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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

William Hay, MD

Greetings from the University of Colorado!

I am delighted and honored to serve the Western Society for Pediatric Research as this year's President and to help the WSPR carry on its traditions of providing our members with an excellent meeting in Carmel and to continue our close collaborations with our colleagues in Adult Medicine and the Medical Student Research

organizations. The WSPR has been an important part of so many of our careers, especially as trainees and junior faculty members. The WSPR has been a treasured part of my academic life since fellowship and a place to meet and get to know others who have become career long colleagues. I have missed only two meetings since 1978, both during sabbaticals. Many of you have had similar experiences and it has been your collective efforts to attend the meeting, review and present abstracts, give talks, and meet trainees and junior faculty and welcome them into the society that have kept the meeting strong and so appealing. Added to your efforts are the unique abstract presentation venues here and there in Carmel, surrounded by the Monterey Bay and Peninsula area, all of which have made this society the wonderful treasure that it is. We are indebted to you for keeping the future of the WSPR alive - by recruiting new members and encouraging our junior colleagues and trainees to develop their own sense of affection and gratitude for the WSPR.

My predecessor, De-Ann Pillers, and our current (but retiring from this post after this year's meeting) Secretary-Treasurer, Robin Ohls, have left the WSPR in good fiscal health and membership stability. I am encouraged that despite the competition for our limited time and resources, all of the Pediatric Research regional societies continue to thrive, especially the WSPR. As De-Ann noted last year, we all believe the health of the WSPR is a continuing testament to our special opportunity to meet together in the charming town of Carmel-by-the-Sea in the beautiful Carmel Valley, surrounded by the ever-challenging Pebble Beach Golf Course, the tourist attractions of Monterey (including the touristy Monterey Warf and especially the Monterey Aquarium), and the magnificent Big Sur sea coast. What a wonderful setting for nurturing the emerging careers of young investigators. Many a collegial friendship has been struck or fostered on a rocky point at Point Lobos surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in the world and some of the most fascinating aquatic life on US sea coasts, as well as in the meetings where our abstract presentations are generally greeted by warm applause and cheers more than tough critiques (although there has been no shortage of insightful questions to keep the scientific level high!).

Our 2011 annual meeting, Wednesday January 26th through Saturday January 29th, will continue the highly successful format of a joint plenary session co-sponsored by the four principal participating organizations, i.e. the Western Society for Pediatric Research, the Western Society for Clinical Investigation, the Western Association of Physicians, and the Western Section of the American Federation for Medical Research. The theme for the overall meeting will be to focus on novel insights in **"Global Health"**.

The main WSPR component of the plenary session, the Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture, will be delivered by Dr. Nancy Krebs from the University of Colorado, and is entitled "Global Nutrition: Evidence of Progress, Persistence of Challenges." The plenary session will be held in the Pacific Repertory Theater--Golden Bough on Thursday, January 27, 2011.

The specialty sessions on Friday and Saturday will feature more than 20 excellent "State-of-the-Art" presentations covering a broad array of topics. Continuing this year

will be the Joan Hodgman Neonatology State of the Art presentation, dedicated to the memory of our long-time WSPR friend and colleague, Dr. Joan Hodgman of USC. This year's Hodgman presentation will be given by Susan Niermeyer MD (University of Colorado) on the topic "Helping Babies Breathe", the new AAP initiative to train birth attendants in resource-limited settings in neonatal resuscitation. Sue and her colleagues are working hard to stimulate innovative and informative research around this global educational program.

It is my pleasure to thank my fellow officers, President-Elect David Gremse (University of Utah), Past-President De-Ann Pillers (Wisconsin), and particularly Secretary-Treasurer Robin Ohls (New Mexico), and also the Council members Heidi Feldman, Colin White, and Cris Cunniff) for their continued service and dedication to the WSPR. Finally, special thanks to Dr. Ohls' administrative assistants, Green Carlson, Erin Austin, and Annie Chavez, for keeping us all on task and holding the organization together!

Start planning for the 2011 WSPR annual meeting in Carmel, and take a moment to think about how you can contribute to the society in the process: energize your department chairs and division heads, recruit new members, and nominate your colleagues and trainees for the yearly WSPR Research Awards. Most importantly, encourage your medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty colleagues to submit their best work for presentation (abstract deadline is Friday, October 1st) and then be sure to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you in beautiful Carmel!

Best regards,

Bill Hay

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00 PM Thursday, January 27th, 2011, 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. This annual event will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday evening, January 27, 2011, in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

2011 WSPR Meeting 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=206730&CFID=24637841&CFTOKEN=77349925>

If you are unable to register early, please plan to register at the meeting. Any applicable charges (including past and current membership dues) should be paid at that time. 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 for:

	<u>Early Bird Before January 11</u>	<u>After January 11, 2011</u>
Members	\$125	\$175
Non-members	\$250	\$300
Fellows/Trainees	\$95	\$145

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

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

CME Credit \$65

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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) when you register. 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 the form, mail it in or return it to the desk at the Sunset Center at the conclusion of the meeting. Certificates will be mailed following the meeting. The procedure is similar to that followed at other national meetings.

