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**ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, January 26, 2011 THROUGH
SATURDAY, January 29, 2011**

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 2011 Carmel meeting and trust we will soon be seeing many of you. Remember, the meeting begins Wednesday, January 26. Meeting registration can still be made online on the WSPR home page:

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevalD=206730&CFID=24803143&CFTOKEN=45080679>

Onsite registration will be held in the Promenade Lobby of the Sunset Center, and also in the lobby of the Pacific Repertory Theater starting Thursday, January 27th.

Our five-society meeting officially begins at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 26, in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center with a 3-hour seminar entitled " Global Health: The Specter of Cancer, Malnutrition and Infection" 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 theme of Global Health continues. This excellent series of presentations will begin with our WSPR Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture, " Global Nutrition: Evidence of Progress, Persistence of Challenges", delivered by Dr. Nancy Krebs, Professor of Pediatrics at the of University of Colorado. During the day, the WSPR Young Investigator Research Award, the WSPR David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award, the WSPR Pediatric Resident 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 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 and new trainee members by the January 14th deadline, 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 2011 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 27, 2011, 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 the WSPR website. 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 26, 2011, 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.

A special **Student Poster Session** featuring the top student abstracts, jointly sponsored by WSPR, will be held on Thursday, January 27, 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 27, 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.

Registration

Registration is available on line on the WSPR home page:

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Please register on line if you can, to take advantage of the lower prices. 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 Tulane University. 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 or by the general registration fee. 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 is January 14, 2011, 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. The growth and life of our Society depends on the inclusion of young investigators as well as established academicians in all the subspecialties. We 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, 2010-2011 Annual Dues can be paid by PayPal by following the link for the WSPR home page:

[http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional Societies/WSPR/2011/default.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/Regional_Societies/WSPR/2011/default.htm)

Choose the appropriate "Pay Now" link. **PLEASE** submit your **\$80.00** as promptly as possible, including amounts due from previous years. Abstract journals (Journal of Investigative Medicine) are only sent to those members whose dues were paid by December 1, 2010.

Abbott Nutrition Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2011 Abbott Nutrition Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **Joseph St. Geme Award**, the **Young Investigator Research Award**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, the **WSPR Pediatric Resident Research Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**. Please congratulate the winners:

- **Joseph St. Geme Award:** H. Eugene Hoyme, MD, *Sanford School of Medicine, The University of South Dakota*
- **Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Research Award co-Winners:** Christian Yost, MD, *University of Utah* & Paul J Rozance, MD, *University of Colorado*
- **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award Winner:** Ben Numpang, MD, *University of Utah*
- **WSPR Pediatric Research Award:** Eileen Stewart, MD, *University of New Mexico*
- **Lowell Glasgow Award Winner:** Jeremy M Alvord, *University of Utah*

Mead Johnson Travel Awards and WSPR subspecialty awards

We are also pleased to announce that the **2011 Mead Johnson Travel Awards** will be presented to 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 2011 Mead Johnson Travel Awards are: Stephanie Schulz-Geske from Stanford University, Jennifer McDermott from UCSF Fresno, Brian Tang from Stanford University, Belinda Chan from Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern CA, Graham Flory from OHSU, Eric Muller from Stanford University, and Jeremiah Nielson from Keck School of Medicine University of Southern CA.

In addition to Travel Awards, the WSPR presents awards to the highest scored student abstract in each subspecialty. This year's **WSPR subspecialty awards** go to: Krizia Chien from Los Angeles Biomedical Institute, Alex Farnand from the University of Washington, Jason Hooton from the University of Washington, Lindsay McRae from the University of British Columbia, K. Hong from the University of Washington, Carolyn Sinow from Harbor-UCLA, and Amy Thomson from the University of Washington. Congratulations to all of these hard working trainees!

Preliminary Schedule

A complete outline of the meeting can be found at the WSPR website after January 1. **PLEASE CHECK THE FINAL SCHEDULE TO DETERMINE EXACT SESSION TIMES, LOCATIONS, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES.**

Special Thanks

Special thanks go out to Annie Chavez, the Administrator for the WSPR Secretary/Treasurer Position. Thanks Annie!

Western Regional Meeting 2011

State of the Art Lectures

Friday State of the Art Lectures

Behavior and Development

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:15 am - Sunset Center, Bingham Room # 3

AUTISM: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT CAMS?

