



WSPR WINTER NEWSLETTER

December 2021

**2022 Annual Meeting - Carmel, CA
Thursday, January 20th, 2022 -
Saturday, January 23rd, 2022**



THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH

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President's Message

Dear WSPR Members,

Greetings to everyone and I hope that 2021 has been a good and productive year for you all. We are thrilled to confirm that our meeting will be back in-person in Carmel, CA from January 20th - 23rd, 2022. Although our virtual meeting in 2021 was a spectacular success, we are looking forward to being face-to-face with our colleagues once again to share our latest discoveries in pediatric research. We felt that the personal interactions were so important for our students, trainees, and junior faculty for their career development that we advocated strongly for an in-person meeting. Our meeting, however, must be conducted in the safest possible fashion. Therefore, we strongly encourage that every attendee be vaccinated and that masks be worn in indoor spaces including the Sunset Center, All Saints Church and Carmel Women's Club. Please be extra cautious when traveling, frequently sanitize/wash your hands and keep a reasonable amount of distance from other attendees while at the meeting whenever possible. We are hoping for beautiful, sunny California weather so we can be outside as much as possible. In the process of planning the meeting, we took special precautions to avoid crowded venues and tried to space out the sessions as much as possible. As a result, some of the times of the sessions and receptions are different from years past, so please look carefully at your programs. Together, we believe that we can continue the great tradition of the WSPR to give our trainees the opportunity to present their research, create new collaborations, and foster their career development while keeping everyone's health and safety as our highest priority.

At the 2022 meeting, we will continue our long tradition of hosting outstanding state-of-the-art lectures during scientific and plenary sessions. We have awarded 30 trainee travel and abstract awards, and our annual Young Investigator, David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee, Abbott Pediatric Resident Research and Lowell Glasgow Student Awards to our well-deserving trainees. Please join us in recognizing the outstanding achievements of these junior investigators at a dinner reception held on Friday, January 21st at 6 pm at the Carmel Women's Club. This event is open to all WSPR members and their guests so please come and celebrate with us.

Please note some other highlights of the meeting that I hope you will be able to attend:

- Welcome reception and poster session jointly sponsored by the five Western Societies on Thursday Jan 20th from 6-8 pm at the All Saints Church
 - WSPR Abbott Nutrition Reception on Thursday Jan 20th from 7-9 pm at the La Playa Hotel
 - Joint plenary session on Friday Jan 21st from 1:30-4:15 pm at the Carmel Women's Club featuring the Stanley Wright Lecture "Meeting iron needs during infancy: an evolutionary perspective" by Dr. Kathryn Dewey, University of California, Davis
 - WSPR business meeting on Friday Jan 21nd from 4:15-4:45 pm at the Carmel Women's Club
 - WSPR Reckitt/Mead Johnson Nutrition Junior Faculty Travel Award Reception on Friday Jan 21st from 6-7 pm at the Carmel Women's Club
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- Western Perinatal Club Briefing on Friday Jan 21st from 7-8 pm at the Carmel Women's Club entitled "Mechanisms and consequences of Inflammation at the maternal-fetal interface" by Dr. Suhas Kallapur, UCLA Health
 - There are many more presentations and state-of-the-art lectures during the concurrent sessions that you will not want to miss!! Please go to http://www.medpubinc.com/pdf/2022_WMRC_Program.pdf for a more detailed look at the program.

The success of our annual meeting would not be possible without the voluntary efforts of our Council members and the WSPR Leadership, especially Secretary-Treasurer Mariana Baserga who has worked tirelessly to ensure that our trainees are recognized for their accomplishments and to produce the highest quality meeting. I also want to thank our very generous sponsors who make our meeting possible, including Rickett/Mead Johnson Nutrition, Abbott Nutrition, Chiesi, and Prolacta Bioscience Foundation. We are beyond grateful for their enthusiasm for the WSPR and their continuing support of pediatric research. I also need to recognize the ongoing support for the State-of-the-Art lectures from the following academic centers: University of Colorado, Stanford University, University of Southern California, University of California Davis, and University of California Los Angeles. This year the University of Utah has established the inaugural Kurt Albertine state-of-the-art lecture in pulmonary biology to honor the long standing contributions of DR Albertine to the WSPR. Finally, please remember to nominate your trainees who attend the meeting for the WSPR trainee membership and other qualified colleagues for WSPR full membership so that we can continue to grow our society.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Carmel!

