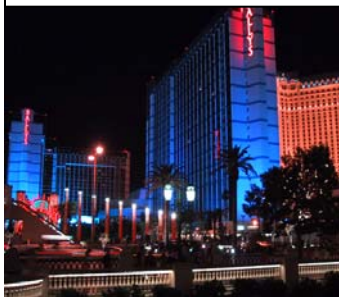




# The Experts *Express*

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## In The News

### Welcome to the Experts *Express*

#### About The Experts *Express*

The Experts *Express* is a new members-only monthly e-newsletter, keeping you informed about IARP issues and upcoming events. Each month we will highlight a different section and chapter(s). In a quick, easy-to-read format, we will be providing you with the latest news, details on new member benefits, and the information you need to stay tuned in to what the IARP leaders are doing to give you the most for your membership.

Visit [www.rehabpro.org](http://www.rehabpro.org) to enter the online world of rehabilitation professionals. If you do not have a member ID or password, please send an e-mail to [iarp-hq@tcag.com](mailto:iarp-hq@tcag.com).

### From the Executive Director's Desk

Debbie Trueblood Witt  
*IARP Executive Director*

It was nice to meet so many of you at the Annual Conference in April. The Annual Conference Committee worked hard to create a strong program and a positive environment for networking.

At the conference, our new President, Neil Bennett, accepted the gavel and announced his two goals: 1) Everyone will have the mission statement memorized and 2) We will implement the strategic plan. First, I hope you take this opportunity to start learning the IARP mission statement, "Uniting Rehabilitation Professionals in their Quest for Education, Professional Growth and Opportunities." [More from the Executive Director.](#)



[www.AAACEUs.com](http://www.AAACEUs.com) offers IARP members pre-approved CEUs for CRC, CDMS, CCM, CLCP, RNs and more.

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*Express* Job Bank Highlight

### **ADA Program Associate** Ithaca, NY

The School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University has an immediate opening for an ADA Program Associate in the Employment and Disability Institute.

Position is located in Ithaca, N.Y., within the ILR School on the campus of Cornell University. [Click here for more details.](#)

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor** Murray, UT

The Medical Management Department of Workers Compensation Fund has an immediate opening for a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Preference will be given to those applicants with a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation or a related field and/or CRC or CDMS certification. [Click here for more details.](#)

### **Clinical Case Manager** Minneapolis, MN

ING, a worldwide financial services company with its Employee Benefits division located in downtown Minneapolis, is seeking to hire a Clinical Case Manager. Working in our claim department we provide case management services related to disability products. [More details.](#)

## **Section Focus**

### **Case Management – A Warm Welcome**

Jon Veltri  
*CM Section Representative*

What a great conference in DC this past April! I have to say it was a wonderful experience to be in our nation's capital in the shadows of those wonderful monuments and more specifically at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

I am not sure if many of you took the time to read the banners and signs with the history of the Omni Shoreham, but one of them caught me by surprise. [Case management continued.](#)

## **Chapter Highlights**

### **Ireland Chapter**

Helen Connolly O'Donoghue  
*Ireland Chapter President*

"2007 is the year the Board of the Irish Chapter will put their association on the map." This was our vow at the first meeting of the year. We have gone gung-ho at doing just that. For example, we presented a proposal to the International Board of IARP and the International Committee, for a financial grant towards funding our membership drive. [Ireland continued.](#)



From Left to right:

Joan Ryan, Past President, Irish Chapter; Dr. Alan Bruce, Lecturer, Dunhill Multi-Education Centre; Helen Connolly O'Donoghue, President Irish Chapter

### **Washington Chapter**

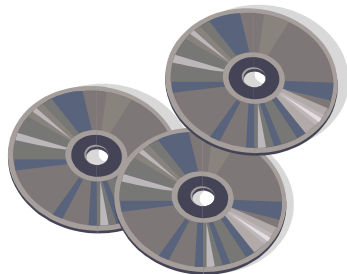
Bradley K. Ehrlich  
*Washington Chapter President*

Opportunities abound! Prior to the beginning of the 2007 Legislative Session, Washington State Governor Christine O. Gregoire (D-WA) negotiated with employer and labor groups to revamp some of the Revised Codes of Washington (RCW) affecting workers compensation. With the help of Rich Wilson, Return to Work Coordinator at the Washington Department of Labor & Industries, and listening to stakeholders, Governor Gregoire proactively submitted bill ESSB 5920 (<http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2007-08/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate%20Final/5920-S.FBR.pdf>).

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In part, the results are a 5-year pilot project offering eligible injured workers an opportunity for real retraining benefits. The current law allows for \$4,000 and 52 weeks of retraining time and money. [Washington continued.](#)

### **Chapter Events**

IARP's chapters are located throughout North America, Ireland and are expanding around the world. To obtain information regarding a chapter near you, visit <http://www.RehabPro.org/local-chapters>.

### **IARP Membership Benefits**

#### **Did You Know?**

IARP offers its members many valuable benefits to help them achieve success in the marketplace and experience professional growth. Here are this month's highlights:

- ✚ Education Opportunities.** \_Network with your peers at the IARP Annual Conference, the [IARP Forensic Conference](#), and IARP chapter conferences (members receive a discounted registration rate). CEUs are available towards the following certifications: ARN, CRC, CDMS, CCM, ABVE, CLCP, and CCWAVES.
- ✚ Software Discounts.** IARP works with software providers to bring a discount to members. For example, SkillTRAN has a special 10% discount for IARP members. Contact Jeff Truthan at (800) 827-2182 or visit the website at [www.Skilltran.com](http://www.Skilltran.com).
- ✚ Discounts for insurance.** IARP members receive a discounted group rate for professional liability insurance. Coverage includes locum tenens coverage, deposition expense reimbursement, and loss of earnings reimbursement. Additional discounted insurance opportunities are coming soon. [www.personal-plans.com/iarp](http://www.personal-plans.com/iarp).

For a complete listing of IARP membership benefits, please visit the IARP website at [www.RehabPro.org/membership](http://www.RehabPro.org/membership).

### **IARP Members Corner**

#### **IARP Website Access**

IARP members have access to the member's only section of the website. Special features and additional information are available once logged in.

To access the member's only section:

- 1) Go to [www.RehabPro.org](http://www.RehabPro.org)
- 2) Enter your member ID number and password

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- 3) If you are a new member, you must activate your member ID and password. To activate your member log in, click "forgot password" and the system will send you an email with a link. Click on the link in the email and it will give a screen to enter your member ID number and password.

### **Directory Update**

Contact [iarp-hq@tcag.com](mailto:iarp-hq@tcag.com) with your directory changes. Keep us informed about changes in your information, like email and mailing address, credentials or other changes for your record.

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### **IARP Policy Place**

On February 6 and 7, 2007, a groundbreaking summit was held in Atlanta, GA, titled "*Voices for Change: Beneficiaries Paving the Way to Work.*" This first-ever summit was attended by delegates representing every U.S. state, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, raising their voices in support of enabling Social Security disability beneficiaries to work and become economically self-sufficient. The delegates included individuals with a wide variety of disabilities, ages, and backgrounds.

As an unintended consequence of public policy, many government programs discourage individuals with disabilities from even attempting work. Countless people with disabilities cannot risk losing public health insurance, which is tied to eligibility for the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. These programs strictly limit the amount people can earn without risking the very benefits they rely upon. Others fear that their disability may make it impossible to work at a later date, but they may be unable to get their benefits quickly reinstated. **[More Summit information.](#)**