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Schatell Receives ADC Special Recognition Award

New Orleans, LA – Dori Schatell, MS, MEI Executive Director received a Special Recognition Award during the 35th Annual Dialysis Conference. The award honors Schatell for her work and dedication to promoting better patient education and fostering awareness of treatment options for people with chronic kidney disease (CKD).

The award was presented by Leonor Ponferrada, BSN, RN, CNN during a special awards ceremony on January 31. “Dori is a passionate advocate for patients. She understands the challenges faced by people with CKD, and always has their best interests in mind,” said Ponferrada. “Her vision is focused on improving lives and creating hope.”

Schatell has authored and edited more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, abstracts, books, and other pieces. As Executive Director of the non-profit Medical Education Institute, she directs the Life Options program, Kidney School, and Home Dialysis Central. Schatell is co-author of Help, I Need Dialysis!—the “lifestyle bible” for dialysis patients—and she has produced five editions of the Core Curriculum for the Dialysis Technician.

In accepting the award, Schatell asked the renal community to focus on improving quality of life for patients. “My work will be done when every single patient is asked the question, ‘What matters to you?’ and we act on it. That is my challenge to everyone,” said Schatell.

About MEI: Founded in 1993, MEI is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with chronic diseases learn to manage and improve their health. MEI fulfills its mission by conducting research, developing evidence-based educational materials for consumers and health professionals, and advocating for patient-centered policies. MEI is funded through corporate sponsorships, fee-for-service contracts, product sales, and donations. Tax-deductible contributions can be made through MEI’s website, www.meiresearch.org.

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