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SATURDAY, January 26, 2013



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Key Changes to the 2013 Meeting

All sessions will be held at the Sunset Center (6 rooms per concurrent session block)
Bingham/Chapman/Green/Promenade/Rehearsal/Room 6/Studio 105

Total concurrent session time for all societies is decreased from 144 to 68 hours
Increased competition for oral presentations versus poster presentations

WSPR concurrent session time is decreased from 36 to 18 hours (9 2-hour sessions)
Adolescent Medicine & General Pediatrics/Behavior & Development/Genetics/Morphogenesis &
Malformations/Neonatal Pulmonary (2)/Neonatology Developmental Biology/Neonatology General (2)

Concurrent sessions are Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning
Subspecialty session days and start times are to be determined

Poster sessions are Thursday and Friday (Carpenter Hall)

One Joint Plenary Session Friday Morning (1/25) from 8:00am to Noon

8:00 WSCI Outstanding Investigator Award
8:30 WSPR Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award
8:45 WSPR Glasgow Student Research Award
9:00 WSPR Young Investigator Research Award
9:30 E. E. Osgood Student Award

9:45-10:00 Intermission

10:00 WAFMR Outstanding Investigator Award
10:30 WSPR Stanley Wright Lecture
11:00 WAP Distinguished Lecturer
11:30 Mayo Soley Award

WSPR Business Meeting to Follow

The Welcome Reception for all attendees is scheduled for Thursday 5:30-7:00 with a concurrent student poster session

Traditional locations and times for club meetings are subject to change

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Colin White, MD

Greetings from Vancouver!

As I sit down to write this letter I can't help but remind everyone that it has been 59 YEARS + since the first WSPR meeting in 1953! Yes this years meeting will be our **60th Anniversary** - an auspicious one for us and the Queen of England!

You will see many changes, and some challenges, for this meeting and the WSPR, highlighted throughout this newsletter. What you won't see is any loss of energy or commitment from your elected representatives and council members. I can promise every one of you that we, the Council, remain committed to upholding the goals of our society and fostering the best academic and scientific meeting on the West Coast for Pediatric Students, Fellows and Junior Attendings.

As always we will present many prestigious awards to students, residents, fellows and junior faculty, all supported by **Abbott Nutrition**; and I highly encourage ALL of you to careful look at the students and faculty whose work is deserving of consideration for one of these awards [see section in newsletter].

We will also provide many travel grants due to the generous support of **Mead Johnson Nutrition** - if YOU know of deserving students, residents or fellows who would be interested in presenting their work but might have difficulty financially attending the meeting please let us know.

The **Stanley Wright Memorial Lectureship** will be given this year during the Friday AM plenary session by Dr. Allison Eddy, former head of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology at Seattle Children's and now Professor of Pediatrics and the Head of the Department of Pediatrics and a member of the Nephrology Division at BC Children's

Hospital in Vancouver. Dr. Eddy will talk on Inflammation in Chronic Disease, an area she is a recognized expert on. She is a great speaker and I encourage you all to come and here her speak on this important topic.

None of the success of the meeting would happen without the efforts of everyone on the Council and a number of others you don't often see or hear of. In particular I would like to thank Dave Viskochil and his assistant in Utah, Tammy Sheffield, who work tirelessly to keep our Society running behind the scenes. I would also like to offer up thanks to Bill Hay Jr (past president of the society - 2011) who has rejoined the executive this year as we struggle to deal with all the changes in the 2013 meeting. Bill's insights, experience and thoughtful comments have all been welcome to the executive and myself over the last months.

I would also like to thank Bonnie Adams who organizes the 'in Carmel' meeting places and day to day activities for all the Societies, and in particular Lori Ennis who quite simply puts this meeting as a whole together year after year - coordinating everything from abstracts to sessions to ensuring we know who is talking when - and does so for WSPR, WSCI, WAP and WSMFR.

Finally, in both my role as your President, and in my more important role as a member of the WSPR and a committed believer in the value of the first 59 years of this meeting - I would strongly encourage you to complete the following 5 'tasks' before you put this newsletter aside.

