shot in 1980 when he was two and a half years old.

Kathi Williams is Co-founder and Vice President/Executive Director of the National Vaccine Information Center. She opened NVIC's office in 1982 and has been responsible for creating the administrative infrastructure and managing business and day-to-day operations for most of NVIC's 18-year history. As principal liaison with NVIC's membership, she is an expert on the provisions and implementation of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. She has represented NVIC membership concerns at meetings of the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines and other government meetings and legislative hearings. She is co-owner of Vienna Glass Company and served as the company's business manager for five years. The mother of two children, her son, Nathan, suffered a severe reaction

to his fourth DPT shot in 1982 when he was 18 months old and was left with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.

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Verification and co-author of a report on investigating biological weapons use. As a biowarfare epidemiologist, she studied the world's largest recorded anthrax epidemic (Zimbabwe 1979-1980) and developed methods to distinguish a natural outbreak from biological warfare. She has assisted Gulf War veterans suffering from neuroimmune dysfunction and provided expert testi-

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Walter Kyle, J.D. specialized in vaccine product liability litigation after he received his law degree from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. His first case after passing the bar exam in 1978 was to sue the manufacturer of live polio vaccine on behalf of a mother who was paralyzed after contract-





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ing polio from her son, who had been recently vaccinated with live oral polio vaccine. In 1979, he filed suit against the federal government on behalf of the mother, charging that the government had failed to follow federal regulations and had violated the constitutional right to privacy by exposing people to the live virus without their knowledge or consent. He has represented vaccine injured children and adults in both the tort and federal vaccine injury compensation system and is an expert on the manufacturing of polio vaccines. His hypothesis that HIV developed in man after lots of live polio vaccine contaminated with simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) were released in the 1970's was published in *The Lancet* in 1992.

James Turner, J.D., is a Washington, D.C. attorney in Swankin & Turner specializing in civil and consumer rights law. He is Director and President of the National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy and co-director of Consumer Action for Food and Health. As a midshipman on a Navy scholarship, he received a law degree from Ohio State University College of Law. In 1969, he was a co-founder (with Ralph Nader and five others) of the Center for the Study of Responsive Law and, in 1976, a

founding board member of The Food and Safety Council. He has served as the consumer representative on advisory committees at the Federal Trade Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Federal Energy Administration, National Heart and Lung Institute, Department of State and the White House. He authored the best selling 1970 Nader report on chemicals and preservatives in foods, *The Chemical Feast*, as well as *Making Your Own Baby Food*. An expert on food and drug safety regulations, he represented the vaccine injured after the Swine Flu campaign of 1986 resulted in hundreds of deaths and injuries.

Stanley Kops, J.D. is a Philadelphia attorney specializing in product liability and personal injury law. After graduating from John Hopkins University and Ner Israel Rabbinical College, he received a law degree from University of Maryland. One of the first cases he worked on was that of a young mother of two who had become paralyzed in 1963 by the live oral polio vaccine and was left a



quadriplegic. Nine years later he served as co-counsel when a federal judge ruled in *Griffen v United States* that the US government was liable because the FDA had not followed its own regulations. He was also co-counsel in *Berkowitz v United States* when the US Supreme Court in 1988 made a similar ruling and, again, in 1993 when the US 4th Circuit Court of Appeals found the government liable and awarded damages to seven adults and children who had been paralyzed by the oral polio vaccine. Mr. Kops has been admitted to the Federal Courts of Appeals in five Circuit Courts and has been admitted pro hac vice to handle OPV injury cases in both the federal and state courts of 13 states. He is a member of the US Court of Federal Claims where he represents victims of vaccine injuries.

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recognized neuroscientist and expert in brain peptides and their receptors and author of more than 200 articles in the medical literature on schizophrenia, AIDS and viral-autoimmune disease. In 1986, Dr. Pert and her husband and colleague, Michael Ruff, Ph.D., discovered that the brain and immune system contain the same receptors which viruses use to enter and infect cells.

Howard Urnovitz, Ph.D. is Founder and Science Director of Chronic Illness Research Foundation and Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Chronix Biomedical and Calypte Biomedical Corporation in Berkeley, California. He received a Ph.D. in microbiology from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and completed a NIH postdoctoral training fellowship in the Department of Pathology, Washington University, St. Louis. He was director of Hybridoma in the Laboratory of Experimental Pathology, University of Iowa; director of Molecular and Cellular Engineering at XOMA Corporation and Senior Scientist at the Institute of Cancer Research, Medical Research Institute in San Francisco. Dr. Urnovitz was the first to successfully immunize animals to a rare leukemia; discover hybrid monoclonal antibody polymers; develop an FDA-licensed urine test for HIV-1 antibodies and identify abnormal RNA in the blood of 50 percent of sick Gulf War veterans. He is conducting research into his hypothesis that certain genotypes may be at risk for sustaining chromosomal damage after natural and atypical exposure to viruses, bacteria, drugs, chemicals or radiation.

