



# WINTER 2005 NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL MEETING – CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

### WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2006 THROUGH

### SATURDAY, February 4, 2006

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**THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH**

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Ronald L. Ariagno, M.D.**

Greetings, from me, De-Ann Pillers our Secretary-Treasurer, the President Elect, Andrew Macnab and the WSPR Council (Robert Armstrong, James Bale Jr., Suzanne Cassidy, Edward Goldson, Robin Hansen, Sandra Juul, Robin Ohls, Istvan Seri and Eric Vilain). We sincerely hope that February 1-4 is already on your 2006 schedule and that you will remind and encourage your colleagues to attend. Registration begins on February 1 from 1:00-5:00PM at Sunset Center Lobby and Monterey Beach Hotel from 3:00-5:00PM for your Student and Resident Registration. The first session for this five society combined meeting is sponsored by Western Association of Physicians at Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center 2:30 to 5:00PM on the “Pathophysiology of Septic Shock: New Knowledge and Treatment Opportunities”. A welcoming Intersociety Cocktail Reception follows from 5:30-7:00 PM across the street at the Carmel Women’s Club.

The theme for this year’s Joint Plenary Session i.e., Western Section American Federation for Medical Research, Western Society for Clinical Investigation, Western Association of Physicians and Western Society for Pediatric Research (Thursday, February 2nd in the Pacific Repertory Theater-Golden Bough) is “Stem Cell Research and New Regulatory and Ethical Challenges”. The WSPR Stanley Wright Memorial Lecture awardee is Fred Levine, MD, Ph.D. who will present “Stem cell Therapy for Diabetes: Fact and Fiction”. In addition the WSPR presents its awards in the Thursday plenary. The Ross Young Investigator award begins the morning session at 8:30AM. The David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Award and the Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award, both presented abstracts, begin the afternoon sessions at 1:45PM. The membership is encouraged to participate and to support our awardees. The Joint Plenary session continues to be a highlight of the Carmel meeting with state of the art presentations and the opportunity to acknowledge established and new investigators who will receive awards. The WSPR reception for all members and guests, which is sponsored by Ross Laboratories and

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hosted by Bob Dahms will be after the plenary session at 6:00PM in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

The Nominations Committee is soliciting input from the membership regarding nominations for council membership (two council positions will be open as the above \* members finish their three year term). If you have a candidate to propose, please contact Past President, Marilyn C. Jones [mjones@chsd.org] or Secretary-Treasurer, De-Ann M. Pillers [wspr@ohsu.edu]. To be considered, suggestions should be received by December 31, 2005. The slate will be presented to the membership for vote at the business meeting following the afternoon plenary session. We also want your nominations for membership to the WSPR and want you to promote the introduction of young investigators who may find an opportunity to premier their research at the Carmel meeting.

For the membership to know and help to resolve:

Obviously, we no longer have slide presentations and Power Point is the norm but the financial burden for this change has been significant. This service is outsourced and is pricey. The cost of CME is another issue and the benefit that we have been receiving through Cyndy Curry and Children's Hospital of Central California is coming to a close. The CME has become an essential component of the meeting. The Intersociety Council has come to a consensus that a general registration fee is needed starting this year to meet all of the expenses of the meeting. We will present a report to the membership at the WSPR business meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 4:15PM following the Plenary Session.

In closing, the WSPR is a vibrant regional research society, which will continue to thrive with your support. Your Society is energized by your active participation and input. We look forward to seeing you in Carmel in 2006.

*Ronald L. Ariagno, M.D., President, WSPR*

## **Annual Meeting**

The 2006 WSPR Annual Meeting will continue the tradition of the expanded **joint plenary sessions** with the adult medicine societies on Thursday, February 2, 2006 in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater. The time and location of all the subspecialty sessions are listed in this newsletter, but 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 23 **State-of-the Art lectures** (see attached enclosure).

A special **Student Poster Session** featuring the top student abstracts, jointly sponsored by WSPR, will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at the Monterey Beach Resort from 6:00-8:00PM.

**Intersociety Welcoming Cocktail Reception** will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at 5:30PM 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 and to meet the WSPR Council.

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### **Business Meeting**

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00PM Thursday, February 2, 2006 following the afternoon joint plenary session. Issues of interest to Society members will be discussed during the Business Meeting.

### **Ross Reception**

The WSPR reception for all members and guests will be graciously sponsored by Ross Laboratories and hosted by Bob Dahms. This annual event will be held at 6:00PM, Thursday evening, February 2, 2006 in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

### **Registration**

Registration will be held in the Promenade Lobby at the Sunset Center. 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.

### **Members**

Please plan to register at the meeting and any applicable charges should be paid at that time. Whether or not registration fees will be charged for the 2006 meeting is currently in a state of flux, and dependent upon our ability to solicit an increased level of financial support for the new expenses at this meeting. Students and trainees should bring a letter verifying their educational status.

### **CME Credit**

You may register for CME credit, available through the auspices of Children's Hospital – Central California, at the registration desk in the Sunset Center.

### **Nominations for New Members**

Don't forget to nominate **New Members**. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2006. 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. We now offer a Trainee Membership category at a reduced dues level. Forms are available on our website at [http://www.aps-spr.org/regional\\_societies/wspr/Membership.htm](http://www.aps-spr.org/regional_societies/wspr/Membership.htm).

### **Annual Dues Reminder (Second Notice)**

A 2005-2006 Annual Dues form is enclosed for All WSPR members who are still unpaid. **PLEASE** submit your **\$75.00** as promptly as possible including any amount due from previous years. Abstract journals (Journal of Investigative Medicine) are only sent to those members whose dues were paid by November 1, 2005.

### **2006 Ross Awards**

We are delighted to announce that the 2006 Ross Awards will be presented during the plenary sessions. The awards to be given include the **Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator**, the **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award**, and the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award**.

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**Ross Award Recipients are:**

**David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award Winner: Nicole Renee Tartaglia, M.D.**, Second year Fellow in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics at the UC-Davis Medical Center MIND Institute. Nominated by Randi Hagerman, M.D.

**Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator Winner: Daniel L. Marks, M.D., Ph.D.**, Department of Pediatrics, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR. Nominated by Bruce A. Boston, M.D.

**Lowell Glasgow Award Winner: Genevieve L. Preer**, University of California San Francisco. Nominated by Alma M. Martinez, M.D., Ph.D., University of California San Francisco.

We are also pleased to recognize a WSPR presenter for receiving the **WAFMR Outstanding Investigator Award, Zili Zhang, M.D.**, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR.

Congratulations to the **WAFMR/WSCI/WSPR Outstanding Resident Award Winner: Neil V. Doshi, M.D.**, University of California Los Angeles.

**2006 Mead Johnson - Travel Awards**

We are also pleased to announce that the 2006 Mead Johnson Travel Awards will be presented to students, residents, and fellows, and were selected on the basis of abstract score and merit. All recipients will present their abstract orally during the course of the meeting. Travel award recipients are expected to attend the plenary sessions (all day) and will be presented their checks at the beginning of the WSPR Business Meeting.

**Preliminary Schedule**

A brief outline of the meeting is provided. **PLEASE CHECK THE FINAL SCHEDULE TO DETERMINE EXACT SESSION TIMES, LOCATIONS, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES.**

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