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**ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
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SATURDAY, February 5, 2005**

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

I hope you have already made plans to attend the 2005 Carmel meetings. The theme for this year's Joint Plenary Session (Thursday, February 3, 2005 in the Pacific Repertory Theater-Golden Bough) is "The Many Faces of Nitric Oxide". 1998 Nobel laureate, Ferid Murad, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, will give the WAP Distinguished Lecture, "Nitric oxide and cyclic GMP in cell signaling and drug development" as part of this symposium. John Kinsella, University of Colorado, will deliver the Stanley Wright lecture on "Nitric oxide in the treatment of neonatal respiratory distress and pulmonary hypertension". Mark Gladwin, NIH, will address the "Role of nitric oxide in the pathogenesis and therapy of sickle cell disease". Ron Swerdloff, Harbor/UCLA will speak on "The many positive effects of NO on reproduction". John Cooke, Stanford, will focus on "Nitric oxide and angiogenesis".

In addition to the theme speakers, the WSPR presents its awards in the Thursday plenary. The Ross Young Investigator award begins the morning session at 8:30 followed by the Joseph W. St. Gene, Jr. Award in Education. The David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Award and the Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award, both presented abstracts, begin the afternoon sessions at 1:45pm. The membership is encouraged to support our awardees with their presence. We anticipate two stimulating sessions.

The Western Association of Physicians has revitalized its Wednesday afternoon symposium, which will focus on “The Impact of ‘-Omics’ on Modern Medicine”. Speakers 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).

The Nominations Committee is soliciting input from the membership regarding nominations for council membership. If you have a candidate to propose, please contact Past President, Anthony Philipps [a.philipps@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu] or Secretary-Treasurer, De-Ann Pillers [wspr@ohsu.edu]. To be considered, suggestions should be received by December 31. The slate will be presented to the membership for vote at the business meeting following the afternoon plenary session.

The WSPR is healthy; however, our continued success depends upon your active participation. Come. Bring your colleagues, trainees, and students. Enjoy some good science in a gorgeous part of the west.

Marilyn C. Jones, M.D., President, WSPR

Annual Meeting

Enclosed is the information on the 2005 WSPR Annual Meeting which will continue the new tradition of expanded joint plenary sessions with the adult medicine societies on Thursday, February 3, 2005 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 February. 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 26 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, February 3rd at the Monterey Beach Resort from 6:00-8:00 PM.

The Intersociety Welcoming Cocktail Reception will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 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 guests, students, residents and fellows. The party offers an excellent opportunity for interchange with colleagues and to meet the WSPR Council: Marilyn Jones, President, De-Ann Pillers, Secretary-Treasurer, Ronald Ariagno, President-Elect, Anthony Philipps, Past President. Council Members: James Bale, Suzanne Cassidy, Edward Goldson, Randi Hagerman, Robin Hansen, Sandra Juul, Robert Lane, Robin Ohls.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00 PM Thursday, February 3, 2005 following the afternoon joint plenary session. Issues of interest to Society members will be discussed during the Business Meeting.

Ross Reception

The WSPR reception for all members and guests will be graciously sponsored by Ross Laboratories and hosted by Bob Dahms. This annual event will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday evening, February 3, 2005 in the Poseidon Room 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 as dues include registration fees. Please register even though there are no fees!

Trainee (Non Members): \$25

Students: No charge.

Please provide letter 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 **New Members**. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2005. 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 offer a Trainee Membership category at a reduced dues level.

Annual Dues Reminder (Second Notice)

A 2004-2005 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!

2005 Ross Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2005 Ross Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Education Award**, **Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**.

2005 Mead Johnson - Travel Awards

We are also pleased to announce that the 2005 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. Travel award recipients will be presented their checks at the conclusion of the afternoon plenary session.

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, February 3, 2005 in the Pacific Repertory Theater – Golden Bough Room.
