



## **President's Message**

### **Health Care Reform Legislation**

The reconciliation bill (HR 4872) of the health care reform legislation was recently signed into law. Implementation will be the next step with some parts having an immediate effect and some a longer term impact on the health of children.

### **National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Events**

A mechanism has been implemented to disseminate timely messages from the NICHD to the APS membership. We welcome similar activities from other Institutes at the NIH to help keep APS membership abreast of important activities.

An NIH Consensus Development Conference, "Vaginal Births After Cesarean: New Insights," will be held on April 26-28, 2010 in Washington, DC. More information is available at [consensus@mail.nih.gov](mailto:consensus@mail.nih.gov).

### **ACGME Response to the IOM's Report on Resident Duty Hours**

In the near future, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) will announce new duty hour standards to be incorporated into the ACGME's Common Program Requirements. These new proposed duty hour standards are in response to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Resident Duty Hours: Enhancing Sleep, Supervision, and Safety Report issued in December 2008. At the time of the announcement, the ACGME will ask for comments from the graduate medical education community during the 45-day period that follows the announcement.

### **Strategic Planning and Implementation**

Your APS Council Members have been working on your behalf to organize the implementation of a strategic plan designed to "Take Back APS." As your input is important to successfully carry out the implementation, we are delighted at your interest in contributing towards this activity during the APS Networking Luncheon at the 2010 PAS Meeting in Vancouver.

### **Opening General Session at 2010 PAS**

At the PAS Opening General Session scheduled for Saturday, May 1 from 5:00pm-6:30pm, **Dr. Duane Alexander** will be acknowledged during the APS Presidential Welcome for his contributions to Pediatric Research and Training. Please plan to attend to help honor him.

### **Planned Leadership Transition**

On behalf of APS Council I wish to acknowledge and thank **Dr. George Lister** for his long service and contributions to the APS. His participation in our strategic planning process on behalf of the APS was invaluable. We also look forward to **Dr. Gary Fleisher** assuming the role of APS President immediately following the 2010 PAS Meeting. Gary has already contributed as APS President-Elect throughout the past year's strategic plan development and implementation.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Message

### 2010 APS Vice President Elections

The 2010 APS Vice President Elections generated an unprecedented event in the 122 year history of elections for APS Vice President/President-Elect. There was a tie! Voter turn-out was excellent and even after extending the deadline for voting, the tie persisted. This is clearly a reflection of the two outstanding candidates running for the office of Vice President (VP). After much consideration and deliberation, the APS Council decided that the two exceptional VP candidates should serve successive terms as President-Elect and President of the APS. Please join me in congratulating **Dr. F. Bruder Stapleton** and **Dr. Barbara J. Stoll**. Bruder will serve as Vice President in 2010-2011 and as APS President in 2011-2012; Barbara will serve as Vice President in 2011-2012 and as APS President in 2012-2013. With this outcome, the APS is the true winner of this election. As a result, the APS will not hold an election for Vice President in 2011.

### 2010 APS Council Elections

We are pleased to announce the election of two new members of the APS Council: **Dr. Kathryn M. Edwards** and **Dr. Nina F. Schor**. They will each serve a 5-year term on the APS Council beginning May 2010 through May 2015. Please congratulate Kathryn and Nina on their election. Rotating off Council are **Dr. Marlene Rabinovitch** and **Dr. Alan Schwartz**. We wish to thank Alan and Marlene for their contributions over the past five years to the APS Council and for their service on behalf of the APS. We also want to acknowledge and thank outgoing APS Past President **Dr. George Lister** for his long service and contributions to the APS. His wisdom and presence on Council will be missed.

### PAS Meeting May 1-4, Vancouver

The 2010 PAS meeting in Vancouver is fast approaching. We are on pace



for record-breaking attendance and an outstanding scientific program. **Dr. Bruce Gelb**, PAS Program Chair, and the Program Committee have incorporated a number of programming innovations that will be of interest to APS members. A number of APS-specific activities have also been organized and are highlighted below. We hope you will attend.

- New *Opening General Session* on Saturday, May 1 from 5:00pm-6:30pm in the West Ballroom A of the Vancouver Convention Center (VCC). The keynote address will be given by **Dr. John Balbus** (NIEHS) on the impact of climate change on children's health. The St. Geme award will be presented to **Dr. Stephen Ludwig** in this new forum.
- The *PAS Presidential and New Members' Reception* will follow the Opening General Session on Saturday, May 1, 6:45pm-8:00pm. Invitations will be sent to our 2010 APS New Members and will provide location and time details. We hope all new APS Members can attend.
- The *APS Presidential Plenary and Awards Session* will be held on Sunday, May 2 from 10:15am-11:45am in the VCC - West Ballroom B. **Dr. Sherin Devaskar** will give the APS Presidential Address. The Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award will be presented to **Dr. James E. Crowe**. The 58th Annual John Howland Award will be presented to **Dr. Charles R. Scriver**.

- An *APS Members' Networking Lunch* will be held on Sunday, May 2, immediately following the APS Presidential Plenary from 12:00pm-1:00pm. A fabulous response has been received to the lunch with an affirmative RSVP from over 130 APS Members. No fee will be charged but only those members who sent in their RSVP will be able to attend. Tickets will be mailed. This will be a networking and planning lunch focused on our strategic planning initiatives. APS Officers and Council Members will be on hand to lead the discussion and solicit your ideas and feedback.
- The *APS State of the Times Scientific Symposium*, entitled *Systems Biology: The Pathway to Personalized Medicine*, will immediately follow the APS Members' Networking Lunch, 1:00pm-3:00pm, in Room 109 of the VCC.
- The *APS Members Dinner* in honor of Dr. Charles Schriver, the 2010 Howland awardee, will be on Sunday, May 2 at The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver from 6:45pm-9:30pm.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Shinya Yamanaka on Monday, May 3 from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the VCC.



We welcome your feedback and suggestions for *APS News* content. We also welcome your contributions to the newsletter and the activities of our society. We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver in May.

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