Feedback about the Conference from those who attended

Absolutely amazing speakers and info. Binder info and organization and gift bag were excellent, great for organizing. Well paced – intense but good breaks, good opportunity for networking. Meals with speakers were a wonderful opportunity.

The speakers were excellent. They were very open to questions. I liked that they attended each others sessions. The material presented was, for the most part, challenging, pertinent, inspiring. I left thinking, “yes, I can do my job with these people working on these issues.” We were exhausted but happy at the end. What I really liked was the way the speakers’ topics integrated so well with each other. I hope this sort of integration can be maintained. P.S. The binder was superb.

There is so much that I have received from this conference. In understanding our son’s problems. In understanding why I have success in my life and the problems. In understanding people I work with. In understanding why people are a particular way, one becomes more tolerant. I have grade 12 plus some college and university courses. With this education I found the seminars interesting. Easily understandable. Now I would like to further my knowledge.

What an excellent inaugural conference! The conference staff should be proud of the world-class conference. This conference did an excellent job of blending research with clinicians (including educators!) The opportunity to meet and discuss these topics in a relaxed interdisciplinary setting was a real strength of this conference. I appreciated the conference format and the availability of session tapes. The quality of the presentations was excellent and choosing a session was sometimes difficult since one can’t be in two places at one time. Session presenters were especially responsive to Q & A – this interplay between presenter and audience was a real strength of the conference. The facility was very nice and convenient. It was a valuable conference. To have so many pioneers and experts in the field of brain science in one location sharing their experience is amazing. I can’t wait for the 2008 conference!

Most topics were very interesting. I met and talked with many interesting people. I learned/got interested in many new things. The location was great. Very well organized!! Much needed brain food!! (especially for us rural professionals)

A great opportunity for me to expand my knowledge and take the info back to the staff. Thank you!!

I spoke with many professionals who work with children in complementary ways to what I do, but this isn’t something I normally have an opportunity to do. Talking to and hearing from researchers directly is a way to narrow or collapse the time lag between research and implementation in the classroom. Very exciting for both sides.

This was an excellent interdisciplinary conference. I like the way it used basic science research (especially developmental psychology) to speak to clinical practice (I am a
child psychiatrist). Volunteers and binder were excellent. Excellent conference and I’m looking forward to the next one plus I’m going to tell all my colleagues about it!

As a teacher of special ed at the elementary level (age 4-14) for 30 years, I found this conference to be wonderful! Awesome organization! Awesome program! Helpful friendly people! A wonderful experience!!!

I appreciate hearing from the researchers themselves rather than having their finding interpreted by others for the general public or educators like myself.

This was one of the best conferences I’ve been to in 20 years.

Wonderful opportunity to take a step back from specialty area and look at how everything is connecting and influencing each system at the physical level.

The content was scientific, informative, and digestible all at the same time. This conference was a great idea and I have learned a large amount within a few days!

I enjoyed most of the speakers. It was comforting to see the calibre of interest in Early Childhood Education and the recognition of its importance. The conference was very inspiring to my work. Thank you for a wonderful and inspiring conference! Excellent volunteers!

Felt that I was able to “catch up” on research of the last few years that I have not been actively following. Great idea to try to get info about brain research into the hands of parents, teachers and others who actually work with kids. It is a link that is sorely missing from the field of cognitive science.

This was one of the best professional conferences that I’ve ever been to! It was wonderful having different groups of professionals from different backgrounds and training come together in a truly collaborative way sharing research, knowledge, and experiences. The sessions were very interesting and informative. It has been very exciting to see all of the people dedicated to research in this area and trying to bridge the gap between basic research and practice in brain development and learning. I want to thank the organizers and the developers for putting this amazing conference together and making sure that it was not only intellectually stimulating, but also very well organized and smooth. Thanks!

It is too difficult to say what I like the most. I think the conference was full of rich material and excellent speakers. The research was great. Thanks for an excellent conference!

The information package (binder and bag) was impressive and useful. I liked the set up of the rooms (close proximity). There was never a problem getting a seat. Very qualified speakers.
Excellent array of speakers altogether. Excellent mix of research and functional application. Unless one reads a lot of journals, it’s hard to get such a good exposure to so many emerging ‘best practices’ in such an easy way.

The level of speaker excellence; organization; gala dinner; location!! Long lunch hour; handout package; accessibility of water, coffee, tea, etc.

I’m off to Bangladesh in November to teach two courses to the first batch of speech/language therapists in that country, and it helped me enormously to attend your conference before going.

Overall, this conference was terrific and I look forward to coming again in 2 years. Thank-you to every individual involved. Attention to detail was impressive.

So well organized! The binder was fantastic and informative. The speakers were all very engaging and high quality and as a basic science researcher, I thoroughly benefited from hearing the human and applied research. Please try not to make the meetings too big in the future. I have a feeling it will be popular but part of the strength of the meeting was the relatively small groups.

I liked every session I attended.

The concept of lunch and dinner with the speakers was terrific.

Well organized. Loved the idea and concept of bringing the disciplines together.

Audio and visual aids were excellent, as well as the written material. The continental breakfasts were great, it gives people a chance to socialized and mingle and eat before going into sessions. The hotel and conference area was an excellent choice to hold such a function. Give yourselves a pat on the back. A magnificent hotel and staff for such a conference.

I was very impressed with the talks and the questions from the participants. I sincerely appreciate what you are trying to do. It is a very important task - children's healthy futures depend upon it. Teachers are on the "front line" and have the potential to skillfully and creatively apply scientific findings to help children and their parents.

The speakers were excellent. It was great how everything ran on time. Thank you!

Generally enjoyed all lectures. Service was excellent! Extremely well organized.

Brilliant conference- Congratulations!

Thank you for a fantastic conference!!

Thank you for a terrific inaugural conference.