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Inventor presents at national



Forrest M. Bird, MD, PhD, ScD, FAARC was the keynote speaker at the 55th International Respiratory Congress Conference in December 2009. Dr. Bird is known to the respiratory profession as the inventor of the Bird Ventilator.

After inventing the first modern respirator in 1955, Dr. Bird flew his own plane across the country, visiting facilities with critically ill patients who had failed other treatments to evaluate the device. The Bird respirator was introduced to the market in 1956; and in 1970, Dr. Bird followed with the BabyBird, which is credited with reducing infant mortality due to respiratory problems from 70% to less than 10%.

Dr. Bird has been a member of the AARC since 1956, working closely with respiratory therapists to ensure high quality of care for people with lung conditions. He was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in the mid-1990s.

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Annual conferences recognize Kentuckians



Lifetime Membership Award

At this years Pulmonary/Cardiovascular Issues—Making the Connection Annual KSRC Conference Rhonda Windhorst received the second annual KSRC lifetime membership award. Which is an award that is given in recognition of continued support to the KSRC.

New Respiratory Jeopardy

Jerrell Cloud, RRT (left) designed a new respiratory Jeopardy game that was played at the annual conference. Winner of the game was Jim Maynard, RRT (right) current KSRC president.



Sputum Bowl Winners

Somerset Community College students won the 2009 sputum bowl at the KSRC Annual Conference. They went on to compete at the AARC National Conference. From right Jessica Rose, Christina Lawson, Tracy White, and Tara Wagers.

Kentuckian receives award at National Conference

Dr. Carolyn O'Daniel, Dean of Allied Health and Nursing at the Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, Kentucky won the Fellows Service Award at the AARC National Conference.



The 2010 votes bring new faces to the KSRC

New 2010 representatives were announced at the KSRC Board of Directors meeting in September 2009. Ballots were mailed out as well as a new on-line voting system was setup this year.

The organization tested the on-line system this year in hopes to cut costs and time. As to whether this will take place of the traditional style or not is to be determined. Results for the election are:



President—Mark Vargas
President Elect—Rebecca Higdon
Vice President—Shelby Cutler
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Sr. Rep.—Ken Clay
Jr. Rep.— Peggy Spears Davis

Mountain District
Sr. Rep.—Missy Skeens
Jr. Rep.—Brandy Damron

West Central District
Jr. Rep.—Stephanie Young

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **February 25 & 26, 2010**—Meeting the Challenges to Improve Cardiovascular Outcomes, Corbin Technology Center, Corbin, Ky

Cost: FREE.

For more information or to register visit :

www.soahec.org/cecmeschedule.htm

