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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

The Carmel 2003 meeting was a big success with another outstanding joint plenary session, excellent state-of-the-art lectures, a

unique symposium on issues in Pediatric Cardiology, fine trainee presentations, and once again good weather!

We are currently planning for 2004. The 2004 meeting will again begin with a joint plenary session with the adult medicine societies at the Pacific Repertory Theater. This session provides a marvelous opportunity to interact with new colleagues and the combined concept was strongly endorsed by all participants. A special theme symposium on Obesity will be presented Saturday morning, January

31st. Specifics will be included in the December newsletter.

As the new Secretary/Treasurer for WSPR, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Curt Bennett for his service and dedication to the WSPR. He and his assistant Kathleen Tharp have made the transition from Seattle to Portland a pleasure!

A common sentiment at the meeting last year was the reinvigoration that many felt in the society. We feel fortunate to be able to continue our emphasis on the

development of pediatric trainees and research in our region. Please join us!

You are again encouraged to arrive in Carmel Wednesday afternoon, January 28, in order to meet members of our affiliated organizations at the annual Intersociety Welcoming Reception. There will again be a special Student Poster Session featuring the top student abstracts on Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm at the Monterey Beach Resort.

So, mark your calendars now. CME Category 1 credit will again be offered. Please note that we will be meeting the last week in January, 2004, BEFORE the annual golf tournament. Fortunately, the abstract deadline remains **October 2, 2003**. Please find enclosed the guidelines for electronic abstract submission.

I hope the combination of an outstanding scientific meeting and an awesome venue will convince you and your students, residents, and fellows to prioritize this increasingly unique event.

AWARDS

Joseph W. St.Geme, Jr. Education Award:

This award is conferred biannually by the WSPR in recognition of outstanding achievement in Pediatric Education. The award is presented to the winner at a plenary session of the meeting and is accompanied by a \$1,000 award and a plaque provided by Ross Laboratories. Nominations may be submitted by an active or Emeritus member of the Society. There is no age limit on this award. Nominations should include a narrative letter detailing the reasons why this candidate is considered worthy of the award and should be accompanied by a CV and supportive data on achievements and education. Completed nominations should be sent in *triplicate* to the Chair of the Awards Committee by **October 2, 2003**:

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Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator:

The WSPR confers this award on a chosen nominee in recognition of outstanding research in a field related to pediatrics. The nominee must have a junior faculty (Assistant Professor, Instructor) academic appointment. There is no age restriction. The work need not have been published. Ross Laboratories will provide \$1,000 and a suitably engraved plaque to be presented to the awardee at the annual meeting. The award winner will be asked to present some aspects of his/her work, or a summary of it, at one of the two combined plenary sessions. Nominations may be tendered by an active or Emeritus member of the WSPR. Nominations should be in the form of a narrative letter which includes a clear statement of the reasons for nomination of the candidate. Nominations should also include a copy of the nominee's CV, and copies of reprints, preprints, or other documents, if considered applicable. The award may be given to more than one nominee at the discretion of the Committee, or it may be omitted if the Committee considers that an outstanding candidate

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David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award:

This award is sponsored by Ross Laboratories and will be accompanied by a plaque and a \$500 honorarium. The recipient will present his/her paper at one of the subspecialty sessions of the WSPR. The award is based upon an abstract submitted for presentation at the annual meeting. The criteria for this award include: original, unpublished research by a Pediatric Resident or Fellow, under the auspices of a WSPR member or in a WSPR-affiliated program, during house staff training or within the first three years of the applicant's pediatric fellowship training program. The award is given during or within one

year following the above-described period of training.

Nominations may be submitted by any active or Emeritus member of the Society. The application should be in the form of a narrative letter describing the work, its significance, the background of the nominee and an assurance (signature) that the nominee will be available to present the work. A copy of the abstract must accompany the letter. A CV of the nominee and any supporting documents, research summaries, etc., may accompany the nomination.

Nominations should be sent in *triplicate* to the President of WSPR by **October 2, 2003**:

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Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award:

This award is given to the student submitting the most outstanding abstract to this year's WSPR meeting. The research may be in any area of pediatrics. Ross Laboratories is sponsoring this award, which will include a \$250 honorarium. The student will be asked to present the abstract at a subspecialty session.