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 Friday, October 1, 2010.** Cost is \$75 and **NO CHECKS OR PURCHASE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This year again electronic abstract submission is the REQUIRED MODE. Full instructions are on the website at: http://www.apspr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2011/meetings.htm

Nominations for New WSPR Members

Don't forget to nominate **new members, including trainee members!** Remember that there are no geographic restrictions to membership, and that PhDs are also eligible. New Membership nominations should be accompanied by \$80 (full member) or \$25 (trainee), which will be applied towards membership dues.

Note: Trainee members do not automatically progress to regular members, as they must go through an official nomination process.

The deadline for nominations is **January 15, 2011**. 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.

For more information on membership nomination criteria, please refer to the WSPR website at: http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2011/membership.htm

Complete nomination packets should be transmitted electronically to wspr@salud.unm.edu.

Annual Dues Reminder

You are encouraged to promptly pay your July 2010-June 2011, \$80.00 dues as well as any unpaid dues from previous years (up to three years maximum, or \$240). Your Society is vitally dependent on dues.

A form can be found on our website for WSPR members who wish to pay by check.

The cost of registration for non-members is MORE than your annual dues!

Remember, you will **NOT** receive the abstract journal (Journal of Investigative Medicine) if your dues are not paid by October 31, 2010.

You can now easily pay on line using PayPal. Please take a moment to get caught up on your dues for WSPR. Visit our website at: http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2011/membership.htm

and click on "PAY NOW". If you are one of our recent distinguished Emeritus members (age 70 and above), your membership dues are just \$20 per year. Please make sure your past dues are paid.

Your Society depends on you!

2011 Abbott Nutrition Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2010 Abbott Nutrition Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards include the **Joseph St. Geme, Jr, Education Award**, the **Abbott Nutrition Award in Research by a Young Investigator**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**.

Please visit our website at: http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2011/awards.htm for instructions on nominating deserving faculty and trainees. Information is also included in this newsletter (see below).

You are again encouraged to arrive in Carmel Wednesday afternoon, January 26th, 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, January 27th, 2011, 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 again meeting the last week in January, 2011, BEFORE the AT&T Pro-Am Annual golf tournament. For more information call (831) 649-1533. Website: www.attpbgolf.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 St. Geme Education Award: *Deadline October 1, 2010*

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 \$1,250 award and a plaque provided by Abbott Nutrition.

Abbott Nutrition Award in Research by a Young Investigator: *Deadline October 1, 2010*

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. Abbott Nutrition will provide \$1,250 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. Electronically submitted nominations are the preferred mode of submission. 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 electronic nominations are preferred, and can be sent via e-mail to WSPR@salud.unm.edu.**

Alternatively, written nominations (one original and two copies) should be sent to:

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David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award: *Deadline October 1, 2010*

This award is sponsored by Abbott Nutrition Laboratories and will be accompanied by a plaque and a \$1000 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 packet, but is not a prerequisite for nomination. Again, the preferred mode of submission is in electronic format. **Completed electronic nominations can be sent via e-mail to WSPR@salud.unm.edu.** Alternatively, completed written 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. Abbott Nutrition Laboratories is sponsoring this award, which includes a generous \$750 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 2011 meeting, and is provided by a grant from Mead Johnson Nutrition. 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 will give as many awards as funding allows.

2010 NEW MEMBERS

The WSPR again had a good recruitment year with 12 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 3 new trainee members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new faculty members and congratulate all who helped recruit them.

2010 New Faculty Members:

Joseph L. Lasky III, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics &
Neurosurgery UCLA

Patricia Irene Dickson, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
LA BioMed at Harbor-UCLA

Valencia P. Walker, MD
Assistant Clinical Professor
UCLA

Andrea Lampland, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
University of Minnesota

Robert J. DiGeronimo, MD
Associate Medical Director
University of Utah

Alan Rope, MD
Assistant Professor
University of Utah

Hugh O'Brodivich, MD
Arline & Pete Harman Professor & Chair,
Department of Pediatrics
Stanford University

Maneesh Batra, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
University of Washington

Anusha Streubel, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor
University of Colorado

Neena Kapoor, MD
Clinical Director of Bone Marrow
Transplantation Division
Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

Ami J. Shah, MD
Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

Regina M. Reynolds, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
University of Colorado

2009 New Trainee Members:

Bridget Burshears, MD
University of Utah

Aleksandra Zabrocki
University of Utah

Jinny R. Lavezzi, MD
University of Colorado

REMINDER: ABSTRACT DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2010!