Laura Brown, MD
President, WSPR

REGISTRATION | [Register Now](#)

If you have not registered already, **Register by January 8, 2022 for a Discount**

Alternatively, on-site registration (**for an additional fee**) and credit card payment will be available in the Sunset Center, on San Carlos between 8th and 9th, in Carmel, from 8 am-5 pm on Thursday and Friday, and 8 am-10 am on Saturday.

You will be emailed a receipt to the email address you provided on the registration form. Print this out as this will serve as your receipt for reimbursement purposes. For On-site registrants, print receipt and take to registration staff for check-in and name tag.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

All students stay at the Carmel Mission Inn. To make a reservation call: 1-855-235-3915. Please use group code: "Western Student Medical Research Forum" when making reservations.

Hotel reservations must be reserved by ****December 22, 2021 (by 6:00 pm)**** to receive the special group rate of \$149 single/\$169 double. After December 22 it will be

best price available. Make your reservations as early as possible. You can cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival. The above rates are subject to taxes.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FACULTY/FELLOWS/GUESTS

For hotel accommodations, you can contact one of the following services listed below and identify yourself as a participant for the Doctor's Meeting. You can get a more extensive listing of lodging and print out a map of the city by visiting the Carmel Visitors Bureau information website at www.carmelcalifornia.org.

maria@nvreservations.com - or call 707-302-0340

gloriamcpherson327@gmail.com - or call 831-915-7258

NO FEE FOR BOOKING

There will be food trucks in the parking lot of the Sunset Center during the lunch hour for registrants to purchase lunch on Friday afternoon. Due to the timing of the sessions, this should make it easy for everyone to be able to get lunch, if they choose. The cost will be ~\$12.00.

The schedule is as follows:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Junior Investigator Workshop "How to Publish: Tips from a Journal Editor"

Intended for Fellows and Jr. Faculty, however, all welcome (Additional charge for lunch; \$15) include on registration form

12:45 pm-5:45 pm

Concurrent Subspecialty Sessions

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Reception and Poster Session at All Saints Church

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Club Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 am-12:30 pm Concurrent Subspecialty Sessions

12:30 pm-1:30 pm Junior Investigator Workshop "How to Navigate the Career Path of a Physician-Scientist"

Speakers:

W. Conrad Liles, University of Washington

Everardo Cobos, Kern Medical

Shanlee Davis, Children's Hospital Colorado

(This talk is aimed at Jr. faculty and fellows, but students and trainees also welcome).

1:30 pm-4:15 pm Joint Plenary Session

5:15 pm-8:30 pm Club Events

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 am-12:00 pm Concurrent Subspecialty Sessions

We look forward to seeing you in Carmel in January!

Secretary/Treasurer Notes (my little section here)

Thanks for participating in our virtual 2021 conference! We look forward seeing you in person in Carmel in 2022!

2021-22 WSPR Leadership

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Annual Dues Reminder

For those members with unpaid 2020-2021 annual dues, please look for the Intuit/quickbooks invoice in your email or please contact Kathy Aller (Kathy.Aller@hsc.utah.edu) or at (801) 581- 4178

The 2022-2023 academic year dues will be invoiced on 7/1/22 and will be considered past due as of 10/1/22.



Western Society for Pediatric Research

WSPR Membership

Membership Categories & Dues

- Membership is fiscal year (July 1- June 30)
- Active: \$100.00
- Emeritus (age 70+): \$20.00
- Trainee: \$25.00 (valid only three years)

<https://www.westernspr.org/membership-dues/>

New Member Nomination

We continue to invite WSPR members to nominate new members (trainees and full memberships) who are making contributions for Pediatric research! Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis, quarter by quarter, and no deadline is set. Details regarding the nomination application for full, emeritus, and trainee membership are available on the WSPR website:

<https://www.westernspr.org/membership-dues/>
