

Dear Colleagues,



President's Message

APS Plenary Session. I invite the entire American Pediatric Society (APS) membership to join us at the APS Plenary on May 2 at 10:15am. My presidential address will focus on adaptations that prepare us to face the present environmental challenges in Academic Pediatrics. The Norman J. Siegel Award recognizing the scientific accomplishments of one of our new members will be presented to Dr. James Crowe of Vanderbilt University. Next, the Howland Award, honoring an individual for his/her accomplishments during their entire career in Academic Pediatrics, will be bestowed on Dr. Charles Scriver of McGill University. Dr. Russell Chesney, Chair of Pediatrics at UT Memphis, will introduce our Howland Awardee.

PAS Opening General Session. A new feature has been added to the 2010 PAS Annual Meeting (2010 PAS). On May 1 at 5:00pm, there will be an Opening General Session co-sponsored by the four PAS partner organizations. At this opening ceremony, APS has the honor of introducing the St. Geme Awardee and honoring Dr. Duane Alexander for his contributions to NICHD. We look forward to seeing you there.

APS Members' Dinner. The APS Members' Dinner in honor of the 2010 Howland Awardee, Dr. Charles Scriver, will be held at the beautiful Fairmont Hotel Vancouver on Sunday, May 2, from 6:45pm-9:30pm. It promises to be a memorable evening and we hope you will join us to honor Dr. Scriver and enjoy the cuisine, venue and company of your peers.

APS-NACHRI. Efforts are underway to organize the first annual joint meeting between the leadership of the APS and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) in Vancouver at 2010 PAS. This session will constitute our attempt to bring together Department Chairs and other Academic Pediatric Leaders and Chief Executive Officers of Children's Hospitals who are the leaders of NACHRI to exchange information regarding the key challenges faced by Academic Pediatrics.

NICHD Director's Search Committee. The NICHD Director's Search Committee has been formed and some of you have provided us with nominations for the position. The description of the position is provided for your information in the [NICHD Director Position Announcement](#). Should you think of additional nominations, please do not hesitate to send them to us.

2010-11 BPCA Priority List of Needs in Pediatric Therapeutics. The NICHD has invited APS to submit nominations for specific drugs, biologics, or medical devices that require further study in children as well as the therapeutic area (e.g., pediatric condition, subpopulation or setting of care) in which it will be studied. These nominations are being solicited to fulfill NIH's authority and responsibility to establish a program for pediatric drug testing and development as outlined in the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA). The input of our members is important to the development of the Priority List of Needs in Pediatric Therapeutics. Following an upcoming conference call between the NICHD and the APS leadership, we will provide information about how our membership can submit nominations and influence the priority list.

APS Newsletter. It is our intent to stay in touch throughout the year with our membership and maintain transparency by sharing the initiatives that your Council representatives have launched on your behalf. Given the talent and experience that exists in our membership, we would like to draw on you to create a "grass-roots" think tank as we collectively move forward in charting the future course of your Society.

Secretary/Treasurer's Message

2010 APS New Members. We are pleased to announce that 58 New Members from among 73 applicants were elected into the APS on January 1, 2010. Please take a moment to welcome and congratulate your colleagues whose names and affiliations can be found at <http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/Members/New.htm>. The PAS Presidential and New Members' Reception will be held on Saturday, May 1, immediately following the PAS Opening General Session. Invitations will be sent in April. We hope all newly elected APS members are able to attend.

Future APS Officers

2010 APS Council Elections. The 2010 APS election for Vice President (President-Elect) and Council Members is ongoing and will conclude on Monday, February 22, 2010 (11:59pm Central Time). The election is being conducted by electronic Ballot. Only APS Active Members are eligible to vote.

Your participation in selecting future APS leaders is an important privilege of APS membership. If you have not already done so, please participate in the 2010 election of your APS Officers and Council Members. To cast your vote, you must access the link provided in the 2010 APS Electronic Ballot emailed to you on Friday, January 22. Two reminders will be sent between now and the deadline. The biosketch of the candidates for the slate of 2010 APS Officer and Council Members are provided below, and may also be found on the APS website, www.aps-spr.org.

