



INTERNATIONAL IMPACT: Shifting the Healthcare Paradigm

This Fall, Dr. Mimi Guarneri and Rauni Prittinen King, RN speak at conferences in San Diego, Brazil and The Vatican.

Pacific Pearl La Jolla Co-founders, Mimi Guarneri, MD, FACC, ABOIM (Medical Director) and Rauni Prittinen King, RN, MIH, (Executive Director) are focused on two major initiatives. In La Jolla, CA, they are building their team of experts in Conventional, Integrative and Natural Medicine, ensuring exceptional quality of care and providing innovative Integrative Medicine education and research.



Oct. 2017 "1º International Meeting on Integrative Medicine" in Brazil.

They also are leading the transformation of healthcare to an integrative model both in the US and around the world. This evidence-informed, comprehensive and sustainable person-centered care model has become a compelling focus internationally.

In mid-October, they flew to Brazil, as invited presenters representing the AIHM (Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine) at two international conferences on Integrative Medicine in Belo Horizonte and Rio Grande do Norte, Natal. Twenty-six universities participated, as well as leaders from the Ministry of Health and PNPIC (National Policy for Integrative and Complementary Practices in the SUS --Brazil's publicly-funded health care system), along with representatives from PAHO (Pan American Health Organization) and official participation of Federal Deputy and former Minister of Health Dr. Saraiva Felipe, representing the National Parliamentary Alliance for the TCIM.

On October 10th, 1º Encontro Internacional de Saúde Integrativa was held in Belo Horizonte (MG). It was organized by Faculdade de Ciências Médicas de Minas Gerais (a university of Medicine/Health professions) and Dr. Iracema Benevides, President of Associação Brasileira de Medicina Antroposófica. It was attended by 350 health professionals in complementary and integrative medicine.



At "1º International Meeting on Integrative Medicine" in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. October 10, 2017. Left to right: Sarah Castro, Fernanda Rodrigues, Christina Schirmer (Chief Producer), Rauni Prittinen King, RN, Dr. Iracema Benevides, Dr. Mimi Guarneri, Nalva Moreira.

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During the opening ceremony, an important highlight was the announcement by Faculdade de Ciências Médicas de Minas Gerais of a new post-graduate program on Integrative Complementary Health. The new program begins in February of 2018.

From October 12th to 14th, they attended I CONGREPICS, a national meeting organized by REDEPICS on TCIM in Natal (RN). REDEPICS is a Brazilian horizontal collaborative network formed by institutions and individuals that favor Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine approaches to health. Currently, it has more than 100 institutions (26 Universities) and 2,000 individuals. The Conference was organized by Federal University of Rio Grande Do Norte, represented by Professor Mércia Estácio and Professor Ana Tânia Sampaio. The 1,400 attendees were health professionals working with complementary and integrative approaches in the public health system. Official participation of PAHO was by Dr. Daniel Gallego. The Ministry of Health official participation was by the Head of Primary Health Care Department, Mr. João Salami Neto. The Coordinator of the Brazilian PNPIC, Mr. Daniel Amado, also attended.

At the conferences, Dr. Guarneri presented "Integrative Healthcare Experiences, Evidences and Perspectives" and "Contribution to the Development of Integrative Practices (Approaches in Healthcare: Healing Out of the Heart)."

Rauni Prittinen King, RN presented "Experiences in Integrative Health, Implementing Integrative Health Services" and discussed Healing Touch--a biofield therapy--on a panel. She is shown speaking above in the top photo with (seated right to left) Dr. Guarneri, Dr. Iracema De Almeida Benevides and Professor Rubens Lene Carvalho Tavares.

On October 21st, they helped launch the 4-day [AIHM Annual Conference](#) in San Diego where more than 700 healthcare providers converge from across the US. Rauni serves on the AIHM Board and the Planning Committee. Dr. Guarneri, President of the AIHM and a member of the Planning Committee, led a pre-conference session entitled "Health & Spirituality" and then delivered the Conference Keynote, "Health, Healing and Social Justice."

The AIHM is an innovative educational organization dedicated to engaging a global community of health professionals and health seekers in training, leadership, interprofessional collaboration, research, and advocacy. It is unifying the voice of integrative health and medicine, and their focus is to transform healthcare. The AIHM serves as a platform for all healthcare providers who recognize that health is more than the absence of disease and is closely intertwined with the health of our communities and the planet.

In November, they both are invited to The Vatican to attend a workshop hosted at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS). [Miraglo Foundation](#), the non-profit they co-founded in 2011, is a sponsor of this unique international meeting on global health. Dr. Guarneri is presenting "Healthy People, Healthy Planet" in the Societal Transformation Solutions segment. She joins experts spanning medicine, public health, air pollution, marine pollution, climate change, food and water security, ecology, species extinction, renewable energy, and policy.

From the [PAS website](#): "We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Dr. Guarneri says, "I am honored to be included among this assembly of global thought leaders with an emphasis on human health. The Pontifical Academy of Sciences focus is to consider the latest evidence and make recommendations directly to Pope Francis and other world leaders for further actions."

Rauni Prittinen King, RN is President and Executive Director of Miraglo Foundation. She says, "We are pleased to support this initiative with its international reach, and I am honored to represent Miraglo Foundation's Executive Board at the meeting."

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St. Peter's Square, Vatican City