Barbara Loe Fisher is Co-founder and President of the National Vaccine Information Center. She received a B.A. in English from the University of Maryland and was an editor for New York Life Insurance Company in New York City; Director of Community Relations for Muhlenberg Hospital in New Jersey; and Media Relations Coordinator for the Alexandria Tourist Council in Virginia. She is the co-author of *DPT: A Shot in the Dark* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985), author of *The Consumer's Guide to Childhood Vaccines* and editor of *THE VACCINE REACTION* and *The Vaccine Hotline*. She served on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee for four years and was appointed to the Institute of Medicine Vaccine Safety Forum in 1995, where she helped to coordinate five public workshops on vaccine safety issues. She is the consumer voting member of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee of the FDA. She has defined and led the national grassroots vaccine safety and informed consent movement in the US, representing consumers at scientific and government meetings; testifying in state and federal legislative hearings; speaking at health care conferences in the U.S. and Canada; and participating in hundreds of print and

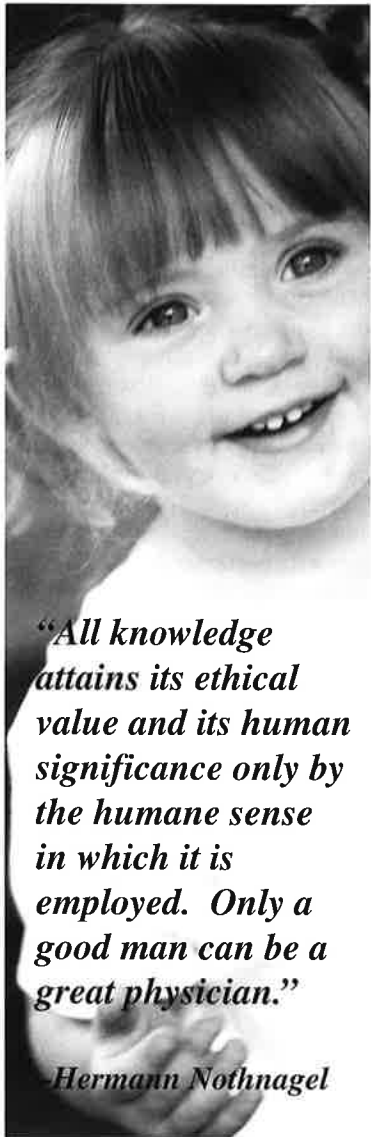
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“All knowledge attains its ethical value and its human significance only by the humane sense in which it is employed. Only a good man can be a great physician.”

Hermann Nothnagel

Bonnie Dunbar, Ph.D. is Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology. She received a Ph.D. in zoology at University of Tennessee and completed post doctoral studies in biochemistry and biophysics at University of California-Davis. She served as a staff scientist with the Harbor Branch Foundation, Smithsonian Institution and The Population Council, Rockefeller University. An international author-



ity on reproductive biology, molecular endocrinology and protein chemistry, she has been working to develop contraceptive vaccines for animals and

humans for the past two decades and was honored in 1994 by NIH as the First Margaret Pittman Lecturer in recognition of her pioneering work on contraceptive vaccines. She is the author of more than 175 articles, chapters, reviews, abstracts and medical books. Several times a year she travels to her farm in Kenya (featured in the film “Out of Africa”) and works to save the elephants from extinction.

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Ronald Kennedy, Ph.D. is Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Adjunct Scientist, Departments of Virology and Immunology and Physiology and Medicine, Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, San Antonio, Texas. He received a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunochemistry from University of Hawaii and completed postdoctoral studies in virology and epidemiology at

through North America, Europe and Asia. He studied finance and statistics at the University of California, Berkeley. He was a Vice President of Solomon Brothers, where he developed and applied innovative statistical forecasting models in a unit that managed the firm’s global proprietary trading equity book. After his infant daughter, Lyla Rose, died within 16 hours of receiving a hepatitis B shot in 1998, Mr. Belkin became the volunteer Director of the Hepatitis B Vaccine Project for the National Vaccine Information Center. He has conducted an analysis of hepatitis B reaction reports to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS); participated in scientific conferences and government vaccine advisory committee meetings as well as testified before Congress about the adverse effects of hepatitis B vaccine.



