The Civitan International Convention was held in Birmingham, Alabama on June 24 – 27, 2017. This year’s convention was especially festive as Civitan International celebrated 100 years of service. Civitan was founded in Birmingham in 1917, thus making Birmingham the perfect location to celebrate the centennial event. Celebrating 100 years of service, the Civitan founders wanted to make a difference in the world, and they have.

In addition to the wonderful schedule of activities held at the Sheraton, groups toured the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC), the Civitan International Neuroimaging Laboratory, and Civitan International Headquarters. Hundreds of guests filed through the areas, and for many it was the first time to see the facilities.

Four Civitan scientists spoke at the convention, giving first-hand accounts of research taking place. During the Civitan International Research Center Forum, Dr. Alan Percy, interim director of the Research Center, gave an interesting overview of the Center and then introduced the 2017 Civitan International Research Center video, which was filmed and produced by Jim Willett.

Dr. Lucas Pozzo-Miller, interim scientific co-director of the Research Center, presented his research in his talk “Brain research in the autism Rett syndrome.” Dr. David Knight, associate professor in the Department of Psychology presented “Neural Correlates of Post-Traumatic Stress.” Dr. Gwendalyn King, assistant professor in the Department of Neurobiology, talked about “Smart mice and what they are teaching us about aged brain function.”
2017 VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!!!
Orders for the 2017 Civitan International Research Center video which premiered at the Centennial Convention can be placed by contacting Vicki Hixon at vhixon@uab.edu. In an effort to offset production costs, an invoice for $10 will be included in the shipment.

For updates on the Civitan International Research Center visit the website at:
http://www.uab.edu/medicine/circ

Highlights of the Centennial Convention along with additional information can be found at:

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