12th Annual Conference on Chiropractic History

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By Editorial Staff

The Association for the History of Chiropractic (AHC) will hold its 12th Annual Conference on Chiropractic History at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC) in Whittier, California on Saturday, October 24, 1992.

The annual membership meeting of the AHC will be held the evening of the 23rd.

The AHC Conference will provide an opportunity for chiropractors and friends of the profession to present and discuss a number of original historical investigations, including:


"The legitimation of chiropractic: the first 30 years, 1900-1930s," by Donna Rubens, M.A. of the State University of New York, Buffalo.

"Sylva L. Ashworth, D.C., the 'Grand Old Lady of Chiropractic’" by Joseph C. Keating Jr., Ph.D., professor, Palmer College of Chiropractic-West, and Carl S. Cleveland III, D.C., president, Cleveland Chiropractic Colleges.

"Making doctors at home: the correspondence school experience," by William S. Rehm, D.C., past president of the AHC.


Paul Smallie, D.C. will be the recipient of AHC’s 1992 Lee-Homewood Heritage Award, an award given annually to "a living person who has made a distinguished career contribution of lasting significance toward the advancement of chiropractic." Dr. Smallie, a 1935 graduate of the Ratledge College of Chiropractic in Los Angeles is well-known for his "World-Wide Report" that was featured in Chiropractic Economics, and for various efforts on behalf of unity in the profession.

This year three awards will be made to students for scholarly excellence in chiropractic history. First prize of $250 will be provided by the National Institute of Chiropractic Research; a second prize of $150 will be provided by the Life Foundation; and a third prize of $100 is provided by the AHC.

The AHC is a non-profit membership organization committed to exploring and preserving the rich heritage of the chiropractic profession. In addition to its annual conference, the AHC publishes Chiropractic History, a scholarly journal indexed by the National Library of Medicine’s Bibliography of the History of Medicine, and the Chiropractic Library Consortium’s Index to the Chiropractic Literature.

The AHC was founded at Spears Chiropractic Hospital in Colorado in 1980. The first AHC Conference on Chiropractic History was held at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. in 1981. Each year since the Conference on Chiropractic History has been held at a different chiropractic college. The organization welcomes the participation of chiropractors and friends of the profession of all persuasions and philosophies.

Officers of the AHC are Herbert J. Vear, D.C., president; Mildred K. Lee, D.C., vice president; Glenda Wiese, M.A., secretary; and Arnold Goldschmidt, D.C., treasurer.

Details of the conference, including registration, relicensure credit, and hotel accommodations are available by contacting Ms. Rita Pierce, director of continuing education for LACC at (310) 947-8755.

Membership dues of the AHC are $35/year for doctors, $17/year for students, which includes a subscription to Chiropractic History and the AHC’s quarterly newsletter, and entitles the member to voting privileges in the organization. Information concerning the AHC, its activities and membership therein are available by contacting Executive Director Alana Ferguson, at 741 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803.