Michael Horwin is currently studying law at California Western School of Law. He graduated from University of California - Santa Barbara and received a M.A. in International Business from Webster University in the Netherlands. He was a Location and Film Production Manager in Los Angeles and the Editor and Publisher of *Location Update*, a film industry trade publication, and Circulation and Promotion Manager for



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Hudson and Co., Inc. and the Business Consulting Manager in Healthcare for Arthur Anderson in Los Angeles, where he worked with academic teaching hospitals and the LA County Department of Health to facilitate labor performance, information technology and cost savings improvements. Mr. Horwin and his wife, Raphaele, have been conducting research into vaccine safety since their son, Alexander, died of brain cancer in 1999. They have testified in Congress about the right of parents to make informed life and death medical decisions for their children.

James Filenbaum, J.D. is a New York attorney specializing in criminal, real estate and personal injury law. He graduated from University of Miami School of Law and interned at the Legal Services of Greater Miami, where he was admitted to practice before the Florida Supreme Court. He served as Assistant County Attorney in the Rockland County Attorney’s Office in Florida before he established his private law practice in Suffern, New York in 1975. The author of *Your Rights to Avoid Immunizations*, Mr. Filenbaum specializes in defending and protecting religious and philosophical exemptions to vaccination in the legal system. He has successfully defended religious exemptions to vaccination based on protection of the constitutional right to hold personal religious beliefs, including those that do not



conform to an organized church or religion.

Dawn Richardson is President and Co-founder of PROVE (Parents Requesting Open Vaccine Education) and a member of the Task Force on Health and Human Services of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute. She received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Connecticut School of Engineering. She provided computer support for a civilian contractor for the Naval Underwater Warfare Center and was a Microprocessor Design Engineer for IBM, where she designed computer chips for IBM’s mainframe computer systems. The mother of two daughters, four year old Alexa and seven month old Erica, Mrs. Richardson has led a highly successful four-year public information campaign in the state and in the Texas Legislature to promote awareness about vaccine safety, medical privacy and informed consent issues. She is volunteer State Leader Coordinator for the National Vaccine Information Center.



“The truth is found when men are free to pursue it”

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt



NVIC Special Achievement Awards



“First and last what is demanded of genius is love of truth”

—Goethe

COURAGE IN SCIENCE AWARDS

John Menkes, M.D., for his intellectual integrity and personal courage as one of the first pediatricians to dissent from the widely held a priori assumption in infectious disease medicine that all neurological adverse events following DPT vaccination are only coincidentally and not causally related to the DPT vaccination recently administered to a child. Internationally recognized as a founder of pediatric neurology, Dr. Menkes demonstrated professional leadership and personal compassion for the health and well being of all children when he risked professional and personal criticism in the 1980’s and challenged the status quo, criticizing the safety of the whole cell pertussis vaccine in the medical literature and in the tort and federal vaccine injury compensation system. A defender of the right of children to have access to the safest and most effective vaccines and the right of physicians and parents to have full and accurate information about vaccine benefits and risks, he is an outstanding example of what it means to have courage in science.



Andrew Wakefield, M.D., for his courageous defense of the freedom in science to explore an original hypothesis and for reminding health officials of their continuing responsibility to evaluate public health policies for significant risks to individuals. Dr. Wakefield has continued his pioneering research in the face of professional and personal criticism since 1997, when he published an hypothesis suggesting that persistent measles viral infection, either from natural disease or live virus vaccine, can cause chronic inflammation of the bowel and damage to the central nervous system of some children. Unwavering in his commitment to the Hippocratic oath to “First, do no harm,” he has demonstrated compassion for the health and well being of all children and courage in science through systematic pursuit of the truth in the face of adversity.



Marcel Kinsbourne, M.D. is Research Professor, Center for Cognitive Studies, Tufts University and Professor of Psychology, New School for Social Research, New York. He is an Adjunct Professor of Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Brandeis University and Adjunct Professor of Occupational Therapy, Boston University. Born



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John Menkes, M.D., is Professor Emeritus of Neurology and Pediatrics, University of California - Los Angeles, and Director Emeritus of Pediatric Neurology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Born in Vienna, Austria, he received a doctor of medicine degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed residencies in pediatrics and neurology at Bellevue Hospital and Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York. He headed the Division of Pediatric Neurology at Johns Hopkins; served as Chief of the



Neurology-Neurochemistry Laboratory at Brentwood VA hospital and was Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Neurology and Pediatrics at UCLA. Known internationally as a founder of pediatric neurology, Dr. Menkes’ *Textbook of Child Neurology*, which is in its Sixth Edition, is a standard textbook on pediatric neurology used in most medical schools. Kinky Hair Disease, also known as Menkes Disease, was named after him for his research into metabolic diseases of the nervous system, specifically disorders of copper metabolism. The recipient of numerous scientific achievement awards, he has published more than 200 peer reviewed articles, book chapters and invited reviews in the medical literature. An award-winning playwright, his plays have been performed in theatres in Los Angeles and Hollywood and his first published novel, *The Angry Puppet Syndrome*, explores the theme of

pharmaceutical industry influence in medicine.

