



2009 Research & Awareness Conference



International Mosaic Down Syndrome Association is teaming up with the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati to bring our 4th biennial Research & Awareness Conference! We will be in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 10-12, 2009 and expect this conference to be bigger and better than ever before!

We realize that there is very little information on Down syndrome and an even smaller amount of information on mosaic Down syndrome. In order to better understand both of these syndromes and the phenotypes that go along with these syndromes, more research must be done! We also realize that it is difficult for researchers to find large numbers of participants to conduct their studies.

IMDSA provides a very unique opportunity for researchers and participants alike. Friday, July 10, 2009 interested participants with Down syndrome and mosaic Down syndrome will participate in research studies on our conference site with a variety of researchers. We will assist you in setting research appointments with our participants to the best of our ability.

I have enclosed more information concerning our Research & Awareness Conference, so that you will have a better understanding about the format of our conference weekend. Additionally, I have enclosed our Research Application Form. Please fill this out and return it to me, so that we can best accommodate you in your research during this conference weekend.

I look forward to meeting with you in Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

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IMDSA Research Officer

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday:

Research Appointments will be held throughout the daytime hours for participants interested in research activities. (exhibitors will be present throughout this time)

Friday:

7:00pm-10:00pm
IMDSA Family Reunion & Silent Auction

Saturday:

8:00am-5:30pm
Research & Awareness Conference-3 ongoing workshops
Youth Conference—2 rooms according to age
Kid Konference—3 rooms according to age
(exhibitors will be present throughout this time)

Saturday:

7:00pm-9:00pm
Banquet
Join us with for this fun and relaxing evening. Eat good food! Hear special talk from self-advocate. Enjoy the Youth and Kids as they share what they learned during their conference day. Join us in our awards. Experience our heart-felt slide show.

Saturday:

9:00pm-11:30pm
Dance! Dance! Dance!
Kick up your heels and have a great time with all the conference attendees!

Sunday:

8:00am-1:30pm
Research & Awareness Conference-3 ongoing workshops
Youth Conference--2 rooms according to age
Children Conference—3 rooms according to age
(exhibitors will be present throughout this time)

SPECIAL FEATURES

IMDSA's Conference is extremely unique! We offer several features that most other organizations do not offer.

Research:

We realize that researchers have difficulty getting enough participants for their studies. Additionally, we realize that parents are just too busy to make additional appointments to participate in research. IMDSA brings researchers and families together all day Friday to conduct and participate in research.

Student Program:

One of IMDSA's goals is to educate students in the genetic, medical and academic communities. With IMDSA's Student Program we are able to accomplish this goal! During Kid Konference sessions, students from these communities supervise the participating children. This gives students hands-on experience with the children and are able to better understand what Ds and mDs is all about. Additionally, we offer these students the opportunity to participate in any workshops that interest them.

Information:

With 3 breakout sessions pertaining to all ages of Down syndrome, families and professionals will gain knowledge on all topics from infant to adult!

Fun:

We at IMDSA are all about FUN! Our conference provides a very relaxed atmosphere and everyone comes away feeling as though they are part of our family. Please join us for this very special time of fun and information



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Name: _____
Institute/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____
Research Needs: What equipment/furniture do you require to conduct research during our conference weekend?
How much time do you need for each appointment?
Is there anything patients should bring with them during this appointment?
Please provide a brief summary on a separate page of the research proposal.
When research is completed, will you provide information to the participants?
What is the expected ending date of this particular research?
Please provide a copy of your IRB approval for this calendar year. <i>(You can fax or mail this to IMDSA. IRB approval must be up to July 12, 2009)</i>
Area of Workshop: (if interested in speaking please check all that apply)(if yes, please attach brief summary of presentation)
Main Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Kid Conference <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you interested in exhibiting? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>By signing this document, I confirm that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that IMDSA, its board of directors, volunteers, and its members are not responsible for any loss, injury or accident incurred by me or my institution before, during, or after the IMDSA conference weekend (July 10- 12, 2009).</i>
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