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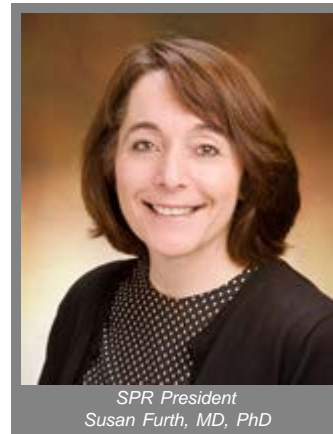
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President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

We have a very exciting schedule of scientific programs planned for the PAS meeting, to be held in Boston in the spring. Highlights of the program are presented in the [letter from our Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Shanley](#).

Members of our advocacy committee attended the Washington fly-in day on March 22, 2012, sponsored by the AAP. Our new relationship as a member organization of FASEB has yielded a new avenue to advocate for research through FASEB's ["Stand up for Science" campaign](#), and its release of [new NIH state factsheets](#).



SPR President
Susan Furth, MD, PhD

FASEB has also released an [analysis of trends in NIH grant funding, and additional resources](#) are available to assist our members in communication with members of Congress. Please make your support of biomedical research heard by our elected representatives!

Our Mentoring committee has moved forward with an initiative to link young investigators with more senior "coaches" for career advice at our annual meetings. We initiated this [national coaching program for young investigators\(pdf\)](#) who have embarked on a career in pediatric research. The purpose of this program is to connect young pediatric faculty members to successful investigators in the appropriate research field, increasing opportunities for mentoring and networking for new researchers.

Pediatric faculty members in the first 3 years of appointment who intend to pursue academic pediatric careers with a major component of investigator initiated research were encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications for 2012 was March 23rd. [View more information on the website's Funding and opportunities page](#).

We hope this newsletter and our broadcast emails are serving the goals of our strategic plan, to improve communication among SPR members. I look forward to hearing your ideas on how we can continue to move forward to achieve our mission of promoting pediatric research.

Sincerely,
[Susan Furth, MD, PhD](#)
SPR President

Important Dates to Remember

April 13, 2012	Last Day for 2012 PAS Registrations Online
April 28, 2012	2012 PAS in Boston
June 21, 2012	SPR Membership Applications Due
August 31, 2012	SPR Fellows Section Applications Due

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2013 Call for Membership Applications

Please take a few moments to consider colleagues from your own institution who you can nominate or encourage to be nominated for membership in the Society for Pediatric Research. There are distinguished faculty in every department and state who qualify for membership in the SPR, but have never been nominated!

You may access the [membership directory](#) (located in the My APS/SPR section of the website) to quickly find out whether colleagues of your department are members. Or you may also [contact the Central Office](#) for assistance.

Two SPR members in good standing must sponsor the nomination and one of these members must be an "active" (under the age of 50) member. Current SPR Officers and Council members cannot serve as the proposer or seconder for new member applications.

Please note, new for this year, the Seconder's letter is no longer optional. We must receive a letter of support from the Seconder.

[Visit the website to for more information and to download the application.](#)

Application Deadline: June 21, 2012

If you have questions about membership, please contact [Jana Wells](#) at the Central Office or [Dr. Susan Hintz](#), SPR Membership Secretary.

Get involved....sponsor one or more qualified colleagues to membership this year!

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2013 Call for Fellow Section Membership

The Fellow Section of SPR was formed to introduce fellows to our organization, and will provide them with a variety of resources and educational offerings.

The SPR Fellows' Section will serve as a resource for:

- Professional and scholarly networking
- Helping fellows understand the role of SPR and participate in the organization
- Harnessing the skills needed and awareness of the resources available for academic career development
- Aide in the transition from fellowship to faculty

Application Deadline: August 31, 2012

Regional Societies' Updates

MIDWEST SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH

The Midwest Society for Pediatric Research Annual Meeting will be in Columbus, OH at Nationwide Children's Hospital on October 4 and 5th, 2012.

SOUTHERN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH

The 2012 SSPR Meeting, as part of the Southern Regional Meetings, was held on 9-11 February 2012 at the Intercontinental Hotel, New Orleans, LA. Events included a reception for trainees, Department Heads and Program Directors, as well as a mentored poster session.

Congratulations to 2012 SSPR Award Winners!

