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ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2004

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Annual Meeting

Enclosed is the information on the 2004 WSPR Annual Meeting which will again include expanded joint plenary sessions with the adult medicine societies on Thursday, January 29, 2004 in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater (see enclosure).

This combined session was enthusiastically received at

our last meeting and we again anticipate a full house in January.

The time and location of all the subspecialty sessions are listed in this newsletter, but please check the program you will receive at registration for confirmation of these room assignments. Also, please note the times of the excellent and varied 25 State-of-the Art lectures.

There will again be a special Student Poster Session featuring the top student abstracts. This event, jointly sponsored by WSPR, will be held on Thursday, January 29th at the Monterey Beach Resort from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Please note that the WSPR continues its ties with the Western regions of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association and

we hope that you will consider attending some of their sessions which will be held Saturday afternoon, January 31, 2004 and Sunday morning, February 1, 2004.

The Intersociety Welcoming Cocktail

Reception will again be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 5:30 PM at the Carmel Women's Club. Members of all societies, WSPR, WSCI, WAFMR, WAP and WSMRF, are encouraged to attend and bring their students, residents and fellows. The party offers an excellent opportunity for interchange with colleagues.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will again be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00

PM Thursday, January 29, 2004 following the afternoon joint plenary session. Issues of interest to Society members will be discussed during the Business Meeting.

Ross Reception

The WSPR reception will again be graciously sponsored by Ross Laboratories and hosted by Rebecca Johnson. This annual event will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday evening, January 29, 2004 at the La Playa Hotel.

Registration

Registration will be held in the Promenade Lobby at the Sunset Center. All members and non-members should register. Small programs and identification badges will be available at the registration desk. A message center will be operating for emergency calls. Fees are as follows:

Members

No charge. (Dues include registration fees.)

Non Members and Trainees: \$25

Students: No charge. Please provide letter of verifying training status.

CME Credit

You may register for CME credit, available through the auspices of Children's Hospital – Central California, at the registration desk in the Sunset Center.

Checks for \$30 should be made payable to the WSPR. Payment for CME credit is **not** covered by your WSPR dues. Members registering for CME will be asked to fill out and return a registration form and questionnaire in order to receive CME credit for this meeting.

Certificates will be mailed following the meeting. The procedure is similar to that followed at other national meetings.

Nominations for New Members

Don't forget to nominate appropriate **New Members**. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2004. A form for both faculty and trainees is enclosed. The growth and life of our Society depends on the inclusion of young investigators as well as established academicians in all the subspecialties. We now also offer a Trainee Membership category at a reduced dues level.

Annual Dues Reminder (Second Notice)

A 2003-2004 Annual Dues form is enclosed for All WSPR members who are still unpaid. **PLEASE** submit your **\$75.00** as promptly as possible including any amount due from previous years. You will **NOT** receive the abstract journal (Journal of Investigative Medicine) if

your dues are unpaid. Your Society depends on you!

2003 Ross Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2004 Ross Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **Ross Young Investigator Research Award**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**.

2003 Mead Johnson Travel Awards

We are also pleased to announce that the 2004 Mead Johnson Travel Awards will be presented to students, residents, and fellows, and were selected on the basis of abstract score and merit. All recipients will present their abstract orally during the course of the meeting.

Preliminary Schedule

A brief outline of the meeting is provided.

PLEASE CHECK THE FINAL SCHEDULE TO DETERMINE EXACT SESSION TIMES, LOCATIONS, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES.

Please refer to the enclosed inserts for details about the joint plenary sessions on Thursday, January 29, 2004 in the Pacific Repertory Theater – Golden Bough Room.