



**8th Annual Clusterbusters
Cluster Headache Conference**

**September 12 - 15, 2013
Chicago, Illinois**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Chicago O'Hare
Airport - Rosemont**

Conference Syllabus

Presentations by:

Dr. Brian McGeeney	Mr. Bruce Sewick	Dr. Larry Schor
Dr. Larry Robbins	Ms. Cindy Reynolds & panel group	Ms. Marsha Weil
Mr. Bill Mingus	Mr. Vernon Robinson	Dr. John Halpern
Mr. Bob Wold Pres. - Clusterbusters		Mr. Lee Markins Conference Chair

All Presentations in the Signature III Room

Thursday September 12:

- Presidents Reception at 6pm - location to be announced
- Registration opens at 6pm

Friday September 13:

- Registration open at 8:00 am
- Speakers begin at 9:00 am Sharp - Concludes for day at 5pm

Saturday September 14:

- Speakers begin at 9:00 am Sharp - Conclusion of presentation 5pm

Sunday September 15:

- Social time and final goodbyes - location to be announced

**Bob Wold, President, Clusterbusters Inc.
Lee Markins, Conference Chair**

Speakers:

- **Mr. Lee Markins - Conference Chair**

Lee Markins has been experienced cluster headache for many years, having gone from chronic for 19 years to episodic for 28 years and now back to chronic. A strong advocate for CH, he has attended the last two Headache on the Hill meetings in Washington DC. This is his first year as Chair Person for the Clusterbusters Annual Headache Conferences. He will begin the conference by leading the audience introductions.

- **John Halpern MD:**

Co-Founder of Entheogen Corp, Chief Medical Officer, M.D.

John H. Halpern, M.D. is a research psychiatrist evaluating the clinical impact of hallucinogen use and abuse. He is Director of the Laboratory for Integrative Psychiatry at McLean Hospital's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center, Medical Director of the McLean Residence at the Brook, and is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He has published extensively on various hallucinogen-related projects, including leading the research about LSD and psilocybin for cluster headache. Dr. Halpern co-discovered (with his colleague Dr. Torsten Passie of Germany) the use of 2-Bromo-LSD for the treatment of cluster headache - a discovery that has been patented and then licensed to Entheogen Corporation. Dr. Halpern has been profiled and appeared in multiple media outlets including National Geographic's Explorer and Taboo programs, Newsweek, Discover Magazine, The Sunday New York Times Magazine, and more.

Presentation: Dr. Halpern will update on the last year of development as well as review clinical advancements and answer any questions related to BOL and psychedelics, in general.

- **Dr. Brian McGeeney**

Brian E. McGeeney, MD, MPH, is a neurologist at Boston Medical Center and full time faculty (Assistant Professor of Neurology) at Boston University School of Medicine. Dr McGeeney graduated from University College Dublin, Ireland before training in neurology at Boston University and obtained a Master of Public Health at Boston University (Epidemiology and Statistics).

Dr McGeeney is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, with the added qualification in Pain Medicine. Dr McGeeney is also boarded by the American Board of Pain Medicine and holds the United Council on Neurologic Subspecialties board in Headache Medicine.

Dr McGeeney has a particular interest in Headache Medicine and on a personal note has much experience himself with migraine. Dr McGeeney has published in the headache and pain literature, lectures widely at Continuous Medical Education courses, has lobbied for Headache Medicine in Washington DC and is heavily involved with the neurology residency program at Boston University, where he is a site director.

He recently authored a paper, "**Cannabinoids and Hallucinogens for Headaches**" that was published in the journal Headache.

Presentation: "Exploring Cluster Headache"

Dr. McGeeney will explore some historical aspects of this disorder, some important people in the initial description and treatment and how to make a good diagnosis.

The discussion will also review some related disorders that can mimic cluster headache. The treatment of cluster headache will feature prominently in the presentation

This will be an audience participation session, engaging the attendees early and often for comments and their own personal experiences, drawing on and tapping into the large wealth of personal experience in the audience.