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“Liberty of thought is the life of the soul”

—Hegel



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Walter Spitzer, M.D., M.H.A., M.P.H., F.R.C.P.C., F.A.C.E., is Professor Emeritus of Epidemiology, McGill University and Clinical Professor of Medicine, Stanford University. He received his doctor of medicine degree from University of Toronto; a M.S. degree in health services administration from University of Michigan and a M.P.H. degree in epidemiology from Yale University. He was Professor and Chairman of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McGill University in Montreal for 20 years and subsequently Director of Epidemiology at Genentech. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He received the National Health Scientist of Canada award in 1981 and has published 110 original data-based articles, including one in which he developed and validated one of the first quantitative indexes of quality of life used in clinical and epidemiological research.



Andrew Wakefield, M.D. is Director of Research and Chairman, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Study Group, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London. Born in England, he received his doctor of medicine degree from University of London, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School. He studied experimental surgery and small bowel transplantation at the University of Toronto. He is an honorary consultant in experimental gastroenterology to the Royal Free Hampstead National Health Service Trust. The recipient of awards and scholarships for original research and technology development, he has conducted research into the role of vascular injury in the pathogenesis and etiology of inflammatory bowel disease; mechanisms of intestinal injury in NSAID drug-induced enteropathy; measles virus; and childhood development disorders and chronic intestinal inflammation. An international authority on inflammatory bowel disease, he has published more than 100 articles in the medical literature.



PARENT RESEARCH AWARD

Cindy Goldenberg, for conducting original research in the early 1990's into the cause and cure of her son's autistic behaviors following MMR vaccination and for being the first to develop an immune modulating therapy protocol



that demonstrated vaccine-related autism is reversible. Her love for her son, Garrett, and her determination to find out why her bright, healthy, normally developing son had suddenly regressed and descended into the isolated world of autism, led her on a journey into the medical literature and to a hypothesis that her son was suffering from MMR vaccine-induced neuroimmune damage that could be modulated through intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) infusions and nutritional, vitamin and sensory integrative therapies. Now in a regular classroom in the California public school system, getting "A's" and autism-free, Garrett and his Mom have led the way for many other parents and physicians now exploring innovative therapies to cure vaccine-related neuroimmune dysfunction associated with autism.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dawn Richardson, for stepping forward and leading a public education campaign in the state of Texas that won informed consent protections in the state-operated electronic vaccine tracking system and for successfully getting an amendment to allow conscientious belief exemption to vaccination voted out of the Texas House public health committee. Her deeply held conviction that loving and responsible parents have the right to make informed, voluntary health care decisions for their children, including vaccination choices, and the effective personal communication and professional research skills she uses to articulate the wisdom of that conviction, has made

her a leader among her peers. Her willingness to offer her talent and time to assist the National Vaccine Information Center and to act as a coordinator of emerging NVIC state leaders across the country, gives testimony to the fact that a new generation of young parents are ready to continue the fight for informed consent to vaccination well into this century.



“God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.”

– Daniel Webster





National Vaccine Information Center



“Great things have this beauty that they bring to light the fraternity of strangers.”

– Victor Hugo

Founded in 1982 by parents of vaccine injured children, the non-profit, educational organization known today as the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is dedicated to preventing vaccine injuries and deaths through public education. NVIC provides assistance to parents whose children have suffered vaccine reactions; promotes scientific research to investigate vaccine safety and effectiveness as well as to identify factors which place individuals at high risk for suffering vaccine reactions; and advocates the institution of oversight mechanisms within the mass vaccination system to make it safer.

After launching the organized national vaccine safety and informed consent movement in the US in the early 1980's, NVIC's co-founders worked with Congress to create the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. This historic law was the first societal acknowledgement that vaccine injuries and deaths are real while safety provisions within the law for the first time required doctors to record and report hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following vaccination. In 1989, NVIC held an International Scientific Workshop on Pertussis and Pertussis Vaccine and, in 1996, a major goal was realized when a purified pertussis

vaccine was finally licensed for American babies after a decade and a half of advocacy work. In 1997, NVIC hosted the First International Public Conference on Vaccination, the first major conference on infectious disease and vaccination to be held without industry or government funding.

