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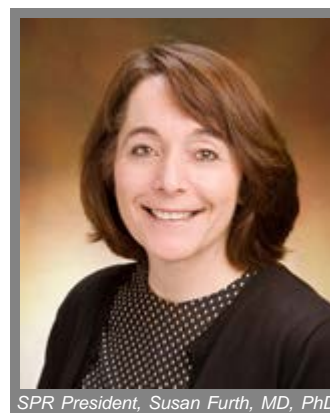
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President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

With this SPR's president's letter, I would like to update you on a number of our society's activities. Our joint APS-SPR website is currently being updated and will be rolled out soon, in order to better meet the needs of our society. The PAS Winter Program Meeting was held in January to finalize details of our next PAS meeting, to be held in Boston in the spring. Our advocacy committee traveled to Washington, DC in the fall to award Senator Sherrod Brown a plaque honoring his commitment to child health.



SPR President, Susan Furth, MD, PhD

The SPR has joined FASEB, and one of our members will sit on the FASEB board, to join that effective organization's efforts to promote research, specifically to advocate for research that will benefit children. Our advocacy is organizing a "Hill Day" around the time of next year's PAS meeting in Washington DC- stay tuned for more info!

Our Mentoring committee is moving forward with an initiative to link young investigators with more senior "coaches" for career advice at our annual meetings. Our Member Engagement committee has introduced the concept of a fellows' member section. Our Council met in mid November and welcomed many new members into the SPR. Their names are listed in this newsletter.

We hope this newsletter and our broadcast emails are serving the goals of our strategic plan, to improve communication among 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](#)

Important Dates to Remember

March 1, 2012	PAS Meeting Registration Early Bird Deadline
March 20, 2012	PAS Meeting Housing Deadline
June 21, 2012	SPR Membership Applications Due

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ABP Subspecialty Clinical Training Certification Initiative

The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS) is pleased to update the members of SPR regarding the recently announced American Board of Pediatrics Subspecialty Training and Certification Initiative. In 2010, the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) convened a large group of pediatric subspecialists in an invitational conference to discuss the possibility of modifying clinical training and certification in the pediatric subspecialties.

In July of 2011 the Board announced the initiative to the pediatrics community. Motivated by the ABP's desire to evaluate clinical subspecialty training with a special emphasis on competency, a task force on subspecialty clinical training and certification was created, led by Dr. David Stevenson. The task force will examine the current model of pediatric fellowship training, emphasizing the importance of competency-based education, and recommend changes to the current model if needed.

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Change to SPR Constitution on Fellow Section Membership

Article V. Membership Categories of the SPR Constitution & By-Laws were amended on December 1, 2011 to include a Fellow Membership Section.

“Fellow Section Members. Membership is open to all fellows who are currently enrolled in an ACGME accredited pediatric fellowship program, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or La Corporation Professionnelle des Medecins du Quebec, and the equivalent for other international accreditation organizations. The application for membership must be signed by their Program Director. There is no charge for this membership category. Fellows will not have voting privileges but may serve as fellow representatives on Council and other SPR committees, as determined appropriate by Council. Fellow members of the SPR will be designated as Trainee Members at the national meeting, and will receive the Society’s newsletter.”

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SPR joins FASEB

The Society for Pediatric Research has joined the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. The Federation or FASEB, headquartered in Bethesda, has more than 100,000 members, and is the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United

States. Its' mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy. FASEB has robust advocacy efforts to sustain federal funding for biomedical research. SPR membership in FASEB allows a SPR member to sit on the FASEB Board and another member on their Advocacy Committee, helping us leverage our advocacy efforts. In addition, it will allow us for the first time, to inform other scientific societies about the importance of Pediatric Research and the inclusion of children in clinical trials.

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Call for Nominations: FASEB Excellence in Science Award 2013

FASEB is seeking nominations for its 2013 Excellence in Science Award that recognizes the significant accomplishments of women scientists. We look forward to another list of nominees that reads like a 'Who's Who' of international science, containing the names of outstanding women in science who have accomplished scientific work of lasting impact and have contributed substantially to training the next generation of scientists.

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Request for Submissions: Early Investigator's Exchange Program

The Early Investigators' Exchange Program is funded by the International Pediatric Research Foundation to promote basic, clinical, and translational research directed to the prevention, causes, and treatment of pediatric diseases. The program promotes pediatric research through short-term, international research exchanges (< 12 months) for investigators in the early phase of their career.

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Request for Proposals: International Collaborative Award for Research

Collaborative interdisciplinary research has allowed for an expanded viewpoint in biomedical research. With increased globalization, colleagues across the continents can interact to address a research problem thereby improving the research quality and adding diverse perspectives. The International Pediatric Research Foundation (IPRF) will solicit applications for an International Collaborative Research Program to foster research efforts between two or more institutions from different continents that allow for synergy and complementarity of the research effort.

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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 \(.pdf\).](#)

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Special Thanks to the Nominating Committee

The SPR Council would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the SPR Nominating Committee for their time and effort in identifying qualified candidates for the SPR Council.

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Welcome New SPR Members

The Society for Pediatric Research is pleased to [welcome 138 new members in 2012](#).

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