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**ANNUAL MEETING - CARMEL, CALIFORNIA  
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SATURDAY, February 2, 2008**

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## *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

*H. EUGENE HOYME, M.D.*

Happy New Year from our Secretary-Treasurer, Robin Ohls, our President-Elect, Curt Bennett, our WSPR Council members and me. The planning for our 2008 meeting is complete, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Carmel (we hope in the company of young trainees and students attracted to our meeting for the first time)!

As a reminder, Early Bird registration (available on line and completed before January 22<sup>nd</sup>) 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 Center lobby beginning on January 30<sup>th</sup> 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 in Carmel between 2:00-5:00 pm on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup>. This session is sponsored by WAP, and the topic is "What Is New About Obesity?" 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.

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This year the Joint Plenary Session of Societies (WAFMR, WSCI, WAP, and WSPR) focuses on "The Molecular Biology of Aging." We have lined up first rate speakers and expect a cutting edge session! The first Plenary Session begins with the WSPR Ross Young Investigative Research lecture.

In the afternoon session the WSPR Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture will be given by Dr. Ray Monnat. In keeping with our theme on the molecular biology of aging, Dr. Monnat, Professor of Pathology at the University of Washington, will deliver a lecture on "RecQ Helicases and Human Disease." The afternoon 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 can be found on line at: <http://www.medpubinc.com/abfiles/W2008>. A list of the presentations can also be found at the end of the newsletter, and with the Joint Plenary Session the State-of-the-Art lectures continue to be highlight of the Carmel meeting. I would once again encourage you to make your trainees aware of these outstanding lectures.

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 4:45-5:15 pm. This will be followed by the WSPR Reception at the La Playa Hotel for all members and guests, kindly sponsored by Ross Laboratories.

One of the roles of past Presidents of the WSPR is to 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 January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail documents electronically (if possible) to [wspr@salud.unm.edu](mailto:wspr@salud.unm.edu). Documents can also be sent by mail to the address above.

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 2008.

*Gene Hoyme, MD*

*President, WSPR*

*Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics*

*Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota*

*Chief Medical Officer, Sanford Children's Hospital*

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## Annual Meeting

The 2008 WSPR Annual Meeting will continue the tradition of the expanded **Joint Plenary Sessions** with the adult medicine societies from 8:30 to 11:45 AM on Thursday, January 31, 2008 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 on line at <http://www.medpubinc.com/abfiles/W2008>. 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 **State-of-the Art lectures** (see list below).

The **Intersociety Welcoming Cocktail Reception** will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 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.

A special **Student Poster Session** featuring the top student abstracts, jointly sponsored by WSPR, will be held on Thursday, January 31st in the Le Grande Room at the Monterey Beach Hotel from 6:00-8:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend

## Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:45 PM Thursday, January 31, 2008 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, January 31, 2008 in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

## Registration

Registration is available on line on the WSPR home page, or you can cut and paste the following link:

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevalD=138942&CFID=6470409&CFTOKEN=82091790>. If you are unable to register early, please plan to register at the meeting. 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.

	<u>Early Bird (before January 22)</u>	<u>(after January 22)</u>
Members	\$125	\$160
Non-members	\$250	\$285
Fellows/Trainees	\$95	\$125

**Emeritus:** WSPR Emeritus members will have their registration fee paid by WSPR

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

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## **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.

**Cost for CME Credit: \$75**

## **Nominations for New Members**

Don't forget to nominate New Members. The deadline for nominations is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A form for both faculty and trainees can be found at our WSPR website: [http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional\\_Societies/WSPR/2008/membership.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2008/membership.htm). 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 of \$25 per year. Forms are also available on our website. Please submit documents electronically if possible.

## **Annual Dues Reminder (Second Notice)**

For those members who are still unpaid, 2007-2008 Annual Dues can be paid by PayPal by following the link for the WSPR home page:

[http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional\\_Societies/WSPR/2008/default.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2008/default.htm). 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 December 1, 2007.

## **Ross Awards**

We are delighted to announce that the 2008 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**.

**Ross Award Recipients are:**

**David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award Winner:** Shrena Patel, M.D.  
Nominated by Rob Lane, MD and Kang Zhang, MD, PhD, from the University of Utah.

**Lowell Glasgow Award Winner:** Jeff Meyrowitz, Michigan State University.

**Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator Winner:** Vedang Londhe, M.D.  
Nominated by Sherin Devaskar, M.D., UCLA.

## **2008 Mead Johnson Travel Awards**

We are also pleased to announce that the 2008 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

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the meeting. Travel award recipients are expected to attend the plenary sessions (all day).

## **Preliminary Schedule**

A complete outline of the meeting can be found at:

<http://www.medpubinc.com/abfiles/W2008>

PLEASE CHECK THE FINAL SCHEDULE TO DETERMINE EXACT SESSION TIMES, LOCATIONS, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES.

A summary of the State-of-the-Art lectures, times and locations follows.