NVIC represents the vaccine safety concerns of health care consumers on vaccine safety committees and at scientific conferences, government meetings, legislative hearings and in the media. During the past 18 years, the information NVIC researches, produces and provides to the public about vaccines and infectious diseases has reached millions of Americans through radio, television, newspaper, magazine reports as well as through NVIC's internet website (www.909shot.com) and publications such as *THE VACCINE REACTION* and *The Vaccine Hotline*.

NVIC remains the oldest and largest consumer health organization providing disease and vaccine risk information to the public; serving as a consumer “watchdog” monitoring vaccine research, development, policymaking and legislation; advocating the institution of safety reforms in the mass vaccination system; endorsing independent scientific investigation into vaccine-associated death, injury and chronic illness; and defending

Examiners and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, she served as director of Developmental Pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Richmond for nine years. Dr. Megson's private practice is devoted to diagnosing and treating developmentally delayed children and she is currently conducting a clinical study to investigate her hypothesis that G-alpha protein defect is a high risk factor for developing autism after vaccination.



Stephanie Cave, M.D. is on the faculty at the Louisiana State University Medical School and her private practice in New Orleans is devoted to family medicine. After

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from Louisiana State University Medical Center. She completed her internship and residency in family medicine at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital and is certified by the American Board of Family Practice. In her private practice, she specializes in treating children with allergies, attention deficit disorder, autism and other neuroimmune dysfunction

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rural New York for 23 years, where he also served as the medical director for Camphill Village in Copake, a unique community residence for mentally handicapped adults. He is a consultant and teacher on health topics at Waldorf Schools in Denver, Boulder and Aspen and lectures frequently on the multi-disciplinary approach to health and healing.

Clifford Shoemaker, J.D. is a Virginia attorney specializing in drug and product liability and personal injury litigation. He received a law degree and a M.B.A. from Drake University Law School and a Masters of Law from the George Washington University Law School. He has represented hundreds of victims of the Dalkon Shield IUD in court, as well as those harmed by prescription drugs. He has represented more than 100 petitioners under the National Childhood Vaccine injury Act of 1986 and, prior to its enactment, represented children and adults injured by DPT, MMR, polio, swine flu and other vaccines in lawsuits in federal district courts he is an advocate for substantive reforms of the federal vaccine injury compensation law.

Scott Montgomery, Ph.D. is Principal Research Fellow, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Study Group, Royal Free and University College Medical School, London. He received his Ph.D. in epidemiology from the St. George's Hospital Medical School in London after obtaining a degree in zoology with a specialty in physiology and biochemistry from University of Reading. He was a Research Fellow at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies, where he investigated the relationship between



early development and subsequent disadvantage and morbidity. Currently, he is conducting and directing epidemiological research into the etiology of diseases with a long natural history or where environmental insults encountered during critical periods of development increase the risk of disease, including whether atypical patterns of exposure to infectious agents influence the risk of inflammatory bowel disease, asthma and hay fever. He is Senior Editor of *Inflammatory Bowel Disease Monitor*.

“When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you do not know it - this is knowledge.”

- Confucious



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Paul Shattock, O.B.E., is Director of the Autism Research Unit, University of Sunderland, England. He received an honors degree in Pharmacy at the University of London, a diploma in Agricultural and Veterinary Pharmacy and is a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. He has been a lecturer teaching pharmacy at the University of Sunderland since 1966;



Director of the University's Autism Research Unit since it was founded in 1980; and is the founding chairman of a residential and day service for more than 150 adults and adolescents with autism in the North East of England. The father of Jamie, who has autism, and Rachel, who does not, he is Vice President of the World Autism Association and was appointed Office of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) by the Queen in 1998. He is the author of numerous articles in the medical literature discussing the metabolic processes and environmental triggers involved in autism.

Vijendra Singh, Ph.D. is Research Associate Professor of Immunology, Department of Biology and Biotechnology Center at Utah State University. Born in India, he received a M.S. degree in biochemistry from Lucknow University in India and obtained a Ph.D. and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in neurochemistry, immunology and immunohistochemistry from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. He served on



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The Children's Fund for Hope and Healing is a research project of the National Vaccine Information Center, which is being launched at the Second International Public Conference on Vaccination. The project is dedicated to raising private funding for independent research into the biological mechanisms of vaccine injury and death and the biological impact on human health of current mass vaccination policies.

