

## Conference Chairman: David E. Root, M.D., M.P.H.



*"The Hubbard detoxification protocol is the only method which numerous peer-reviewed studies have established to be safe and effective in addressing the problem of xenobiotic contamination."*

*—David Root M.D., M.P.H.*

### Excerpt from Welcoming Address

Welcome to the International Conference on Human Detoxification. A theme that will no doubt emerge throughout the next two days is that we live in a chemically-oriented society. This is not a new theme. In fact, it is the theme for dozens of conferences on the state of the environment and the pollution that we all face. But this conference is unique. It is significantly different for the simple reason that we are focusing on something that can be done to help people survive better in their environments. That is the common denominator that brings us together today.

When I graduated from medical school in 1962, the general perspective on our environment was radically different than today. There was no Environmental Protection Agency. There was really no environmental movement. In fact, I recall news images of children frolicking amidst a strange "fog" blown from special crop dusting trucks. That "fog" enveloping them was DDT. And yet few people saw anything wrong. In fact, it would be many years before the use of DDT was actually banned in this country.

In 1977, Mr. Hubbard put forth the idea that LSD residues could store in human tissue and later react upon the person. He later extended this idea to other toxic compounds. Less than one year later he developed and released a detoxification procedure that could safely eliminate toxic chemicals that accumulate in fatty tissues.

Make no mistake: These were very radical ideas. And not without controversy. The idea that chemical residues stored for years in the fat was controversial. The idea that these residues could actually cause subtle adverse effects was downright revolutionary. And to develop and offer a program that purported to get rid

of these residues was, well, a very brave thing to do.

As we approach a new century, there is now a much different global awareness of our environment—and the human consequences which accompany our dependence on chemicals. Our conference today isn't about controversies. It isn't to argue about whether or not chemicals accumulate in the tissue. (The U.S. government has identified over 400 foreign chemicals in human tissue.) The purpose of this conference isn't to criticize chemical companies. We're here to do something about the problem. This conference is about results. That's what counts.

Many hours have gone into developing our conference program. Whether you have been involved in detoxification issues for many years, or are entirely unfamiliar with the subject, I can assure you that you will learn some very exciting things in the next two days.

I am very pleased that we have so many international participants. And the interest in this conference continues to grow. Unfortunately, there are many colleagues from around the world who were unable to attend. We are making a special effort to produce a Proceedings of this conference so that what transpires over the next few days can be shared with others.

Welcome to the conference. Over the next two days, I look forward to meeting each of you personally.