1. Make note of the list of Key Changes to the 2013 Meeting on Page 1 AND read the Parting Notes section on the last page of this Newsletter! Email myself (cwhite@cw.bc.ca) and or Dave Viskochil (Dave.Viskochil@hsc.utah.edu) if you have any questions or comments about the 2013 meeting!
 2. Please let Dave and I know what you value the WSPR meetings for - or perhaps more importantly let us know what brings you back to this meeting year after year [or if you no longer come why did you stop - was it something 'we said']. Seriously, the WSPR needs to be a society with an active membership if we are to survive and pass along our values and belief in the need for Pediatric Academics and Scientists pursuing children's health issues as being vital to the children we care for! And to do this properly, we as a Council need to understand what our member's want/need from our organization and this meeting.
 3. Plan to talk about the CARMEL MEETING to at least 2 young colleagues at your institution in the next 2 weeks! Maybe they are residents, or fellows - perhaps they are junior staff or a post-doc in the lab across the hall. No matter who they are if they do work that the WSPR would value then they should come to Carmel and be recognized for their efforts on behalf of children's health! Talk to them about Carmel - mention why you started coming - and why you come back. Let them know where they can find more information on the meeting - forward the newsletter or print them a copy...they will thank you, I am sure of it.
 4. Next [Click here](#) - and please pay your dues for 2012-13. As you will see the 2013 meeting will be 'less' not more as our Adult Colleagues require cost certainty in a very uncertain time for them and their members. The WSPR on the other hand is in a much better financial situation - and it is our intent build on our strengths and new alliances and partnerships within both the world of Pediatric Subspecialties
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and closer involvement with the Medical Student organizations to allow us to re-expand our meeting beyond even what many had come to expect us to put on in the recent past. But in order to accomplish these goals we need all members to declare their commitment to the society - both by dues and involvement in the meeting - attending, submitting abstracts, bringing students, residents, fellows and colleagues etc.

5. *Finally - Come to Carmel this year.*

It is simple really; the more people who attend the more strength we have as a Society and more justification for expanding our meeting back to what it was and in fact moving ahead with what we can see as its future - namely a Western Society for ALL Pediatric Research; with Geneticists and Neonatologists, Nephrologists, Gastroenterologists, Adolescent docs, Cardiologists... all sharing their knowledge and insights with each other in a beautiful setting and for what is now almost 60 years worth of all of you and your mentors devoting time each year to encouraging the next generation of academic pediatricians to carry on the work.

It is a distinct pleasure and an honor for me to serve you as this year's President of the Western Society for Pediatric Research; and I look forward to attending this meeting in 2013 with each of you and the new members of our society well into the future.

Best regards,

Colin White, MD

Annual Dues Reminder

You are encouraged to promptly pay your July 2012-June 2013, \$80.00 dues as well as any unpaid dues from previous years (up to 3 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, 2012.

You can now easily pay on line using PayPal. A reminder email will be sent soon to provide all details for paying on line.

WSPR Business Meeting at Carmel

The Business Meeting will be held in the Sunset Room at Noon Friday, January 25th, 2013, following the morning joint plenary session. Issues of interest to Society members will be discussed during the Business Meeting.

2013 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/go/WRM2013>

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 10</u>	<u>After January 10, 2013</u>
Members	\$175	\$210
Non-members	\$250	\$300
Fellows/Trainees	\$95	\$145
Onsite Registration (add additional \$50 to fee schedule above)		

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

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

CME Credit

This year there will be NO CME credit.

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 Wednesday, October 1, 2012.** Cost is \$75 and **NO CHECKS OR PURCHASE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This year again electronic abstract submission is the **REQUIRED MODE.** The submission process is through the Internet at the following site:

<http://wrm2012.abstractcentral.com>

NOTES FROM THE 2012 WSPR MEETING IN CARMEL, CALIFORNIA



PHOTO (L->R): David Gremse (President, WSPR); Abbott Awardees: Amy Kennedy (Medical Student Research Award); Mary Jacenna Leigh (Pediatric Trainee Research Award); Cherry Mammen (Young Investigator Award).

Outgoing WSPR President: David Gremse, MD (*U. of Nevada; now U. of Alabama*)

Incoming WSPR President: Colin White, MD (*U. of British Columbia*)

WSPR President Elect: Robin Ohls, MD (*U. of New Mexico*)

Outgoing Council Members

- Brigitte Gompers, MD (*UCLA*)
- Cora Breuner, MD (*U of Washington*)

Incoming Council Members

- Kathy Angkustsiri, MD (*UC Davis*)
- Jean Paul Collett, MD (*UBC*)
- Roberta Keller, MD (*UCSF*)

Remaining Council Members

- Alberta Kong, MD (*U of New Mexico*)
 - Vedang Londhe, MD (*UCLA*)
 - Cindy McAvoy, MD, PhD (*Oregon Health Sciences University*)
 - Kristen Nadeau, MD (*U of Colorado*)
 - Paul Rozance, MD (*U of Colorado*)
 - David Stevenson, MD (*U of Utah*)
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2012 WSPR Abbott Nutrition Awards Recipients

Abbott Nutritionals Young Investigator Award: \$1,250 award and plaque

- Cherry Mammen, MD, *University of British Columbia*

David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award: \$1000 honorarium and plaque

- Mary Jacenna Leigh, MD, *University of California, Davis*

Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award: \$500 award and plaque

- Amy Kennedy, *University of Washington*

Pediatric Resident Research Award: \$500 award and plaque

- Kathryn Ponder, *University of California, Davis*

2012 Mead Johnson Travel Award Winners: \$500 and certificate

- Jennifer Eng-Kulawy, *Naval Medical Center, San Diego*
- Monica Gadhia, *University of Colorado*
- Brook Lang, *University of Utah*
- Eyby Leon, *University of Utah*
- Aaron Nayfack, *Stanford University*
- Edith Morales, *UCLA*
- Kate Westmoreland, *University of Utah*