Funding for hepatitis B vaccine research is already underway and future policy research projects under consideration are an investigation into the current policy of vaccinating children when they are sick with a viral or bacterial infection; re-vaccinating those who have suffered convulsions, mental regression and other serious health problems after previous vaccinations; the simultaneous injection of multiple vaccines; the relationship between childhood vaccines and minimal brain damage including learning disabilities and ADHD; and the relationship between vaccines and autoimmune dysfunction such as asthma and diabetes. The Children's Fund for Hope and Healing is the only charitable research fund in the nation solely dedicated to preventing vaccine injuries and deaths.

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Virginia Lieutenant Governor John Hager is Honorary Chairman of the Children's Fund for Hope and Healing. Elected in 1997, Mr. Hager graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Engineering, earned a MBA from Harvard University and served in the US Army before becoming Executive Vice President of the American Tobacco Company.

In 1973, John Hager contracted live vaccine strain polio after he changed his recently vaccinated infant son's diaper and was left paralyzed. He has been confined to a wheelchair since he came down with contact polio nearly 30 years ago but his indomitable spirit and enthusiasm for life did not stop him from becoming a civic, charity and community leader and President or Chairman of more than 30 boards and commissions in Virginia, including Chairman of the Disability Commission, as well as Director of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Partnership for Urban Virginia. He is a candidate for Governor of Virginia in the 2001 election.

Lieutenant Governor Hager has praise for the work of the National Vaccine Information Center to raise private funds to support the work of independent research into the causes and cures for vaccine-induced immune and neurological dysfunction. He said "We cannot protect the public health unless we also protect the health of individuals, including those who may be vulnerable to vaccine reactions. There is no greater search for truth than one that involves the protection of human life. The work of charitable, educational organizations, such as the National Vaccine Information Center, is indispensable to the health and well being of our citizens and we should enthusiastically support their efforts in every way we can."

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- John Hager

12:05 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

12:10 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. William Hildebrand, Ph.D.
"MHC Genes and Autoimmunity"

1:25 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

1:30 p.m. Bonnie Dunbar, Ph.D.
"Hepatitis B Vaccine and Autoimmune Mechanisms for Injury"

1:55 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

2:00 p.m. Ronald Kennedy, Ph.D.
"Challenges to Developing Safer Vaccines"

2:25 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

2:30 p.m. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

2:55 p.m. BREAK

3:10 p.m. Candace Pert, Ph.D.
"Chemokines, Cytokines, Virokines: Plausible Mechanisms for Vaccine Related Neuroimmune Dysfunction"

3:35 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

3:40 p.m. Howard Urnovitz, Ph.D.
"Infectious Disease, Vaccination and Chromosomal Change"

4:05 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

4:10 p.m. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

4:20 p.m. Barbara Loe Fisher
Keynote Address: "The Science, Policy and Ethics of Vaccination"

5:00 p.m. ADJOURN

8:00 p.m. DINNER
Congressman Dan Burton Guest Speaker
Presentation of Special Achievement Awards

SUNDAY, September 10

"MEDICAL POLICY: THE NEED FOR CHANGE"

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

8:15 a.m. J. Barthelow Classen, M.D.
"Epidemiology of Vaccine-Induced Diabetes"

8:45 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

8:50 a.m. Erdem Cantekin, Ph.D.
"Pneumococcal Vaccine and Otitis Media"

9:15 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

9:20 a.m. Ted Schettler, M.D., M.P.H.
"Neurodevelopmental Effects of Mercury"

9:45 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

9:50 a.m. BREAK

10:05 a.m. Edward Yazbak, M.D.
"Maternal Vaccination and Autism"

10:30 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

10:35 a.m. Meryl Nass, M.D.
"Anthrax Vaccine and Neuroimmune Dysfunction"

11:00 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

11:05 a.m. Robert Johnston, Ph.D.
"Challenging Mass Vaccination Policies: An Historical Perspective"

11:30 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

11:35 a.m. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

12:00 noon LUNCH

12:45 p.m. Walter Kyle "Polio Vaccine and HIV: Is There A Connection?"

1:10 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

1:15 p.m. James Turner
"Swine Flu: What Went Wrong"

1:40 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

1:45 p.m. Stanley Kops
"Polio Vaccine, Product Liability and Failure to Regulate"

2:10 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

2:15 p.m. BREAK

"WHO IS MINDING THE PUBLIC TRUST?"

