



## APS News

### President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to **APS News**. This newsletter has been developed to stay in touch with the APS membership and to keep you informed about the activities of your elected Council. We want to thank those of you who took the time to complete the member survey that was mailed to you in late spring. The Council listened to the suggestions and concerns of the membership and has acted. In July, we had a Strategic Planning Session and since then have had multiple brain-storming teleconferences which culminated in our Fall Council Meeting. We are now in the implementation phase of our plan. Those of you who would like to be more involved, please do let us know as we move forward so we can begin having a dialogue with you. The Council considered multiple issues on your behalf which ranged from the NICHD Director Search Committee to the different challenges faced by academic pediatrics today.

### Secretary-Treasurer's Message

**APS Finances:** The financial health of the APS was reviewed at the Fall Council Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Woodlands, TX. Like most organizations, the downturn in the economy had an impact on the APS and our invested Research Reserve Funds which are used to support the **Student Research Program** and the **Pediatric Scientist Development Program**. Despite the economy, the new COI rules and reduced pharma support and numerous cancellations related to the H1N1 scare, the 2009 PAS meeting was a fiscal success. This was largely due to a greater than anticipated on-site registration in Baltimore and the hard work of the PAS office staff to assure expenses for the meeting did not exceed revenues and that the annual meeting met its budget target.

**APS Membership:** As of fall 2009, there were 1,672 members of the APS, of which 1,058 were active members, 549 held emeritus status and 65 were honorary members from outside the US and Canada. A total of 73 new APS membership applications were received for 2010, including 3 for honorary membership. Of these, 55 active and 3 honorary new members were voted into the APS. The names of our new APS members will be announced with our January newsletter. Please be sure to welcome and congratulate them at the new members' reception on Saturday evening in Vancouver.

### Updates

**The 2010 John Howland Awardee:** We are very pleased to announce the selection of **Dr. Charles Scriver** of McGill University as the John Howland Award Recipient for 2010. Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the APS Presidential Plenary as this richly deserved honor is conferred on Dr. Scriver. We also hope you will join us at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver on Sunday evening for the APS Members' Dinner in Honor of our newest Howland Award Recipient.

**The 2010 Norman Siegel Awardee:** It is a great pleasure to announce that **Dr. James Crowe** of Vanderbilt University is the recipient of the Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award for 2010. Please join us at the APS Plenary on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to hear Dr. Crowe present some of his breakthrough vaccine research and to congratulate him on his achievements and membership in the APS.

**Planning for the 2010 PAS Meeting:** As part of the APS strategic planning initiative, concerted efforts were made towards enhancing and re-invigorating presentations of cutting edge science promoting all facets of academic pediatrics. We think this effort will be evident to all who attend the 2010 meeting in Vancouver on May 1-4. We appreciate all your suggestions for programmatic sessions sent to the program committee. Your APS representatives to the PAS Program Committee are: Gary Fleisher, Chandy John, Michael Georgieff, Michael O'Shea, Sherin Devaskar and Judy Aschner. Bruce Gelb is the 2010 PAS meeting Program Chair.

**Meeting Highlights:** The meeting will kick off with the first ever **PAS Opening Ceremony** on Saturday, May 1st at 5:00pm. The St. Gene award will be presented in this new forum along with a keynote. This will be followed by the PAS Presidential and New Members' Reception.

Also for the first time, there will be an **APS program track** within the PAS meeting. Please join us on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> as we celebrate both the traditions and the future of the APS. For more details, please see the *APS Highlights flier* at [http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/APS%20Highlights%20Day\\_2010%20PAS.pdf](http://www.aps-spr.org/APS/APS%20Highlights%20Day_2010%20PAS.pdf).

**NICHD Director Search Committee** member suggestions were forwarded on your behalf to Dr. Francis Collins. Suggestions for candidates can be forwarded at the present time.

Be on the watch for future editions of **APS News** in early 2010. 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.

On behalf of the APS Council, we want to wish all APS members and their loved ones a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, successful and joyful new year.

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