Edward Goldson, *University of Colorado School of Medicine*

Cardiovascular I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:30 am Ocean Room, Pine Inn, Il Forniao

EXPERIENCES IN HEART TRANSPLANT RESEARCH

Jon Kobashigawa, *Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute*

Endocrinology I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:15 am - Sunset Center, Room # 6

SEROTONIN AND BONE: IMPLICATIONS OF AN OLD SIGNALING SYSTEM IN A NEW LOCATION

Elizabeth Haney, *Oregon Health & Science University*

Genetics

Friday, January 28, 2011, 8:45 am - Sunset Center, Rehearsal Room

NEXT-GENERATION SEX: NOVEL GENETIC APPROACHES TO DISORDERS OF SEX DEVELOPMENT

Eric Vilain, *UCLA Department of Human Genetics*

Health Care Research I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:45 am - Sunset Center, Promenade Lobby

DESIGNING A HEALTH SYSTEM FOR AYA

Roberta G. Williams, *Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California*

Hematology and Oncology I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:15 am - Sunset Center, Studio 105

IRON METABOLISM AND THE ANEMIA OF INFLAMMATION

Sioban Keel, *University of Washington*

Metabolism I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 8:30 am - Church of the Wayfarer, Carlson Hall

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARTIFICIAL PANCREAS

Jessica Castle, *Oregon Health & Science University*

Neonatal – Pulmonary I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 9:00 am – All Saints Church, **Auditorium**

THE JOAN HODGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE: HELPING BABIES BREATHE

Susan Niermeyer, *University of Colorado School of Medicine*

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

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:15 am – All Saints Church, **Sanctuary**
STEM AND PROGENITOR CELLS IN LUNG GROWTH AND REPAIR
Vivek Balasubramaniam, *University of Colorado*

Neonatology – General I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 9:00 am – All Saints Church, **Auditorium**
THE JOAN HODGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE: HELPING BABIES BREATHE
Susan Niermeyer, *University of Colorado School of Medicine*

Pulmonary and Critical Care I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:15 am – Carmel Women's Club
RECENT ADVANCES IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ACUTE LUNG INJURY
G. Matute-Bello, *University of Washington*

Adolescent Medicine and General Pediatrics

Friday January 28, 2011, 2:00 pm - Sunset Center, Carpenter Hall
UPDATES IN ADOLESCENT GYNECOLOGY: WHAT'S NEW IN CONTRACEPTION, DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF POLYCYSTIC OVARIAN SYNDROME AND STD TREATMENTS
Ann Giesel, *University of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital*

Cardiovascular II

Friday, January 28, 2011, 2:00 pm - Pine Inn, Il Forniao – Ocean Room
USE OF BIOMARKERS IN HEART FAILURE: NEW THOUGHTS ON AN OLD PROBLEM
W. Robb Maclellan, *David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA*

Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Friday, January 28, 2011, 4:15 pm – Sunset Center, Green Room
NASH: A CLINICAL UPDATE
Glen Lutchman, *Stanford University*

Infectious Diseases

Friday, January 28, 2011, 1:30 pm Sunset Center, Room # 6
RAPID MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS: THE CUTTING EDGE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Frederick Tenover, *Cepheid*

Immunology and Rheumatology I

Friday, January 28, 2011, 3:30 pm – Sunset Center, Studio 105
IS RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS A NEOPLASTIC DISEASE?
Richard Weisbart, *David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

Morphogenesis and Malformations

Friday, January 28, 2011, 1:00 pm - Sunset Center, Rehearsal Room
WHEN CILIA GO BAD: JOUBERT SYNDROME AND OVERLAPPING DISORDERS
Ian Glass, *University of Washington & Seattle Children's Hospital*

Nephrology and Hypertension

Friday, January 28, 2011, 3:00 pm – Sunset Center, Conductor's Room

mTOR INHIBITORS IN POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE

Charles Edelstein, *University of Colorado Denver*

Saturday State of the Art Lectures**General Internal Medicine and Aging**

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 10:45 am – Sunset Center, Promenade Lobby

TESTOSTERONE IN AGING MEN: SHOULD WE TREAT OR NOT?

S. Harman, *Kronos Longevity Research Institute*

Neonatology – Developmental Biology

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 11:00 am – All Saints Church, Auditorium

THE NEONATAL KIDNEY- INFLUENCES AND COMPROMISES

Douglas Matsell, *British Columbia Children's Hospital*

Neuroscience II

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 11:15 am – Sunset Center, Conductor's Room

TEACHING THE SPINAL CORD TO WALK AFTER SPINAL CORD INJURY

Reggie Edgerton, *David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

Pulmonary and Critical Care II

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 10:15 am – Carmel Women's Club

ADULT DIAGNOSED CF: MILD OR DELAYED ONSET DISEASE?

Jennifer L. Taylor-Cousar, *University of Colorado*
