

WFH Safety & Supply Meeting

The Sixth WFH Global Forum on the Safety and Supply of Treatment Products for Bleeding Disorders was held in Montreal, Canada, September 24 and 25, 2009.

There was a very informative meeting that discussed the progress and threats to the world's safety and supply of plasma protein concentrates, especially those applicable to developed countries. There was considerable discussion on how the economy might impact on future health care budgets and the need to safeguard funding for haemophilia care and the implications of vCJD.

On the day before the meeting, New Zealand was also invited to participate in special advocacy training with Australia, Canada and the United States. The four countries shared their approaches to advocacy, a case study and the advocacy issues they are facing. It was reassuring to see that other countries face some of the same concerns as NZ and that much could be learned by drawing from each others experience.



Antonio Almeida, WFH Programs Director, with Deon, Chantal, Catriona and Belinda in Montreal

A full report on the meetings will be featured in the March 2010 issue of Bloodline.

Thanks for WFH for funding Deon and Catriona to attend the meeting and Baxter for funding Belinda and Chantal.

Children's Workshops

The first of this year's series of Children's Education Workshops was held in Hamilton on 29 September. By all accounts the day was a great success with children traveling from all over Midland to attend the first such event held in their region.

Further Children's Workshops are being held in Auckland (2 October), Christchurch (3 October) and Wellington (17 October).

Needs Assessment—Community Reviews

The preliminary report of the HFNZ Needs Assessment is ready. Dates have now been set for most of the community reviews of the preliminary report. The meetings will allow members to review the results and give additional feedback on their needs and how the Foundation can help them meet them.

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| Midland – | Wednesday 21 October, 7-9 pm Conference Room, Olphert Sandford Rotorua |
| Northern – | Thursday 22 October, 6.30 -8 pm Café Room, Greenlane McDonalds Auckland |
| Central – | Saturday 21 November, 10:30 am -12:30 pm Brentwood Hotel Wellington |



The Southern dates will be set shortly. Your participation in the community reviews would be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to chantal@haemophilia.org.nz

Tidbits

News in brief and updates

- In early September a meeting was held in Wellington to discuss the report of the external review of HFNZ processes. President Deon York will provide further information when the final report is available.
- Few delegates attending the Australia & New Zealand Haemophilia Conference in Brisbane have indicated their preferences for the sessions they would like to cover. As such, these have been assigned and will be distributed in Brisbane at the NZ dinner on the Thursday night.
- The deadline for all material for the December issue of Bloodline, including Regional Reports, is 5 November. Articles from members and letters to the editor are most welcome.

Upcoming Events

- **2 October**—Northern Children's Education Day
- **3 October**—Southern Children's Education Day
- **8-10 October**—Australia & New Zealand Haemophilia Conference, Brisbane
- **17 October** - Central Children's Education Day
- **21 October**—Midland Community Review of Needs Assessment
- **22 October**—Northern Community Review of Needs Assessment
- **6-8 November** - Parents Empowering Parents (PEP)
- **28-29 November**—National Council Meeting and budget planning for 2010
- **11-13 December** Couples Weekend

Questions or comments? Dates to add? Email info@haemophilia.org.nz or call Chantal on 03 371 7477