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**ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
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SATURDAY, February 3, 2007**

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

Season's greeting from me, De-Ann M. Pillers our Secretary-Treasurer, the President-Elect H. Eugene Hoyme, and our WSPR Council members Robert W. Armstrong, Lawrence S. Friedman, Robin L. Hansen, Sandra E. Juul, Anne M. Moon, Robin K. Ohls, Istvan Seri, Eric Vilain, and Randal Kai Wada. The planning for our 2007 meeting is complete, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Carmel, hopefully in the company of young trainees and students attracted to our meeting for the first time.

As a reminder, Early Bird registration (before January 24th) represents significant savings over the onsite registration fees. All members and non-members should complete their documentation in Carmel and the desks will be open in the Sunset Centre lobby beginning on January 31st from 1:00-5:00 pm. On that day, student and resident registration will also be possible at the Monterey Beach Hotel at the Captain's Table Room between 3:00-5:00 pm.

I would encourage you and your trainees to attend the first session of our five society meeting which will be held in the Carpenter Hall of the Sunset Center between 2:30-5:00 pm on Wednesday January 31st from 1:00-5:00 pm in Carmel. This session is sponsored by WAP, and the topic is "The Interplay of Oxidative Stress, Inflammation, Dyslipidemia and Hypertension in the Pathogenesis of Cardiovascular Disease". As is our tradition, a Welcoming Intersociety Cocktail Reception will follow from 5:30-7:00 pm across the street at the Carmel Women's Club.

This year the Joint Plenary Session of Societies (WAFMR, WSCI, WAP, and WSPR) have a global health focus. The first Plenary Session begins with WSPR Ross Young Investigative Research lecture, and in addition, WSPR will present the Joseph St. Geme Jr. award.

In the afternoon session the WSPR Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture will be given by Dr. Jane Schaller who will present "Global Child Health: Training for International Health Initiatives". This session will also include the WSPR David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Award and the Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award with presentations by the awardees. I hope you will encourage the trainees coming with you to support these events and our acknowledgement of the work done by the award winners. The list of the State-of-the-Art presentations is attached to this newsletter and with the Joint Plenary Session the State-of-the-Art lectures continue to be highlight of the Carmel meeting, and event which I would once again encourage you to make your trainees aware of.

Our Business Meeting, which is your opportunity to hear about and contribute to the direction of the Society, will be held at the end of the afternoon's Plenary between 4:15-4:45 pm. This will be followed by the WSPR Reception for all members and guests, which is kindly sponsored by Ross Laboratories.

One of the roles of past Presidents of the WSPR is to coordinate the selection of new members for Council, and in this regard we would welcome receiving your nominations for the 3 Council positions which become open at the 2007 meeting. Please submit nominations to any of the following: Past Presidents Marilyn C. Jones (mjones@chsd.org) & Ron L. Ariagno (rla@stanford.edu), or our Secretary De-Ann M. Pillers (pillersd@ohsu.edu).

Similarly we also request that you nominate new members for our Society and I would remind you particularly of the Fellows section and our aim to attract young investigators to maintain the life, vitality and scientific excellence of our meeting.

To be considered, nominations for Council and Membership to the Society should be received by December 31, 2006.

One of the greatest successes of the Carmel meeting has been the growth of the resident and medical student forums. Many of you mentor residents and students (as well as junior faculty) and I encourage you not only to contribute at their sessions but also to actively involve them in the joint Societies' concurrent sessions within Carmel itself.

The WSPR continues to play an important role as a regional research society. Your participation is the key to the Society's future success, and your continued input and support are what will determine the relevance and future direction of our society. I and the members of Council look forward to seeing you in Carmel in 2007.

A.J. Macnab, M.D. (London), FRCPC, FRCPCH
President, WSPR

Annual Meeting

The 2007 WSPR Annual Meeting will continue the tradition of the expanded **Joint Plenary Sessions** with the adult medicine societies on Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater. Registration will be available in the lobby. 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 20 **State-of-the Art lectures** (see attached enclosure).

A special **Student Poster Session** featuring the top student abstracts, jointly sponsored by WSPR, will be held on Thursday, February 1st at the Monterey Beach Resort from 6:00-8:00PM.

Intersociety Welcoming Cocktail Reception will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 5:30PM 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.

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00PM 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 Bob Dahms. This annual event will be held at 6:00PM, Thursday evening, February 1, 2007 in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

Registration

Please plan to register at the meeting and any applicable charges should be paid at that time. Registration will be held in the Promenade Lobby at the Sunset Center (San Carlos between 8th & 9th) and in the Lobby of the Golden Bough Theater on Thursday. 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

CME credit will be available to all attendees for the actual hours of course attendance through the University of Washington. CME registration is available on-line or at the Registration Desk in the Sunset Center for \$75.00. 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.

CME Credit

2007 \$75

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. Forms are available on our website at http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2007/membership.htm.

Annual Dues Reminder (Second Notice)

A 2006-2007 Annual Dues form is enclosed only for those WSPR members who are still unpaid. **PLEASE** submit your **\$75.00** as promptly as possible including any amount due from previous years. Abstract journals (Journal of Investigative Medicine) are only sent to those members whose dues were paid by November 1, 2006. Dues forms may be accessed on line at http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2007/membership.htm.

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 **Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, the **Joseph W. St. Geme Education Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**.

Ross Award Recipients are:

David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award Winner: Henry C. Lee, M.D.
Nominated by Jeffrey B. Gould, M.D., M.P.H., Stanford University.

Joseph W. St. Geme Education Award Winner: John C. Carey, M.D., M.P.H. Nominated by David A. Stevenson, M.D., University of Utah.

Lowell Glasgow Award Winner: Brady Wilkinson, University of Utah. Nominated by Robert H. Lane, M.D., University of Utah.

Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator Winner: Brigitte N. Gomperts, M.D.
Nominated by Edward R.B. McCabe, M.D., Ph.D., UCLA.

Congratulations to the **WAFMR/WSCI/WSPR Outstanding Resident Award Winner:** Yvonne Contreras, University of Utah.

2007 Mead Johnson - Travel Awards

We are also pleased to announce that the 2007 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 during the course of the meeting. Travel award recipients are expected to attend the plenary sessions (all day).

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.**