2:30 p.m. Michael Belkin and Michael Horwin
"Conflict of Interest in Vaccine Research, Licensing and Policymaking"

3:15 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

3:20 p.m. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

"WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS CONFLICT WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY: WHAT YOU CAN DO"

3:40 p.m. James Filenbaum
"Defending the Religious Exemption to Vaccination"

4:05 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

4:10 p.m. Dawn Richardson
"Working the System in Your State to Reform Vaccination Laws"

4:35 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

4:40 p.m. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

5:00 p.m. ADJOURN

MONDAY, September 11

9:00 a.m. BUS LEAVES FOR CAPITOL HILL



Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, September 7

3-7 p.m. REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, September 8

9 a.m.- 6 p.m. REGISTRATION

“UNDERSTANDING BIOLOGY TO DEVELOP INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT OPTIONS”

2:00 p.m. WELCOME AND
ORIENTATION

2:15 p.m. Paul Shattock, O.B.E.
“The Gut-Brain Connection”

2:40 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

2:45 p.m. Vijendra Singh, Ph.D.
*“Deciphering the Link Between
Vaccines and Autoimmune Autism”*

3:10 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

3:15 p.m. Mary Megson, M.D.
*“G-Protein Defect and Repairing
Brain Dysfunction After Vaccination”*

3:40 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

3:45 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m. Stephanie Cave, M.D.
*“Listening to Parents and Individual-
izing Treatment Options”*

4:25 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

4:30 p.m. Philip Incao, M.D.
*“The Hygiene Hypothesis: One
Clinician’s Experience in Private
Practice”*

5:00 p.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

5:05 p.m. QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

5:30 p.m. ADJOURN

5:30 p.m. BOOK SIGNING IN LOBBY
Harris Coulter, Ph.D. &
Barbara Loe Fisher

8:00 p.m. BENEFIT DINNER
Children’s Fund for Hope and Healing
*“Lessons Taught by Mothers and
Babies Through the Animal and
Human Experience: A Joyful Visual
Journey”* by Bonnie Dunbar
“Science for Simple Justice” by Cliff
Shoemaker
“A Son’s Search for the Truth” by
Howard Urnovitz

SATURDAY, September 9

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. REGISTRATION

“EXAMINING THE BIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS OF VACCINE ASSOCIATED NEUROIMMUNE DYSFUNCTION”

8:15 a.m. WELCOME AND
ORIENTATION

8:20 a.m. Scott Montgomery, Ph.D.
“Evolution of Infectious Disease”

8:45 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

8:50 a.m. Walter Spitzer, M.D.,M.P.H.
*“Diagnosing Causation From
Observed Associations: Scientifically
Admissible Strategies For Assessing
Possible Links Between Vaccines and
Chronic Disease”*

9:25 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

9:30 a.m. Andrew Wakefield, M.D.
*“Measles, MMR Vaccine and Autistic
Enterocolitis”*

9:55 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. Marcel Kinsbourne, M.D.
*“Brain Inflammation and Brain
Damage”*

10:40 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

10:45 a.m. John Menkes, M.D.
*“Neurological Complications of
Pertussis Vaccine”*

11:10 a.m. PANEL QUESTIONS

11:15 a.m. QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS WITH AUDIENCE

11:40 a.m. Ronald Schell, Ph.D.
*“Adverse Effects of Vaccination
Against Lyme Disease”*



Featured Guest

CONGRESSMAN DAN BURTON



Congressman Dan “Bulldog” Burton is serving his ninth term as a Republican U.S. Congressman from Indiana’s Sixth Congressional District. He is Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee and a member of the House International Relations Committee, where he serves on the subcommittees on the Western Hemisphere and International Operations and Human Rights. He has a 95 percent voting attendance record in the 105th Congress and a career voting percentage record that is one of the highest in Congress.

Born in Indianapolis, as a high school graduate he enlisted in the U.S. Army and then attended Indiana University and Cincinnati Bible Seminary before becoming an insurance and real estate agent. Beginning in 1967, he won four state elections to serve in the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate before being elected in 1982 and then re-elected eight more times to serve in the U.S. Congress.

As Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee during the 105th Congress, he has held a series of hearings on vaccine safety and informed consent issues ranging from anthrax vaccine and Gulf War syndrome to childhood vaccinations and autism; the implementation of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act; conflicts of in-

terest in vaccine licensing and policymaking; and mercury in vaccines.

His investigation into childhood vaccine safety issues, particularly the hearing on vaccines and autism broadcast on C-Span in April, has drawn fire from federal agency health officials and others who do not want to see a public re-examination of national vaccine policies. But Congressman Burton has refused to back down from his investigation and has earned nationwide praise from parents who support his brave and determined efforts to take a close look at how vaccines are developed, licensed and regulated and how vaccine policy is made, promoted and implemented.

