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ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2007 THROUGH
SATURDAY, February 3, 2007

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Andrew Macnab, M.D.

The presidents of the four societies: Andrew MacNab, Western Society for Pediatric Research (WSPR), Wes Van Voorhis, Western Society for Clinical Investigation (WSCI); N.D. (Nick) Vaziri, Western Association of Physicians (WAP); Kathleen Colleran, Western Section American Federation For Medical Research (WAFMR) and members of council have organized an outstanding program for the 2007 Carmel meeting.

Highlights include: A pre-conference symposium that will be presented by WAP on “Interplay of oxidative stress, inflammation and hypertension in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular disease”. This will take place on Wednesday January 31, 2007 from 2:30 – 4:00pm. I would encourage you to attend and make your trainees attending the meeting aware of this opportunity so that their travel plans can be made accordingly.

For our joint plenary session the topic for 2007 will be “Infection, immunity, and impact on global health”. The plenary will take place in our familiar location at the Pacific Repertory Theatre – Golden Bough on Thursday February 1, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. I am pleased to announce that Jane Schaller who has just joined the University of British Columbia from Boston will be the Stanley Wright memorial lecturer. Our business meeting will follow the plenary session.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that H. Eugene Hoyme from Stanford is our Society’s president elect. Please join me in congratulating him, and offer him our customary support and encouragement in leading WSPR during 2007 – 8. My thanks are due to Ron Ariagno and Marilyn Jones our past presidents, De-Ann Pillers our secretary treasurer, and the members of

council for their guidance advice and excellent ideas. It is important to keep our society vibrant and relevant and in that regard all our members have a role to play.

Please encourage your new faculty and trainees to submit their research for presentation in Carmel and try and bring at least one 'newcomer' to the meeting. The resident and student forums offer real opportunities in this regard. Today's students and residents are tomorrow's WSPR. Think also who you could nominate for membership this year.

I look forward to seeing a great many of you in Carmel next Spring.

Sincerely,
Andrew Macnab

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00 PM Thursday, February 1, 2007 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 1, 2007 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 WAFMR/AFMR/WAP/WSCI/WSPR

Members*	Early Bird Before January 24	After January 24
2007	\$125	\$160
Non-members		
2007	\$250	\$285
Fellows/Trainees		
2007	\$95	\$125

Emeritus

WSPR Emeritus members will have their registration fee paid by WSPR.

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

CME Credit

2007 \$65

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You may register for CME credit at the registration desk in the Sunset Center. Checks for \$65 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, 2007. 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

A 2006-2007 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, 2006. Your Society depends on you!

2007 Ross Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2007 Ross Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Education Award**, 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, January 31st, 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 1, 2007 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, 2007, BEFORE the AT&T Pro-Am Annual golf tournament, February 5-11, 2007. For more information call (831) 649-1533. Website: www.attpbgolf.com. The abstract deadline is Tuesday, October 3, 2006. Full instructions are on the website at: <http://www.medpubinc.com>.

We 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.

Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Education Award: *Deadline August 15, 2006*

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

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Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator: *Deadline August 15, 2006*

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, 2006*

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 2007 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 Tuesday, October 3, 2006.** Cost is \$75 and \$85 for purchase orders. This year again electronic abstract submission is the **REQUIRED MODE**. Full instructions are on the website at: <http://www.medpubinc.com>.

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 \$65 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.

ANNUAL DUES

Your Society is vitally dependent on dues. You are encouraged to promptly pay your 2006-2007, **\$75.00** dues as well as any unpaid dues from previous years. The dues form is enclosed for your convenience.

2006 NEW MEMBERS

The WSPR again had a wonderful recruitment year with 15 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 20 new trainee members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new faculty members and congratulate all who helped recruit them:

2006 New Faculty Members:

Vinrod K. Bhutani, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>	Lavjay Butani, M.D. <i>UC Davis</i>	Valerie Y. Chock, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>
Conrad L. Epting, M.D. <i>UC San Francisco</i>	Erika Fernandez, M.D. <i>University New Mexico</i>	Hayley A. Gans, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>
Gabriel G. Haddad, M.D. <i>UC San Diego</i>	Isabelle N. King, M.D. <i>UC San Francisco</i>	Peter Kurre, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>
H. Stacy Nicholson, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>	Anna A. Penn, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Stanford</i>	Abraham Rothman, M.D. <i>University of Nevada</i>
David A. Stevenson, M.D. <i>University of Utah</i>	Bernard Thebaud, M.D. <i>University of Alberta</i>	Jack E. Turman, Jr., Ph.D. <i>USC</i>

2006 New Trainee Members:

Maneesh Batra, M.D. <i>University of WA</i>	Marcie Drury-Brown, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>	Pamela Statler-Chapman, M.D. <i>University of WA</i>
Lisa Chyi, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>	Thomas H. Cushing, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>	Shanlee Davis <i>UC Davis</i>
Marcella Mascher Denen, M.D. <i>University of WA</i>	Faith Silberman Galderisi, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>	Kyle P. Johnson, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>
Anette Kunig, M.D. <i>Univ of CO</i>	Stefanie Lowas, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>	Anna Morgan, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>
Kristina Cusmono-Ozop, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>	Jean Sakimura, M.D. <i>UC Davis</i>	Ashvin Sangoram, M.D. <i>Stanford</i>
Michael Schaal, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>	Nicole Tartaglia, M.D. <i>UC Davis</i>	Sredivi Venigalla, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>
Ronald S. Wells, M.D. <i>OHSU</i>	Jennifer K.W. Yee, M.D. <i>UCLA</i>	

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, 2007.**

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