Nominations may be submitted by any active or Emeritus member of the Society. A copy of the abstract must accompany the nomination letter.

Checking the student research box on the abstract form flags the abstract for consideration. Send all nominations to the President of WSPR, Anthony F. Philipps, M.D., F.A.A.P. (see above for address) by **October 2, 2003**.

Mead Johnson Travel Awards:

A modest amount of travel money will be available for travel awards for the 2003 meeting, provided by a grant from Mead Johnson Nutritionals. The purpose of these awards is to facilitate participation in the WSPR by those least able to afford the meeting (i.e., medical students, residents and fellows).

Abstracts will be selected by the WSPR officers on the basis of merit and ranking by subspecialty reviewers. Specific letters of nomination from mentors are helpful, but not required. We anticipate individual awards of approximately \$300. We will give as many awards as the funding allows.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The abstract deadline remains the same as last year. Please plan to submit an abstract and encourage your colleagues, especially students, residents, fellows and junior faculty, to submit abstracts. **The abstract deadline is October 2, 2003.**

This year again electronic abstract submission is the **REQUIRED MODE** (see Abstract Form). An abstract form is enclosed in this mailing with full instructions for submission. It can be copied as many times as you wish. If you need additional forms, please contact your department chair or our office.

CME CREDIT

This year we **WILL** again be offering CME credit. You may pick up a form for CME credit at the Pacific Repertory Theater at the time you register. There will be a fee of \$30 to be made payable to the WSPR. You will need to fill out the form and either mail it in or return it to the desk at the Pacific Repertory Theater at the conclusion of the meeting.

We are very grateful to the Continuing Education Committee of Valley Children's Hospital, Madera, CA for allowing us to offer this opportunity for CME credit.

ANNUAL DUES

Your Society is vitally dependent on dues. You are encouraged to promptly pay your 2003-2004, **\$75.00** dues as well as any unpaid dues from previous years. The dues form is enclosed for your convenience.

Remember, this is now a call for current year's dues, not to be confused with our recent efforts to collect delinquent dues for the past academic year (2002-2003).

Unfortunately, you will be removed from active membership after failure to pay dues for three years.

2002 NEW MEMBERS

The WSPR again had a wonderful recruitment year with 21 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 21 new fellow members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new faculty members and congratulate all who helped recruit them:

Aida Al-Aqeel, M.D.
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Allen de Caen, M.D.
University of Alberta

Louis Chicoine, M.D.
New Mexico

Collin Cowley, M.D.
Utah

Donna Daily, M.D.
Vanderbilt University

Roger Faix, M.D.
Utah

Beth Goodlin-Jones, Ph.D.
UCD

Jeffrey Gould, M.D.
Stanford

Glenn Gourley, M.D.
OHSU

Mary Ann Limbos, M.D.
USC

Sean Limesand, Ph.D.
Colorado

Kek Loo, M.D.
UCLA

Majid Mirmiran, M.D., Ph.D.
Stanford

Anne Moon, M.D., Ph.D.
Utah

Theodore Moore, M.D.
UCLA

New Members
Cont.

John Partridge, M.D.
UCSF

Arun Pramanik, M.D.
LSU

Virender Rehan, M.D.
UCLA

Charles Simmons, Jr., M.D.
Cedars-Sinai MC

Glenn Takata, M.D.
USC

Samuel Zinner, M.D.
Washington

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Enclosed is an application form which contains all the necessary information to initiate the nomination of a new member to the Society. The criteria for membership are on the back of the form. Remember that there are no longer any geographic restrictions to membership. Remember that Ph.D.s are also eligible for Society membership. Remember that a new Fellow membership category now exists at the \$25.00 level. WSPR members are encouraged to nominate any number of applicants. You may duplicate this form.

Complete nomination documents should be transmitted in duplicate.

The deadline for nominations is **January 15, 2004**. Please send nominations to:

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REMINDER: ABSTRACT DEADLINE OCTOBER 2, 2003