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**ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2006 THROUGH  
SATURDAY, February 4, 2006**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Ronald L. Ariagno, M.D.**

The presidents of the four societies: Joshua I. Goldhaber, Western Society for Clinical Investigation (WSCI); Christina Surawicz, Western Association of Physicians (WAP); Charles Edelstein, Western Section American Federation For Medical Research (WAFMR) and yours truly at WSPR with great support from Past President Marilyn Jones have organized a great program for 2006.

Some highlights, which may pique your interest: WAP are presenting a session on "Pathophysiology of Septic Shock: New Knowledge and New Treatment Opportunities" Wednesday, February 1, 2006, 2:30 - 5:00 PM Sunset Center-Carpenter Hall. I encourage all WSPR members to make travel plans that allow them to attend this outstanding program. On Thursday, February 2, 2006 the Joint Plenary Session theme is "Stem cell research" Part I, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM and Part II, 1:45 - 4:00 PM at the traditional quaint Pacific Repertory Theater-Golden Bough. The WSPR has invited David Magnus, Ph.D., Director for the Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics to address new regulations and ethical challenges. Fred Levine from UC San Diego will speak about stem cells and diabetes mellitus. Congratulations to Dr. Levine who will be the WSPR Stanley Wright Memorial Lecturer. Other speakers in this program are Renee Reijo Pera, W. Robb MacLellan, and Ken Kaushansky.

I am very happy to announce that Andrew Macnab from British Columbia Children's Hospital is our President Elect. Please congratulate him and extend your enthusiastic support and

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commitment to assist him in leading the WSPR in 2006-7. Thank you Marilyn Jones and De-Ann Pillers for guiding me ably this year. We will do the same for Andrew so that the WSPR will continue to grow and prosper as a research forum for young and established investigators.

Finally, do review and identify who is eligible for membership in your programs and nominate them to help advance their careers and to support the WSPR. Facilitate and prepare your students and trainees to submit their research so they will have the opportunity to present and to receive invaluable feedback. I am looking forward to seeing you in Carmel in 2006 and hope that you will enjoy the program, the environs and the chance to meet esteemed colleagues and friends and to network with new friends as well.

Ciao,

Ron L. Ariagno

### **Business Meeting**

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00 PM Thursday, February 2, 2006 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 Robert Dahms. This annual event will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday evening, February 2, 2006 in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

### **Registration**

Registration will be held in the Promenade Lobby at the Sunset Center (San Carlos between 8th & 9th). 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 member dues include registration fees. Please register even though there are no fees! Please note that Emeritus members are not required to pay dues unless they wish to receive the Journal of Investigative Medicine.

**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, 2006. 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.

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### **Annual Dues Reminder**

A 2005-2006 Annual Dues form is enclosed for All WSPR members. **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 not paid by October 31, 2005. Your Society depends on you!

### **Ross Awards**

We are delighted to announce that the 2006 Ross Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**.

You are again encouraged to arrive in Carmel Wednesday afternoon, February 1st, 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 2, 2006 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.

Please note that we will be meeting the first week in February 2006, BEFORE the AT&T Pro-Am Annual golf tournament, February 6-12, 2006. For more information call (831) 649-1533. Website: [www.attpbgolf.com](http://www.attpbgolf.com). The abstract deadline is Monday, October 3, 2005. 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.

### **Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator: *Deadline August 15, 2005***

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. Completed nominations (**one original and two copies**) should be sent to:

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**David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award: *Deadline October 7, 2005***

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. Completed nominations (**one original and two copies**) should be sent to:

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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 2006 meeting, and is 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**

Please plan to submit an abstract and encourage your colleagues, especially students, residents, fellows and junior faculty, to submit abstracts. **The abstract deadline is Monday, October 3, 2005.**

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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 November 1, 2005, you will not receive a copy of the journal.

### **2005 NEW MEMBERS**

The WSPR again had a wonderful recruitment year with 8 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 11 new trainee members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new faculty members and congratulate all who helped recruit them:

#### **New Faculty Members**

Shilpi Chabra, M.D.  
*University of Washington*

Vladana Milisavljevic, M.D. Keith K. Vaux, M.D.  
*UCLA UCSD*

C. Dawn DeLozier, Ph.D.  
*Genetic Medicine Central CA*

Shahab Noori, M.D. Marc S. Williams, M.D.  
*Children's Hospital of LA IHC Clinical Genetics Inst.*

Jean-Francois Lemay, M.D.  
*University of Calgary*

Shubhayan Sanatani, M.D.  
*British Columbia's Children's Hospital*

#### **New Trainee Members**

Jacalyn M. Lesser Bishop, M.D.  
*OHSU*

Paola Fliman, M.D. David A. Randolph, M.D.  
*Prentice Women's Hospital Stanford*

Heather Bradeen, M.D.  
*OHSU*

Henry C. Lee, M.D. Joseph Shieh, M.D.  
*Stanford Stanford*

Kirstin E. Crowley, M.D.  
*OHSU*

Joseph L. Lasky, III, M.D. Anoop K. Singh, M.D.  
*UCLA OHSU*

Samuel H. Davis, M.D.  
*OHSU*

Eloise Prijoles, M.D.  
*Stanford*

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## **NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Enclosed is an application form that 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, 2006.**

Please send nominations to:  
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**REMINDER: ABSTRACT DEADLINE OCTOBER 3, 2005**

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