- **Mr Bill Mingus**

Bill is a long time veteran of cluster headache. He has been active in the online community and was a member of OUCH USA for many years. Considered by many as an expert on the use of oxygen in the management of cluster headache, Bill will share his knowledge during a breakout session "Oxygen - Making It Work For You. A Hands On Demonstration and Discussion". This will be an opportunity to learn more about oxygen use including tips and tricks to optimize its effectiveness.

- **Ms. Cindy Reynolds**

Cindy is a strong advocate for Cluster Headache and has twice attended the "Headache On The Hill" event in Washington DC. For this years conference Cindy will update us on the HOH 2013 and lead a panel in the discussion on advocacy issues.

- **Dr. Larry Robbins** Robbins Headache Clinic

Lawrence Robbins, M.D. is considered to be one of the top 10 experts in the country on management of headache medications and he also discusses non-medication strategies, as well as alternative treatments. His web site <http://www.headachedrugs.com/> reflects his expertise in headache management.

He has authored 3 books, the first 2 being "Headache Help" and "Management of Headache and Headache Medications" Both have been very well reviewed and are bestsellers and are available online or in bookstores.

His third is the newly release E-Book: "Headache 2013: A Comprehensive Guide to Headache Treatment, Including Advanced Approaches for When Nothing Has Helped" which is available online with links from his website:

<http://www.chicagoheadacheclinic.com/ebook.html>

Dr. Robbins has his practice in Northbrook, Illinois. The Robbins Headache Clinic has a reputation as being one of the top places in the United States to go for help with headaches. He has been elected to "America's Top Doctors" for each year since 2001. He was also named as one of Chicago's Top Doctors by Chicago Magazine. Dr. Robbins received the Clinical Pain Management Award from the AAPM in 2008, given to the physician who "...has made a significant accomplishment in research and/or teaching in the field of interdisciplinary pain

management." Only one physician in the United States receives this annual award.

This will be the third time Dr. Robbins has attended the Clusterbusters conferences and this year he will lead a open format Q&A session "Ask the Doc - Your Questions on the Clinical Aspects of Cluster Headache". This promises to be an exciting and informative session.

- **Mr. Vernon Robinson**

Battles With The Monster In His Head. Vernon is a fellow clusterhead and this is his first CH conference. He has been experiencing clusters for 21 years, the first 15 as episodic and chronic since. Vernon will relate his history of treating cluster headache ineffectively for many years and his current regimen of ketamine nasal spray, sumatriptan and DHE infusions under the care of Dr. Brian McGeeney (Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine).

- **Dr. Larry Schor**

Dr. Schor is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of West Georgia and a licensed psychotherapist, who will focus on the psychological aspects of CH.

Dr. Schor has been a cluster headache patient for more than 25 years.

He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Professional Counselor Supervisor in Georgia. His research, teaching, and practice focus on the psychological effects and treatment of trauma. He is particularly interested in states of consciousness associated with trauma and pain; especially alterations in consciousness associated with cluster headaches.

Dr. Schor is a Disaster Mental Health Counselor and Supervisor for the American Red Cross and was named Georgia Counselor of the Year in 2004. Presently, he is completing development of the website www.georgiadisaster.info which provides comprehensive information for disaster preparedness and response.

Dr. Schor has recently been involved with SAMSHA, bringing awareness to Cluster Headache and the risks of suicide. SAMSHA Link <http://www.samhsa.gov/>

Along with Bob Wold and Dr. Robert Shapiro, Dr Schor helped develop the "Cluster Headache Fact Sheet" for use by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

(1-800-273-TALK).

The sheet can be downloaded from this page: <http://www.crisiscentersblog.com/?p=2382>

We welcome him back to Chicago for what will be an exciting and highly interactive session.

- **Mr. Bruce Sewick**

LCPC, RDDP, CADC. Clinical Supervisor Residential, Crisis and Case Management Programs at Leyden Family Service and Mental Health Center. Adjunct at College of DuPage & Wright Community College in Chicago.