Young Investigator (Clinical):

Devon Kuehn, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD "Vitamin A Pathway Genes Linked to Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia"

Runners-up:

- *B. Saunders, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*
- *MW Jaeger, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*

Young Investigator (Basic Science):

K. Lingappan, Texas Childrens Hospital/ Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, "Sex Differences in Hyperoxic Lung Injury: Role of Cytochrome P450 (CYP) 1A and Inflammation"

Runners-up:

- *D.A. Randolph (University of Alabama- Birmingham)*
- *M.Ramani (University of Alabama- Birmingham)*
- *S.Rosenberg(Tulane)*

Young Faculty Awards:

- Bindiya Bagga (University of Tennessee Health Science Center)
- Arlen Foulks, (University of Oklahoma)
- Sunil Jain (University of Texas Medical Branch)
- Binoy Shivanna (Texas Childrens Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine)

Abbott Pediatric Education Award:

- Jay Goldsmith MD

SSPR Founder's Award:

- David Oelberg MD

New Officers:

- President Elect: Reed Dimmett MD
- Secretary: Jay Kerecman MD

New Councilors:

- Margarita Vasquez (University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio)
- Heidi Karpen (Texas Childrens Hospital)
- Donna Halloran (St. Louis University)

[Information about the 2013 Awards will be in the Call for Abstracts which will be posted on the SSPR website.](#)

Letter from SPR Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Colleagues,

The SPR and its partnering societies are excited by the momentum building towards the 2012 PAS Annual Meeting being held in Boston from Saturday, April 28 to Tuesday, May 1. As was mentioned in prior communications, your SPR Program Committee members advised by our Meeting Content Subcommittee selected four innovative and cross-disciplinary sessions. Those sessions specifically selected by SPR include:

- [Intestinal Epithelial Defense: Role in Pediatric Diseases](#) (*Topic Symposium*) – Sunday, April 29, 1:00 – 3:00pm
- [What Pediatricians Need To Know about Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Child Health](#) (*Topic Symposium*) – Monday, April 30, 1:00 – 3:00pm
- [Extracorporeal Therapies-Advanced Application Across Diverse Patient Populations and Disease Processes](#) (*Topic Symposium*) – Monday, April 30, 3:30 – 5:30pm
- [Innovations in Non-Invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring during Intensive Care](#) (*State of the Art*) – Tuesday, May 1, 10:30am – 12:30pm



SPR Secretary-Treasurer
Tom Shanley

We invite you to attend these exciting sessions along with the other 67 invited science sessions that we believe will form the backbone of another outstanding academic meeting.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest SPR members attending this year's Annual PAS Meeting and invite you to network with other new members and colleagues at the PAS Presidential and New Member's Reception held on Saturday, April 28th at 6:45 p.m.

In addition, the SPR Presidential Plenary Session will be held in Boston on Monday, April 30th starting at 10:15 a.m. This session highlights those outstanding contributions from several SPR members that are recipients of this year's annual awards.

We extend hearty congratulations to the following individual award winners:

- [SPR Awardees to be Honored at PAS](#)
- [SPR Awardees to be Honored at PAS \(Cont.\)](#)

The gathering at Boston will also provide an opportunity for the SPR Council to meet. At that time, we anticipate welcoming 1 new officer and 5 new representatives to Council that were elected by you, our valued membership. While their official capacities do not start until the Council meeting in the fall of 2012, they will be invited to meet their future council partners in Boston.

- [SPR's newly elected Officers & Council](#)

Thank you to all our members who willingly agreed to run for these offices and to our broader membership who participated in this election. Congratulations to all voters on electing a tremendous slate of Council representatives who will share substantial breadth and depth of scholarly expertise as they continue to steer the Society's initiatives towards creating substantive value to you, our members.

Finally, please note that in early July, the 2013 SPR annual dues notifications will be sent electronically to all our members with email addresses; all others will be mailed a dues statement. [If you have not paid your 2012 SPR dues, you can pay them online.](#)

We continue to strive to make your membership in the Society for Pediatric Research highly valuable and aim to provide resources that have a substantial impact on advancing your academic career development within the pediatric research community. To that end, we greatly appreciate your ongoing participation in the Society and timely return of your annual dues that continue to support this most critical mission.

I hope to see you all in Boston!

Sincerely,



Tom Shanley
Secretary-Treasurer

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Spring 2012 Updates from SPR Strategic Plan Committees

The SPR Committees have been working hard to meet the goals outlined in the SPR Strategic Plan. [Learn more about each committees' recent activities and initiatives for Spring 2012 \(.pdf\).](#)

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