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**ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, February 2, 2005 THROUGH  
SATURDAY, February 5, 2005**

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## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

The Carmel 2004 meeting was a big success with another outstanding joint plenary session, excellent state-of-the-art lectures, fine trainee presentations, and once again good weather!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MARILYN C. JONES, M.D.

The presidents of the four societies have been working hard on the program for the upcoming 2005 meeting. The theme of the joint plenary session (Thursday, February 3, 2005) is "The many faces of nitric oxide". We are delighted that 1998 Nobel laureate, Ferid Murad, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, will give the WAP Distinguished Lecture on "Nitric oxide and cyclic GMP in cell signaling and drug development" as part of this symposium. Other participants include John Kinsella, University of Colorado, (neonatal RDS and pulmonary hypertension), Mark

Gladwin, NIH, (sickle cell anemia), Ron Swerdloff, Harbor, UCLA, (reproduction), and John Cooke, Stanford, (angiogenesis).

The Western Association of Physicians is revitalizing its Wednesday symposium which for 2005 will focus on "The impact of '-omics' on modern medicine". Speakers will include David Cox on genomics, James Paulson on glycomics, and Harvey Cohen on proteomics. I encourage all WSPR members to make travel plans that allow them to attend this outstanding program (3:30-5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2005).

Nominate your colleagues for membership.  
Encourage your students

and trainees to present their work. Plan to come and participate.

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You are again encouraged to arrive in Carmel Wednesday afternoon, February 2, in order to meet members of our affiliated organizations at the annual Intersociety Welcoming Reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will again be a special Student Poster Session featuring the top student abstracts on Thursday, February 3, 2005 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Monterey Beach Resort, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA off Highway One. All attendees for the Carmel Meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

CME Category 1 credit will again be offered. Please note that we will be meeting the first week in February, 2005, BEFORE the AT&T Pro-Am Annual golf tournament, February 7-13, 2005. For more information call (831) 649-1533. The abstract deadline is **October 4, 2004**. 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:**

***Deadline August 1, 2004***

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

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#### **Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator: *Deadline August 1, 2004***

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 has not been nominated.

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### **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research**

#### **Award:**

***Deadline October 1, 2004***

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.

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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. This award will be presented to the top scoring abstract submitted by a student to WSPR. No nomination materials are required.

### **Mead Johnson Travel Awards:**

A generous gift amount for travel money will be available for travel awards for the 2005 meeting, and is provided by a grant from Mead Johnson Nutritional. 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**

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 4, 2004.**

This year again electronic abstract submission is the **REQUIRED MODE**. Please see attached information. Full instructions are on the website at: <http://www.medpubinc.com>  
**Abstract fee is \$75.00.**

### CME CREDIT

This year we **WILL** again be offering CME credit. You may pick up a form for CME credit at the Sunset Center (San Carlos between 8th & 9th) 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 Sunset Center 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 2004-2005, **\$75.00** dues as well as any unpaid dues from previous years. The dues form is enclosed for your

convenience. If we do not receive dues by October 31, 2005, you will not receive a copy of the journal.

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 (2003-2004).

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

### 2004 NEW MEMBERS

The WSPR again had a wonderful recruitment year with 16 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 12 new trainee members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new faculty members and congratulate all who helped recruit them:

Victoria Camerini, M.D.  
*UC, Irvine*

Jacqueline Casillas, M.D.  
*UCLA*

Rowena Cayabyab, M.D.  
*USC*

Alex Y. Chen, M.D.  
*Children's Hospital, LA*

Raye-Ann deRegnier, M.D.  
*Prentice Women's Hospital, Chicago, IL*

Bridgette N. Gromperts, M.D.  
*UCLA*

David A. Gremse, M.D.  
*University of Nevada*

Shannon E.G. Hamrick, M.D.  
*UCSF*

Roberta, L. Keller M.D.  
*UCSF*

Vedang A. Londhe, M.D.  
*UCLA*

Melanie Manning, M.D.  
*Stanford*

Karin A. Selva, M.D.  
*OHSU*

Anne M. Slavotinek, Ph.D.  
*UCSF*

Eric Vilain, M.D., Ph.D.  
*UCLA*

### 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 trainee membership category now exists at the \$25.00 level

(please see attached form).

**Note: Trainee members do not automatically progress to regular members, as they must go through an official nomination process.**

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, 2005**. Please send nominations to:

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**REMINDER:**  
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