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# **WINTER NEWSLETTER**

## **THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH**

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**ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2010 THROUGH  
SATURDAY, January 30, 2010**

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**THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH**

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Happy New Year to all WSPR members, potential members, trainees, students and other meeting attendees. We are excited about the upcoming 2010 Carmel meeting and trust we will soon be seeing many of you. Remember, the meeting begins next Wednesday, January 27. Meeting registration can still be made online on the WSPR home page. Onsite registration will

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be held in the Promenade Lobby of the Sunset Center, and also in the lobby of the Pacific Repertory Theater starting Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our five-society meeting officially begins at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 27, in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center with a 3-hour seminar entitled "Bad Bugs; No Drugs." The Welcoming Intersociety Cocktail Reception follows immediately from 5:30 - 7:00 pm right across the street at the Carmel Women's Club.

The Joint Societies Plenary Session begins at 8:30 am in the Golden Bough auditorium of the Pacific Repertory Theater and concludes at approximately 4:00 pm. The day's theme will be, "The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly In Microorganisms". This excellent series of presentations will begin with our WSPR Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture, "Forty Years Is Long Enough: At Last, Good News About Prospects For A Cytomegalovirus Vaccine", delivered by Dr. Mark R. Schleiss, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. During the day, the WSPR Young Investigator Research Award, the WSPR David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award and the WSPR Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award will be presented. Please plan to attend with your trainees to support and appreciate the fine work of our society colleagues. Of course, the specialty sessions on Friday and Saturday will be filled with the results of a banner year for abstract submissions and will again feature 17 outstanding "State-of-the-Art" presentations.

You are encouraged to learn more about the structure and finances of WSPR by attending our brief Business Meeting immediately following the afternoon Plenary Session at approximately 4:15 pm at the Pacific Repertory Theater. As has been our tradition, the WSPR Reception for members and guests will follow at 6:00 pm at the La Playa Hotel. This is a terrific venue to chat with friends and meet some new ones. And, finally, don't forget about the many Club sessions, especially the Developmental Biology Club on Thursday evening and the Dymorphology Club and Western Perinatal Club on Friday evening. In addition, most of the medical student sessions will again be held in Carmel rather than in Monterey which should encourage much greater student interaction and integration into the overall meeting.

It is an exciting time for WSPR. Be sure to nominate new members, new trainee members and then attend the meeting with them. Continued growth is the key to our continued success. The important role of the regional societies in "growing and developing" young investigators is recognized nationally.

### **Annual Meeting**

The 2010 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 28, 2010 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. 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, listed at the end of this newsletter.**

**The Intersociety Welcoming Cocktail Reception** will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2010 at 5:30 PM at the Carmel Women's Club. Members of all societies, WSPR, WSCI, WAFMR, WAP and

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WSMRF, are encouraged to attend and bring their guests, students, residents and fellows. The party offers an excellent opportunity for interchange with colleagues and a chance 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 28 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 4:15 PM Thursday, January 28, 2010 following the afternoon joint plenary session. Issues of interest to Society members will be discussed during the Business Meeting.

### **Abbott Nutrition Reception**

The WSPR reception for all members and guests will be graciously sponsored by Abbott Nutrition and hosted by Micheal Ferros and Victor Varela. This annual event will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday evening, January 28, 2010 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=187475&CFID=18911635&CFTOKEN=78503132>

If you are unable to register on line, 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.

### **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**

The deadline for nominations for this year was January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, but nominations can be accepted any time for next year's meeting. 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**

For those members who are still unpaid, 2009-2010 Annual Dues can be paid by PayPal by following the link for the WSPR home page:

[http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional\\_Societies/WSPR/2009/membership.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2009/membership.htm)

choosing the appropriate "Pay Now" link. **PLEASE** submit your **\$80.00** 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, 2009.

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### Abbott Nutrition Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2010 Abbott Nutrition Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**, and the **Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Research Award**. Please congratulate the winners:

- **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award Winner: June-Anne Gold, MD, University of California, Irvine**
- **Lowell Glasgow Award Winner: Rafeek Woods, Loma Linda University**
- **Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Research Award Winner: Alberta Kong, MD, University of New Mexico.**

### Mead Johnson Travel Awards

We are also pleased to announce that the 2010 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). Winners of this year's 2010 Mead Johnson Travel Awards are Andrew Bremer from UC Davis, Jonathan Bernstein From Stanford, Nghia Truong from Harbor UCLA, Travis Carroll from Utah, Roger Akins from UC Davis, Nicole Mitchell from Utah, Laura Brown from University of Colorado, and Eric Muller from Stanford.

### Preliminary Schedule

A complete outline of the meeting can be found at:

[http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional\\_Societies/WSPR/2010/meetings.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2010/meetings.htm)

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

### Special Thanks



Special thanks go out to Green Carlson, who is on maternity leave as WSPR Secretary/Treasurer Administrator following the birth of her lovely daughter, Penelope Quentin Carlson (photo to right). Erin Austin has taken the interim position as Administrator for the WSPR Secretary/Treasurer Position. Thanks Erin (photo to left), and congratulations Green!



