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SATURDAY, February 2, 2008

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

H. EUGENE HOYME, M.D.

Greetings from the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota! I've just relocated from Stanford to Sanford, and I'm readjusting well to life in the rural Midwest (my home) after many years in Arizona and California. South Dakota is a beautiful state, and for those of you have not visited, you are always welcome to stop by and see how our programs for children have grown and the bright future that lies ahead.

The presidents of the four societies: Gene Hoyme (Western Society for Pediatric Research), Kevin O'Brien (Western Society for Clinical Investigation), Christina Wang (Western Association of Physicians), Stephanie Page (Western Section American Federation for Medical Research) and members of the Council have organized an outstanding program for the 2008 Carmel meeting.

A pre-conference symposium on obesity will be presented by the WAP on Wednesday, January 30th, from 2:30-5:00pm. An exciting panel of speakers will cover the molecular genetics and developmental pathogenesis of obesity as well as novel treatment methodologies. Please plan to attend this session, and make your trainees aware of this opportunity so that their travel plans can include attendance at the symposium.

Our joint plenary session topic for 2008 is entitled, "The Molecular Biology of Aging." Speakers from the NIH and experts from the Western region will cover the genetics of aging;

mitochondrial DNA, oxidative stress and aging; and the progeria syndromes. The Pacific Repertory Theater-Golden Bough will once again be the venue for the session, which will be held on Thursday, January 31st, from 8:30am-4:00pm. Our business meeting will follow immediately.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. F. Curt Bennett on his election as the President-Elect of WSPR for 2008-2009. Curt has served the society ably in many roles over the years, most recently as Secretary-Treasurer from 1999-2003. My thanks to De-Ann Pillers and Andrew McNab for the yeoman's work they have performed in their roles as Secretary Treasurer and President last year. They have made it much easier for future generations of leaders of the Society to work more effectively. Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Robin Ohls, our current Secretary-Treasurer, and her staff. Thank your for your good humor, collegiality and sound advice.

Please encourage your faculty colleagues, medical students, residents and fellows to submit their best work for presentation in Carmel. The WSPR was the first venue at which many of us presented a scientific paper as we embarked on careers in academic pediatrics. It is a special meeting and a unique location for young people to interact personally with the academic leaders of our field. I also ask each of you to make an extra effort this year to increase our membership by inviting your colleagues who are not yet members to join and attend the Carmel meeting regularly.

I look forward to an exciting and productive meeting in the spring!

Best regards,

Gene Hoyme

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held in the Golden Bough Room of the Pacific Repertory Theater at 4:00 PM Thursday, January 31st, 2008 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. This annual event will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday evening, January 31, 2008 in the Poseidon Room at the La Playa Hotel.

Registration

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:

Members WAFMR/AFMR/WAP/WSCI/WSPR

Members*	Early Bird Before January 22	After January 22
2008	\$125	\$160
Non-members		
2008	\$250	\$285

Fellows/Trainees

2008

\$95

\$125

Emeritus

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

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

CME Credit

2008 \$65

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You may register for CME credit at the registration desk in the Sunset Center. Checks for \$65 should be made payable to the WSPR. Payment for CME credit is **not** covered by your WSPR dues. Members registering for CME will be asked to fill out and return a registration form and questionnaire in order to receive CME credit for this meeting. Certificates will be mailed following the meeting. The procedure is similar to that followed at other national meetings.

Nominations for New Members

Don't forget to nominate **New Members**. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2008. 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.

Annual Dues Reminder

A 2007-2008 Annual Dues form is enclosed for All WSPR members. **PLEASE** submit your **\$75.00** as promptly as possible, including any amount due from previous years. You will **NOT** receive the abstract journal (Journal of Investigative Medicine) if your dues are not paid by October 31, 2007. Your Society depends on you!

2008 Ross Awards

We are delighted to announce that the 2008 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**. The **Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Education Award** is awarded biannually.

You are again encouraged to arrive in Carmel Wednesday afternoon, January 30th, in order to meet members of our affiliated organizations at the annual Intersociety Welcoming Reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will again be a special Student Poster Session featuring the top student abstracts on Thursday, January 31, 2008 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Monterey Beach Resort, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA off Highway One. All attendees for the Carmel Meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

Please note that we will be meeting the first week in February, 2008, BEFORE the AT&T Pro-Am Annual golf tournament, February 4-10, 2008. For more information call (831) 649-1533. Website: www.attpbgolf.com. The abstract deadline is Wednesday, October 3, 2007. Full instructions are on the website at: <http://www.medpubinc.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 increasingly unique event.

Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Education Award:

This award is conferred biannually by the WSPR in recognition of outstanding achievement in Pediatric Education. The award is presented to the winner at a plenary session of the meeting and is accompanied by a \$1,250 award and a plaque provided by Ross Laboratories. The 2007 award winner was Dr. John Carey. Nominations will be accepted next year for the 2009 meeting.

Ross Award in Research by a Young Investigator: *Deadline October 7, 2007*

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. Ross Laboratories 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. 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 nominations (**one original and two copies**) should be sent to:

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David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award: *Deadline October 7, 2007*

This award is sponsored by Ross Laboratories and will be accompanied by a plaque and a \$750 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 nomination. Completed nominations (**one original and two copies**) should be sent to:

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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. Ross Laboratories is sponsoring this award, which will include a \$500 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 2008 meeting, and is provided by a grant from Mead Johnson Nutritionals. 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 anticipate individual awards of approximately \$300. We will give as many awards as the funding allows.

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 Tuesday, October 3, 2007.** Cost is \$75 and \$85 for purchase orders. This year again electronic abstract submission is the **REQUIRED MODE**. Full instructions are on the website at: <http://www.medpubinc.com>.

CME CREDIT

This year we **WILL** again be offering CME credit. You may pick up a form for CME credit at the Sunset Center (San Carlos between 8th & 9th) at the time you register. There will be a fee of \$65 to be made payable to the WSPR. You will need to fill out the form and either mail it in or return it to the desk at the Sunset Center at the conclusion of the meeting.

ANNUAL DUES

Your Society is vitally dependent on dues. You are encouraged to promptly pay your 2007-2008, **\$75.00** dues as well as any unpaid dues from previous years. The dues form is on the web site for your convenience. We are in the process of arranging dues payment through **PayPal**. Please check the WSPR website for updates.

2007 NEW MEMBERS

The WSPR again had a wonderful recruitment year with 22 new applicants approved for full membership. In addition, 8 new trainee members were approved. We are pleased to welcome the following new faculty members and congratulate all who helped recruit them:

2007 New Faculty Members:

Irfan Ahmad, M.D., FAAP
University of California, Irvine

JoDee Anderson, M.D.
OHSU

Mariana C. Baserga, M.D.
University of Utah

Anjan S. Batra, M.D.
University of California, Irvine

James S. Barry, M.D.
Univ. of Colorado HSC

Laura D. Brown, M.D.
Univ. of Colorado HSC

Anthony C. Chang, M.D.
Heart Institute, Orange, CA

Echezona Ezeanolue, M.D., M.P.H.
Univ. of Nevada School of Medicine

Arlene Garingo, M.D.
LAC + USC Medical Center

Carmen M. Herrera, M.D.
University of Washington

Shannon L. Jenkins, D.O.
University of Utah

Steven E. Kern, Ph.D.
University of Utah

Virginia Kimonis, M.D.
University of California, Irvine

JoAnne E. Natale, M.D., Ph.D.
UC Davis

Peter Oishi, M.D.
UC San Francisco

Lisa B. Paquette, M.D.
LAC + USC Medical Center

Jennifer M. Puck, M.D.
UC San Francisco

Paul J. Rozance, M.D.
Univ. of Colorado HSC

Avash Jeet Singh, M.D.
*Children's and Women's Health
Center of British Columbia*

Colin White, M.D.
BC Children's Hospital

C. Con Yost, M.D.
University of Utah

Michael V. Zaragoza, M.D., Ph.D.
University of California, Irvine

2007 New Trainee Members:

Kathleen Angkustsin, M.D.
UC Davis

Juliana L. Austin, M.D.
OHSU

Misty L. Carlson, M.D.
OHSU

Peggy Chang, M.D.
OHSU

Thomas H. Cushing, M.D.
Stanford

Kristina Cusmano-Ozog, M.D.
Stanford

Kristin E. Hubert, M.D.
OHSU

Chu Ri Shin, M.D.
OHSU

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The application form which contains all the necessary information to initiate the nomination of a new member to the Society can be found on the WSPR web site. The criteria for membership are on the second page of the form. Remember that there are no longer any geographic restrictions to membership. Remember that Ph.D.s are also eligible for Society membership. Remember that a new trainee membership category now exists at the \$25.00 level (please see attached form). **Note: Trainee members do not automatically progress to regular members, as they must go through an official nomination process.** WSPR members are encouraged to nominate any number of applicants. .

Complete nomination documents should be transmitted in duplicate. The deadline for nominations is **January 15, 2008.**

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REMINDER: ABSTRACT DEADLINE OCTOBER 3, 2007