The father of three children, he has two grandchildren. Both of his grandchildren suffered severe vaccine reactions. His granddaughter almost died as an infant following a hepatitis B vaccination and his healthy, bright grandson suddenly became autistic at age 14 months after being injected with nine different vaccines on the same day. His daughter and their mother, Danielle, is working in Indiana to raise awareness about the importance of parents being adequately informed about the benefits and risks of vaccination.

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For all our children’s fate,
Stand up and take the war.”***

– Rudyard Kipling



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Challenging the Status Quo

As infectious diseases in childhood have dropped to dramatic new lows in the U.S., Canada and Europe during the past quarter century, there has been a corresponding dramatic increase in chronic disease and disability among children and young adults. The numbers of children with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and asthma have doubled; diabetes has tripled and autism has increased 200 percent or more in most states in America. The question yet to be answered by medical science is: why?

After more than a century of persistent reports in the medical literature that vaccination can induce chronic immune and neurological dysfunction, the Second International Public Conference on Vaccination has brought together distinguished epidemiologists, pediatric neurologists, microbiologists, cell biologists, gastroenterologists, immunologists, pediatricians, and internal medicine specialists from the U.S., Canada and Europe to discuss the biological mechanisms and possible high risk factors for adverse responses to vaccination. Pioneering researchers are presenting the results of their investigation into how and why vaccines cause

chronic illness and clinicians exploring innovative treatment options will discuss how individualized therapies are being used to help heal children whose mental regression and immune dysfunction suddenly developed after vaccination.

Medical Policy: A Need for Change

After exploring the biology of vaccination, physicians, historians, lawyers and parent child health advocates are addressing controversial medical policy issues, including whether current vaccination policies place some individuals at unnecessary risk for vaccine reactions; whether vaccine licensing and safety standards are high enough; and whether product liability and conflict of interest issues are preventing the institution of safety reforms in the mass vaccination system.

Informed Consent to Vaccination

The human right to informed consent to medical procedures which carry a risk of injury or death is the centerpiece of modern ethics. Violation of the informed con-

sent ethic has become routine in the U.S., as more and more punitive economic, educational and social sanctions are being levied against parents and children who do not conform to federal vaccine policies and state mandatory vaccination laws. At this conference, the freedom for all people of the world to make informed, voluntary health care decisions, including vaccination decisions, for themselves and their children is being defended.





Welcome

Dear Friends,

As mothers of children, who suffered serious reactions to DPT vaccine, and as co-founders of the National Vaccine Information Center, we welcome you to the Second International Public Conference on Vaccination. This year, the National Vaccine Information Center marks its 18th year of work to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education. We are grateful to the many parents, grandparents and concerned citizens who support our work and have made it possible for so many distinguished speakers from the United States, Canada and Great Britain to share information with you.

Our goal, as always, is to promote open and responsible discussion about what is and is not known about vaccination in order to encourage well-designed scientific research into the biological mechanism of vaccine injury and death; the long term, chronic effects of multiple vaccination on individuals and on the public health; the identification of high risk factors; and the development of therapies to reduce or eliminate vaccine-induced neurological and immune system dysfunction. We also support the exploration of health care alternatives for preventing illness and maintaining health that are changing the face of medicine and providing new therapies for the vaccine injured. Finally, we are committed to defending the human right of all people to make informed, voluntary decisions about medical interventions which can cause injury or death, including vaccination.

Our work and this conference is dedicated to the children, who had no voice or choice, and who lost their lives or had their futures forever changed by public health policies promoted and enforced in the absence of adequate scientific knowledge about vaccination. We believe that a wise and compassionate society is one that values the life of each individual enough to commit the will and resources to honestly seek, discover and embrace the truth, no matter what that truth turns out to be, so that action can be taken to ensure that lives are not carelessly sacrificed in the name of the public good.

For us it has always been about saving one life at a time. We have no doubt that if you take what you learn at the Second International Public Conference on Vaccination and share it with your family, friends and colleagues, you will spare at least one child the tragedy of suffering a life-altering vaccine reaction.



With kindest regards,

Barbara Loe Fisher, President & Co-founder
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research the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. NIP provides up-to-date vaccine safety information and educational resources to health care professionals and the public through a number of channels including the Internet (www.cdc.gov/nip) and the National Immunization Program Hotline at 800-232-2522 (English) or 800-232-0233 (Spanish).

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