# Western Regional Meeting 2010

## State of the Art Lectures

### Friday Lectures

#### **Behavior and Development**

Friday, January 29, 2010 11:30 AM - Sunset Center, Bingham Room # 3

**PARENTS IN CRISIS: POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS IN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT.**

Richard Shaw, *Stanford University*.

#### **Cardiology**

Friday, January 29, 2010 9:30 AM Ocean Room, Pine Inn, Il Forniao

**ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION: STATE OF THE ART REVIEW.**

Peter Ganz, *University of California, San Francisco*

#### **Endocrinology I**

Friday, January 29, 2010 9:00 AM - Sunset Center, Room # 6

**UPDATE ON HORMONE THERAPY IN EARLY MENOPAUSE.**

George Merriam, *University of Washington*

#### **Genetics**

Friday, January 29, 2010 10:15 AM - Sunset Center, Rehearsal Room

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR RARE DISEASES RESEARCH AT THE NIH AND AROUND THE GLOBE.**

Stephen C. Groft, *National Institutes of Health*

#### **Neonatal – Pulmonary I**

Friday, January 29, 2010 8:30 AM – All Saints Church, **Auditorium**

**THE JOAN HODGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE: USE OF INHALED NITRIC OXIDE IN NEONATES: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.**

Roberta A. Ballard, *University of California at San Francisco*

***To take place in All Saints Church Auditorium – this talk only***

#### **Neonatology – General I**

Friday, January 29, 2010 8:30AM - All Saints Church, Auditorium

**THE JOAN HODGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE: USE OF INHALED NITRIC OXIDE IN NEONATES: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.**

Roberta A. Ballard, *University of California at San Francisco*

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

Friday, January 29, 2010 10:15 AM – Carmel Women’s Club

**UPDATE ON ASTHMA.**

Prescott Woodruff, *University of California at San Francisco*

#### **Surgery I**

Friday, January 29, 2010 11:30 – Sunset Center, Green Room

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## **ANSWERS OR QUESTIONS?**

Michael A. West, *University of California, San Francisco*

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

Friday January 29, 2010 2:30 PM - Sunset Center, Carpenter Hall

#### **EVIDENCE BASED COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE IN PEDIATRICS AND ADOLESCENT MEDICINE.**

Cora Breuner, *University of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital*

### **Cardiovascular II**

Friday, January 29, 2010 2:00 PM - Pine Inn, Il Forniao – Ocean Room

#### **EXERCISE, ESTROGEN AND VASCULAR FUNCTION**

**Brian L. Stauffer, University of Colorado Health Science Center**

### **Gastroenterology and Hepatology**

Friday, January 29, 2010 3:45 PM – Sunset Center, Green Room

#### **HEREDITARY DIFFUSE GASTRIC CANCER.**

Jonathan P. Terdiman, *University of California, San Francisco.*

### **Infectious Diseases**

Friday, January 29, 2010 1:30 PM Sunset Center, Room # 6

#### **UNDERSTANDING AMINOGLYCOSIDE NEPHROTOXICITY.**

Bruce Molitoris, *Indiana University.*

### **Immunology and Rheumatology I**

Friday, January 29, 2010 2:00 PM – Sunset Center, Studio 105

#### **OSTEOIMMUNOLOGY - A FIELD OF EMERGING IMPORTANCE FOR BASIC AND CLINICAL RESEARCH.**

Mary C. Nakamura, *University of California, San Francisco.*

### **Nephrology and Hypertension**

Friday, January 29, 2010 2:45 PM – Sunset Center, Conductor's Room

#### **GENOMIC AND NON-GENOMIC ACTIONS OF ALDOSTERONE: IMPLICATIONS FOR EDEMATOUS DISORDERS, HYPERTENSION, METABOLIC SYNDROME, AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE.**

Robert Schrier, *University of Colorado Health Sciences Center*

## **Saturday Lectures**

### **General Internal Medicine and Aging**

Saturday, January 30, 2010 9:30 AM –Sunset Center, Promenade Lobby

#### **DEPRESSION, ANTI-DEPRESSANT MEDICATIONS AND OSTEOPOROSIS: HOW MULTI-MORBIDITY CHALLENGES RESEARCHERS AND CLINICIANS.**

Elizabeth Haney, *Oregon Health & Science University*

### **Hematology and Oncology II**

Saturday, January 30, 2010 10:45 AM - Sunset Center, Studio 105

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**MOLECULAR BASIS OF SYSTEMIC IRON HOMEOSTASIS AND ITS DISORDERS.**

Tomas Ganz, *David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

**Neonatology – Developmental Biology**

Saturday, January 30, 2010 9:00 AM – All Saints Church, Auditorium

**MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR ANALYSIS OF PULMONARY DEVELOPMENT.**

Parviz Minoo, *University of Southern California*

**Neuroscience II**

Saturday, January 30, 2010 11:30 AM – Sunset Center, Conductor's Room

**PESTICIDES AND PARKINSON'S DISEASE: HOW GENES AND THE ENVIRONMENT INTERACT TO KILL NEURONS.**

Beate Ritz, *David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

**Pulmonary and Critical Care II**

Saturday, January 30, 2010 10:15 AM – Carmel Women's Club

**CYTOKINE REGULATION OF THE EPITHELIAL TIGHT JUNCTION BARRIER.**

Michel Boivin, *University of New Mexico*

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