# **Western Regional Meeting 2008 State of the Art Lectures**

## **Friday Lectures**

### **Behavior and Development**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 11.30 AM - Sunset Center, Bingham Room # 3  
THE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF AUTISM: STRENGTH OF THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE.  
*Lynne Huffman, Stanford University.*

### **Endocrinology I**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 9.30 AM - Sunset Center, Room # 6  
THE ROLE OF THE CALCIUM SENSING RECEPTOR IN CALCIUM HOMEOSTASIS.  
*Dolores Shoback, University of California, San Francisco.*

### **Genetics**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 9.30 AM - Sunset Center, Rehearsal Room  
GENETESTS: LESSONS LEARNED, NEW PROSPECTS.  
*Roberta Pagon, University of Washington.*

### **Health Care Research I**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 10.15 AM - Sunset Center, Promenade Lobby  
NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AND THE HEALTH OF ADULTS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS.  
*Arleen Brown, UCLA Medical Center.*

### **Health Care Research II**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 2.15 PM - Sunset Center, Promenade Lobby  
THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY (CHIS) AS A TOOL FOR ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE AND HEALTH POLICY.  
*Kevin C. Heslin, Charles Drew University.*

### **Neonatal - Pulmonary**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 10.00 AM - All Saints Church, Sanctuary  
INHALED NITRIC OXIDE IN THE PREMATURE NEWBORN.  
*John P. Kinsella, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.*

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### **Neonatology - General I**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 10.15 AM - All Saints Church, Auditorium  
PRENATAL INFLAMMATION, POSTNATAL CONSEQUENCES.

*Kristi Watterberg, University of New Mexico School of Medicine*

### **Neonatology - Developmental Biology**

Saturday February 2, 2008 - 9.30 AM - All Saints Church, Auditorium  
LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF NEONATAL STRESS (AND HOW WE TREAT IT).

*Sandra Juul, University of Washington.*

### **Pulmonary and Critical Care I**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 10.15 AM - Carmel Women's Club  
ULTRASOUND USE BY INTENSIVISTS.

*Michel Boivin, University of New Mexico.*

### **Pulmonary and Critical Care II**

Saturday February 2, 2008 - 10.15 AM - Carmel Women's Club  
TRANSLATIONAL INSIGHTS INTO TRANSFUSION ASSOCIATED LUNG INJURY.

*Mark Looney, University of California, San Francisco.*

### **Surgery I**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 11.30 AM - Sunset Center, Green Room  
THE EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE FRAMEWORK: A PRIMER FOR RESEARCH SUCCESS.

*Kishore Mulpuri and Darin Davidson, British Columbia's Children's Hospital, University of British Columbia.*

### **Adolescent Medicine and General Pediatrics**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 3.30 PM - Sunset Center, Carpenter Hall  
PREVENTING OBESITY: NO CHILD LEFT WITH A BIG BEHIND.

*Thomas N. Robinson, Stanford University School of Medicine.*

### **Cardiovascular II**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 2.45 PM - Pine Inn, II Forniao  
DIETARY FATS, INFLAMMATION, AND VASCULAR DYSFUNCTION.

*Francis Kim, University of Washington.*

### **Gastroenterology and Hepatology I**

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 3.15 PM - Sunset Center, Green Room  
ADVANCES IN IMAGING MODALITY FOR INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE.

*Jonathan Leighton, Mayo Clinic.*

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## Saturday Lectures

### Gastroenterology and Hepatology II

Saturday February 2, 2008 - 9.15 AM - Sunset Center, Promenade Lobby  
BARIATRIC SURGERY ALTERS GI SIGNALING OF SATIETY.

*Henry Lin, University of New Mexico.*

### Immunology and Rheumatology I

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 1.30 PM - Sunset center, Studio 105  
DEFINING THE GENETIC CONTRIBUTION TO COMPLEX DISEASE: RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS  
AS AN EXEMPLAR.

*Lindey A. Criswell, University of California, San Francisco.*

### Infectious Diseases

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 1.30 PM - Sunset Center, Room # 6  
CYTOMEGALOVIRUS UPDATE.

*Lawrence Drew, University of California, San Francisco.*

### Metabolism II

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 1.30 PM - Church of the Wayfarer, Carlson Hall  
AORTIC INSULIN SIGNALING IS PERTURBED IN A LARGE ANIMAL MODEL OF DIET-  
INDUCED OBESITY.

*Cecilia C. Low Wang, Denver VA Medical Center and University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.*

### Morphogenesis and Malformations

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 2.45 PM - Sunset Center, Rehearsal Room  
NEW ADVANCES IN VCP MYOPATHY ASSOCIATED WITH PAGET DISEASE OF BONE  
AND/OR PRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA.

*Virginia E. Kimonis, University of California, Irvine.*

### Nephrology and Hypertension

Friday February 1st, 2008 - 2.15 PM - Sunset Center, Conductor's Room  
APPROACHING DIABETIC NEPHROPATHY AS THE FRONTIER IN THE STRUGGLE TO  
PREVENT RENAL FAILURE.

*Sharon Adler, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.*

### Hematology and Oncology II

Saturday February 2, 2008 - 10.15 AM - Sunset Center, Studio 105  
STEM CELL THERAPY: RISKY THERAPIES FOR BAD DISEASES.

*Robert E. Richard, University of Washington/VA Puget Sound Health Care Center.*

### Neuroscience II

Saturday February 2, 2008 - 11.00 AM - Sunset center, Conductor's Room  
GENDER DIFFERENCES IN THE CANNABINOID REGULATION OF ENERGY HOMEOSTASIS:  
RELEVANCE TO THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS IN TREATING EATING DISORDERS IN MEN  
AND WOMEN.

*Edward Wagner, Western University Health Sciences.*

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