2010 APS Officer & Council Member Candidate Biosketchs

VICE PRESIDENT (President-Elect)
F. Bruder Stapleton
Barbara J. Stoll
COUNCIL MEMBER
Kathryn M. Edwards
Terence R. Flotte
Nina F. Schor
Frederick J. Suchy

2010 PAS Meeting Highlights

May 1-4, Vancouver

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver at 2010 PAS. It promises to be an outstanding scientific meeting with invited science on cutting edge topics with relevance across all pediatric subspecialties. A record number of abstract submissions were received this year, exceeding 4000 for the first time, and a number of innovations incorporated into the program. A new Opening General Session will be featured on Saturday evening with a keynote address by Dr. John Balbus (NIEHS) on the impact of climate change on children's health. The St. Geme Award will be presented at the Opening General Session, with the PAS Presidential and New Members' Reception immediately following the session. The APS Members' Dinner in Honor of the 2010 Howland Awardee has returned to Sunday evening. If you have not already done so, please submit your 2010 PAS meeting and housing registrations

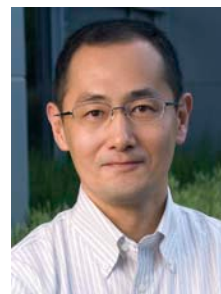


available at our website, www.pas-meeting.org. On our website, you will also find extensive program information by day, subspecialty and topic theme. Vancouver will soon host the XXI Winter Olympic Games, and will form a scenic backdrop for our exciting meeting program. Please join us for four days of robust scientific presentations, networking, and advocacy and help us shape the future of academic pediatrics and child health research at 2010 PAS.

APS Strategic Plan Implementation

2010 APS Members' Lunch. As part of the APS strategic planning initiative, an APS Members' Lunch will be held at 2010 PAS on Sunday, May 2, immediately following the APS Presidential Plenary & Awards Session. Please complete the RSVP Form at the end of this newsletter so we can ensure appropriate accommodations are organized (room size and sufficient food). The RSVP Form is also available in word format via the weblink <http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/RSVP%20Form.doc>. No fee will be charged, but only those APS members who RSVP will be admitted. This will be a networking and planning lunch focused on our strategic initiatives that were launched as a result of the APS strategic planning process. APS Officers and Council Members will be on hand to lead the discussion and solicit your ideas and feedback on one of six strategic plan initiatives. Please indicate on the RSVP Form the strategic initiative you would most like to participate in at the APS Members' Lunch. Tickets for those who RSVP will be mailed in April.

The **2010 March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology** has been awarded to Shinya Yamanaka, MD, PhD, a pioneering scientist who reprogrammed adult cells into embryonic-like stem cells, fundamentally altering the field of developmental biology and research into the prevention of birth defects. Dr. Yamanaka is a *L.K. Whittier Foundation Investigator in Stem Cell Biology*, Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease, and *Professor of Anatomy*, University of California, San Francisco, and *Director*, Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences, and *Professor*, Department of Stem Cell Biology, Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences at Kyoto University, Japan. The 15th Annual March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Yamanaka on Monday, May 3, from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Vancouver Convention Centre. Please join us for his cutting edge scientific presentation, entitled "Induction of Pluripotency by Defined Factors."



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.

Sherin Devaskar, MD
APS President

Judy Aschner, MD
APS Secretary/Treasurer

APS Council

Gary R. Fleisher, MD	Vice President
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RSVP Form

2010 APS Members' Lunch

Sunday – May 2, 2010

12:00pm-1:00pm

Vancouver Convention Centre



As a member of the American Pediatric Society, we invite you to join us for the APS Members' Lunch at the 2010 PAS Annual Meeting in Vancouver. This is an opportunity for APS members to network and share their ideas about the future direction of your organization and to provide feedback about our strategic planning initiatives. This luncheon will serve as a "grass roots" think tank of the membership, by the members for APS.

Name: _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

- Yes, I will attend the APS Members' Lunch
- No, I cannot attend the APS Members' Lunch, but I am interested in participating in a working group charged with the development of the APS strategic planning domains indicated below.

At the luncheon, we will break out into working groups to address several of the domains in the APS strategic plan. Please indicate which strategic planning domain you would like to provide feedback and engage in by placing a [1] and a [2] within the box to indicate your 1st and 2nd choice.

- ADVOCACY**
Goal: Advance the profession of academic pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties.
- RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**
Goal: Create forums for the exchange of ideas, presentation of cutting edge research, and the building of research skills among APS members and the next generation of academic pediatricians and pediatric physician-scientists.
- COMMUNICATION AND WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**
Goal: Enhance flow of information to maintain transparency and networking opportunities for our membership; enhance communication with the public, the media and other key stakeholders in academic pediatrics.
- PAS MEETING SPONSORSHIP**
Goal: Improve the quality and value of attending the PAS meeting for APS members.
- LEADERSHIP COACHING**
Goal: Capitalize on the leadership and mentorship skills of our membership; build and mentor strong leaders at every phase of career development in academic pediatrics.

Please Return this Form by March 15, 2010, to:

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