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Comments on Birmingham

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The Birmingham meeting was well organized, comprehensive, and longer than usual. Instead of the usual two and one half days, it was three and a half days and that seemed to work well. The meeting emphasized the fundamentals of hair transplant surgery and with so many doctors entering the field, this served them well. There were excellent talks on hairline placement, designs, slits versus holes, flaps, scalp reductions, scalp lifts, implants, hair pieces, and combining hair pieces with transplants. There were also good talks on malpractice problems, anesthesia and patient selection.

The progressive nature of male pattern baldness received a lot of attention. There was no direct confrontation between the scalp reduction camp and the non-scalp reduction camp, but both sides presented their views. I am sure no minds were

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Birmingham, Alabama

A Review of the AAFPRS International Symposium on Hair Replacement Surgery

March 3-6, 1994

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It's early spring, It's Birmingham, and it's 70°. Hang on, something doesn't compute! I guess it's intellectual exhaustion and sleep deprivation because I've just spent 3 1/2 days (not to mention the nights) in intense study of modern hair replacement surgery.

My eyes are strained from the reflected glare of the numerous luminaries in this field who came to share their expertise with us. With modern technology, should we be surprised that even if you could not attend we still benefitted from your lectures.

For an Aussie it was quite instructive. You start at 7am, finish about 6pm and the evening events start at 6:30pm. I think I saw daylight briefly on the third day but I'm not sure. I nearly burst my bladder not going to the toilet, scared I was going to miss something important.

So, what did we learn?

1. Danny Rousso runs a tight ship. No goofing off around here. Concentration is required.
2. The McCollough Clinic is part of Disneyland - Fantasyland, I think - and you have to be beautiful to work there.
3. Nearly everyone who attended this Hair Transplant Conference could benefit from one, but hey, just about everyone goes bald and the only time it stops is when you die.

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*Fig. 1. Left-Right,
Drs. Patrick Frechet,
Martin Unger, and
Daniel Rousso.*