A noted teacher and therapist, Bruce's interest in mental health started with exploration of altered states of consciousness in the 70's while an undergraduate at the University of Illinois (Chicago). He received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1974 and a graduate degree in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University in 1997 and his LCPC licensure in 1999.

His Master's thesis, "Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy for the Terminally Ill" is on-line at: <http://www.maps.org/research/sewick.html> It reflects his compassion about assisting the dying with the anxiety and fear they may be facing.

He also uses EMDR to help alleviate traumatic symptoms <http://www.emdria.org>

For more information please visit his web site: <http://www.brucesewick.com/>

Back for the second time at the Clusterbusters conferences, Bruce will be speaking on the safety of psychedelic substances along with past and recent issues in Psychedelic Research.

- **Ms. Marsha Weil**

Marsha Weil is an Occupational Therapist with a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. She worked most of her career in school districts or early intervention programs with children. She is also a cluster headache sufferer since the age of 16.

Presentation: Marsha will update us on the results from the Cluster Headache Medication Survey completed in 2012, which is now being prepared for publication.

- **Bob Wold**

Bob Wold is founder and President of Clusterbusters, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the research of cluster headache and to support people with cluster headache and their families. Based in greater Chicago with his wife and 4 children, Mr. Wold has talked to 1000s of cluster sufferers. In fact, over 25 years of his adult life was burdened with severe cluster headache that was resistant to all standard treatments. That all changed after he tried psilocybin, which has helped regain control over this illness for him and now hundreds to perhaps thousands of other cluster headache patients all over the world future. Recently, along with Dr. Larry Shcor and Dr. Robert Shapiro, Bob helped develop the "Cluster Headache Fact Sheet" for use by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK

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Bob will be present a brief history of Clusterbusters, review the last year and address plans for the coming year.

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John Gallias - WebMaster for Clusterbusters

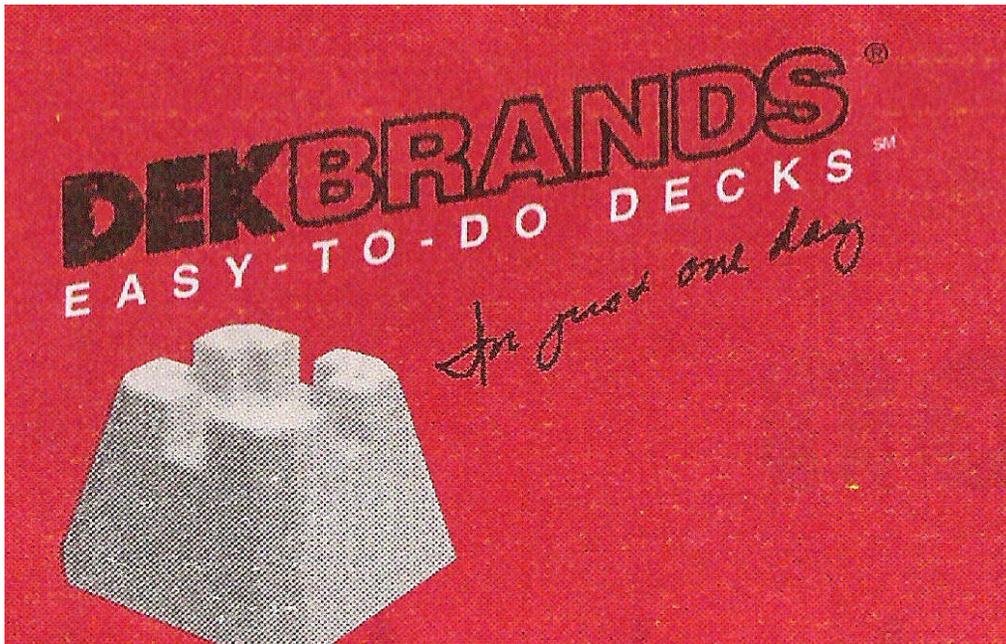
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