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The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) Expresses Gratitude to Verónica Schiariti, MD, MHSc, PhD, for Serving as Director at Large

The AACPDM Board of Directors wish to thank the former Director at Large, Verónica Schiariti, MD, MHSc, PhD, for her service to the Academy.

Milwaukee, WI., December 9, 2024 - The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) expresses gratitude to Verónica Schiariti, MD, MHSc, PhD, for her service to the Academy as Director at Large.

AACPDM President (2023-24), M. Wade Shrader, MD, from Nemours Children’s Hospital, Delaware, states, “Verónica made valuable contributions to the Academy as Director at Large. Her expertise, thoughtfulness, and dedication greatly benefited the organization, and she will be sorely missed.”

Dr. Verónica Schiariti is the Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Medical Sciences at University of Victoria, Victoria, BC. Dr. Schiariti is a physician-scientist whose work bridges clinical research and international child health. For more than 10 years, she worked with children with developmental disabilities in community and tertiary-level rehabilitation centers as a developmental pediatrician.

Dr. Schiariti is an active member of the AACPDM, participating four times in the scientific program committee. In 2019, she was one of the scientific program committee co-chairs of the combined 73rd AACPDM & 2nd International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability (IAACD) triannual meeting. She served as part of the AACPDM nominating committee in 2020. Moreover, she was the leader of the

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Integrated across working group of the NINDS AACPDM Common Data Elements (CDEs) for cerebral palsy (2015-2017), she also led the publication NINDS CDEs initiative and served on the Oversight Committee (2017-2021). Her contributions have garnered various honors and awards, including recognition on World CP Day (2018) and the AACPDM Fred P. Sage Award (2015) for her leadership in developing an educational e-tool for the ICF.

ABOUT AACPDM:

The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) is an organization made up of over 1,100 healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for individuals with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities.

What distinguishes AACPDM is the collaborative approach of its members, who work together to establish a global network aimed at achieving the best possible outcomes for patients. Our membership includes pediatricians, neurologists, surgeons, physiatrists, therapists, nurses, special educators, engineers, and scientists.

The mission of the AACPDM is: Empowering and supporting a collaborative multidisciplinary community that:

- Provides accessible and robust scientific education for health professionals and researchers;
- Fosters innovative research as well as its dissemination and implementation; and
- Advocates for equitable access to evidence based and patient centered care.

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