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Definition and classification of cerebral palsy

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United Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation

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Back in the 19th Century three great doctors, namely William Little an orthopaedic surgeon, Sigmund Freud a neurologist before he became a psychiatrist and William Osler a physician, popularised the term 'cerebral palsy' although noting the difficulty in its use. In the late 1950s and 1960s there was a flurry of activity about the definition of cerebral palsy and its classification. Minear on behalf of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy circulated a questionnaire on the topic to his members and Paul Polani and the late Ronald Mac Keith formed a club "The Little Club" to discuss classification and terminology in 1964. A definition was published in *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology* which by and large has stood the test of time and been widely used. Following that publication there seemed to be some exhaustion with the activity of defining and naming although various recommendations were published in the next forty years. Mostly though people seemed to accept what was in effect a very unsatisfactory definition and interest in classification seemed to decline. More recently in Europe work on the Cerebral Palsy Registers and in America work on standardising measures for example of gross motor function, led to people questioning both definition and classification again. Paediatric neurologists such as Alan Leviton became concerned about the issue and the latter approached us to see whether our respective organisations would initiate a workshop to discuss the definition and classification of cerebral palsy again.

We have structured the meeting so as to produce, we hope, a result which we then intend to circulate very widely not only among professionals but also among family and client groups but we hope to have a definitive statement available by the end of the meeting. This means you will all have to do a lot of hard work!

If you are a speaker in the programme you will note you have usually been given 20 minutes but we hope you will largely draw on your abstract and leave time for questions and discussion of your presentation.

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The Castang Foundation in the UK was founded by Miss Hilda Castang who died in 1998 to fund research and services for children with disabilities. She had a brother with cerebral palsy.

The United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation was founded by Cerebral Palsy Associations to develop and fund research in the United States.

Sunday 11 July 2004 Day 1

Co-chairs: **Martin Bax & Murray Goldstein**

18.30–
21.00 **Dinner**
Welcome Reception and Opening Remarks

Peter Rosenbaum
What's in name: Challenges in Defining and Describing Conditions and Disorders

Monday 12 July 2004 Day 2

1st Session: Chair: **Philippe Evrard**
The Definition of Cerebral Palsy: What are the problems with the present definition and can it be improved?

08.30 **Martin Bax**
Present and past definitions: strengths and weaknesses

09.00 **John McLaughlin**
The clinical perspective

09.20 **Bo Jacobsson**
The obstetrical perspective

09.40 **Michael O'Shea**
The epidemiological perspective

10.00 **Hugo Moser**
The clinical genetic perspective

10.20 COFFEE

10.40 **Waney Squier**
The pathology perspective

11.00 **Olof Flodmark**
The brain imaging perspective

11.20 **Discussion of definition** (chair Alan Leviton)
Olaf Dammann to open discussion

12.30 LUNCH

2nd Session: Chair: **Nigel Paneth**
The present classification of Cerebral Palsy: What are the problems with the present classifications and how can they be improved?

13.30 **Owen Hensey**
Present classifications and their histories

14.00 **Allan Colver**
Medical physician's perspective

14.20 **Kerr Graham**
Surgeon's perspective

14.40 **Diane Damiano**
Clinical therapist's perspective

15.00 **Deborah Hirtz**
Collaborative study perspective

15.20 TEA

15.40 **Christine Cans**
Epidemiological perspective

16.00 **Floyd Gilles**
Neuropathologist's perspective

16.20 **Ingeborg Krägeloh-Mann**
Brain imaging perspective

16.40 **John Mantovani**
Clinical genetic perspective

17.00 **Greg O'Brien**
Behavioural perspective

17.20 BREAK

Tuesday 13 July 2004 Day 3

Chair: **Peter Rosenbaum**

08.30 **Discussion session:**
Terence Sanger to open discussion

10.00 COFFEE

Chair: **Philippe Evrard**

10.20 **Discussion**
Presentation and Discussion of draft definition

Chair: **Nigel Paneth**

11.20 Presentation and Discussion of draft classification

12.30 LUNCH

13.30 Future Plans and Closing Comments:
Martin Bax and Murray Goldstein

14.25 Closing arrangements

15.00 Close of meeting



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