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## **2005 NDMS CONFERENCE UPDATE**

2005 NDMS Conference  
April 30-May 4, 2005  
Orlando, Florida

The conference will encompass clinical care, disaster research, health systems, management and coordination, mass fatality response, mental health, NDMS working groups, patient movement and FCCs, public health, response teams, system overview and veterinary/animal issues.

The main conference fees are as follows: \$295 if registered before 2/17/05; \$345 if registered before 3/16/05, and \$395 if registered after 3/16/05.

Conference hotel: Caribe Royale

Rooms: \$98 per night

To make a reservation, call 800-823-8300. Request a room in the "2005 NDMS Conference" room block. Reservation cut off date is April 6, 2005.

For continuous updates and program information, go to [www.ndms.chepinc.org](http://www.ndms.chepinc.org)

*The following information was originally sent directly to all team members on January 19, 2005 – this is a summary.*

### **ONLINE TRAINING CHANGES**

**Mike Gedert**  
**Training Officer**

The **CentreLearn Online Training Program** was recently revised – these changes affect everyone on the team.

The DMAT Core was renamed and divided into two **NDMS Groups**:

- 1) **NDMS Predeployment Requirements**
- 2) **NDMS Core**

With these categories, new modules were added; therefore, it is highly suggested that everyone login as soon as possible, in order to check their individual progress.

**Both of the NDMS Curricula must be completed, to qualify for deployment eligibility. Also, NDMS will impose disciplinary action on those who have not completed the NDMS Curricula by August 1, 2005.**

The **DMORT Curriculum** is continually adding new modules. Team members should frequently monitor for this, to assure completion. Presently, there is no NDMS deadline for DMORT Curriculum completion; however, it is inevitable that NDMS will stipulate one in the near future.

If anyone has any problems accessing the CentreLearn Online Training Program, please contact me at [mike@dmort.org](mailto:mike@dmort.org), or follow the trouble-shooting instructions on the login page of CentreLearn at <http://centrelearn.umbc.edu/login.asp>, or contact CentreLearn Support directly at [support@centrelearn.com](mailto:support@centrelearn.com).

### **LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM MEMBERS**

#### **DR. HOWARD I. COOPER**

**Dr. Howard “Howie” Cooper** is a General Dentist, practicing at *Gentle Dental Associates, Ltd.* in Gurnee, Illinois. He is also Clinical Instructor and President of *Midwest Dental Institute II* in Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Before earning his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Loyola University School of Dentistry in Maywood, Illinois, Dr. Cooper attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City and Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Howie is an advocate of organized dentistry. He is highly regarded and affiliated with a number of professional organizations: Academy of General Dentistry (President, Board of Directors Member, and Mastership Award Recipient-2002); Academy of Dentistry International (Fellowship Award Recipient-2004); American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry; American College of Dentists (Fellowship Award Recipient-2003); American Dental Association; Chicago Dental Society; Illinois State Dental Society; Lake County Dental Society (Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer); International Congress of Oral Implantologists (Fellowship Award Recipient-2003); Hispanic Dental Association; American Academy of Forensic Sciences; and the American Society of Forensic Odontology (Continuing Education Chairperson).

In addition to his practice, Dr. Cooper participates in a number of community activities: he donates dental services to indigent families in Lake County, Illinois; he is the Commissioner of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, in Bannockburn, Illinois; and he coaches for the American Youth Soccer Organization.

Howie possesses a strong interest in the field of forensics - he joined DMORT Region V in 2000. Howie was deployed to New York City on September 12, 2001, following the tragedy at the World Trade Center. In 2003, Howie became a member of the WMD team, and he currently co-edits their newsletter. Howie is frequently invited by various study groups and dental professionals to speak on forensic dentistry and bio-terrorism.

Howie resides in Bannockburn, Illinois with his wife Chris and their five children: Morgan (13 years), Lexi (11 years), Brooke (9 years), Kylie (2 years), and Ian (five months). When he is not distracted with work, organized dentistry, DMORT, WMD, community services, or family, Howie enjoys partaking in his favorite hobbies: photography, computers, cycling, and scuba diving.

Howie claims that he is extremely fortunate to require only three or four hours of sleep at night – it is now very clear why!



### Condolences

Region V would like to express its deepest sympathy to **Mary Cimrmancic** for the recent loss of her father. Mary and her family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

If anyone would like to send a personal message, please send it to:

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