2012 WSPR Subspecialty Award Winners: \$100 and certificate

- Ciara Block, *University of Utah*
- Margaret Ford, *Charles Drew University, Los Angeles*
- Lisa Mettler, *University of Colorado*
- Beck Longstreet, *University of Washington*
- Ryan O'Leary, *Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles*
- Claire Wilson, *University of New Mexico*
- Jake Wimmer, *University of Utah*

State of the Art Lectures (2012 WSPR Sessions)

Randi Hagerman, *UC Davis - Behavior and Development*

Anna Lehman, *University of Washington - Genetics*

Alan Rope, *University of Utah - Morphogenesis and Malformations*

Carlos Ramos, *U of New Mexico - Neonatology and Developmental Biology*

Kurt Albertine, *University of Utah - Neonatal Pulmonology II*

Alberta Kong, *University of New Mexico - Adolescent Medicine*

Robert Schelonka (Joan Hodgman Memorial Lecture) - *OHSU*

The 2013 Abbott Nutrition Awards will be presented during the plenary session. The awards include 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**. Information is included below for instructions on nominating deserving faculty and trainees.

Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Award in Research: *Deadline Oct 10, 2012*

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@hsc.utah.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 3, 2012*

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**

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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 2013 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.

2012 NEW MEMBERS

The WSPR had a good recruitment year with 10 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 6 new trainee members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new members and congratulate all who recruited them.

2012 New Faculty Members:

Jean Paul Collett, MD (Nominator: Colin White, MD)
Epidemiology; University of British Columbia

Cassidy Delaney, MD (Nominator: Paul Rozance, MD)
Neonatology; University of Colorado

Donna Goff, MD (Nominator: Michael Kuhn, MD)
Cardiology; Loma Linda Medical Center

Anna Lehman, MD (Nominator: Colin White, MD)
Genetics; University of British Columbia

Swetha Krishnamurthi, MD (Nominator: Joseph Shiel, MD)
Genetics; University of California, San Francisco

Cherry Mammen, MD (Nominator: Colin White, MD)
Nephrology; University of British Columbia

Inderpal Randhawa, MD (Nominator: Terry Chin, MD)
Immunology/Pulmonary; University of California, Irvine

Hengameh Raissy, PhD (Nominator: Alberta Kong, MD)
Pharmacology; University of New Mexico

Rebecca Scherr, MD (Nominator: David Gremse, MD)
Gastroenterology; University of Nevada

Clyde Wright, MD (Nominator: Paul Rozance, MD)
Neonatology; University of Colorado

2012 New Trainee Members:

Melanie Cree Green, MD, University of Colorado (Nominator: Kristen Nadeau, MD)

Brook Lang, MD, University of Utah (Nominator: Rob Lane, MD)

Mary Jacena Leigh, MD, University of California, Davis (Nominator: Randy Hagerman, MD)

Ben Numpang, MD, University of Utah (Nominator: Rob Lane, MD)

Jennifer Zalla, MD, University of Utah (Nominator: Rob Lane, MD)

Erin Zinkhan, MD, University of Utah (Nominator: Rob Lane, MD)

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 10, 2013**. 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/2012/membership.htm

Complete nomination packets should be transmitted electronically to:
WSPR@hsc.utah.edu by January 10, 2013.

Parting Notes

This has been a transition year as our joint societies combine to decrease expenses of the meeting rather than increase revenues (meaning increased registration fees or abstract costs). This has been accomplished by decreasing the number of oral presentations, reducing 3 plenary sessions to 1, renegotiating the A-V contract, restricting the sessions to the Sunset Center, not providing CME credits, and combining medical student activities with the whole meeting. These actions have reduced expenses significantly. We are retaining state of the art speakers and all the awards, thanks to contributions from Meade Johnson and Abbott Labs. This year we have initiated coverage of registration fees for the moderators of each oral session. We have also invited the Western Society for Pediatric Nephrology to join our meeting, and we will be looking for other subspecialty pediatric societies to consider coordinating their annual meetings with the WSPR meeting in Carmel.

You are again encouraged to arrive in Carmel early Thursday, January 24th [or even on the Wednesday], as the opening sessions begin at 1pm and the Welcome reception, including a poster session and the Abbott Labs Reception, will be Thursday evening.

Please note that we will be again meeting the last week in January 2013, 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 unique event.

If you have trouble with the WSPR website, dues information, nomination information or most anything; please let us know at the new email address: WSPR@hsc.utah.edu. If that does not work then try either dave.viskochil@hsc.utah.edu or tammy.sheffield@hsc.utah.edu.

REMINDER: ABSTRACT DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2012!



Photo contributed by Colin White (2012 Carmel meeting)
