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TOP STORY:

Introducing the Redesigned Website & New APS Bimonthly Update

As you may know, the joint APS/SPR website was recently redesigned. This is the first giant step to align the societies' with their strategic goals. [Read more about the improved website and its new features.](#)

The next step in accomplishing the strategic goals is to keep members up-to-date while not overloading their email inboxes. Therefore, **we are pleased to introduce the new APS bimonthly update.** We hope you find it informative and useful.

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2013 Call for APS Membership Applications

APS is pleased to announce the 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 APS membership, as there are distinguished faculty in every department and state who qualify, 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 Brenda Peat](#) at the APS Central Office.

The [2013 APS Membership Application](#) is available online or can be mailed upon request.

Application Receipt Deadline: July 31, 2012.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please [contact Brenda Peat](#) at the APS Central Office.

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Welcome New APS Members of 2012

The American Pediatric Society is pleased to welcome new members in 2012. There were a total of 77 members accepted into APS.

[View the complete list of new members](#)

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2012 Howland Medal Awardee Announced

The American Pediatric Society is pleased to announce Dr. Philip A. Pizzo as the 2012 APS Howland Medal Awardee.

Philip A. Pizzo, MD, became Dean of the Stanford School of Medicine in April 2001, where he is also the Carl and Elizabeth Naumann Professor of Pediatrics and of Microbiology and Immunology.

[Read more about Dr. Pizzo and the Howland Award](#)

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2012 Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award

The American Pediatric Society is pleased to announce Dr. Wanda D. Barfield as the recipient of the 2012 Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award. This award is bestowed on a newly elected APS Member to acknowledge his/her outstanding contributions to science.

Captain Wanda D. Barfield, MD, MPH, is Director of the Division of Reproductive Health (DRH), National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCHPDP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

[Read more about Dr. Barfield and the Norman J. Siegel Award](#)

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2012 APS Officer and Council Election Results

Congratulations are extended to the following individuals who have been elected to the APS Council.

Vice President (President-Elect) - Beginning May 2012

(Serves as President for 2013-14 and on Council as Past President for 2014-15)

- Alan L. Schwartz, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO

Council Members - Beginning May 2012 (5 Year Term)

- Elena Fuentes-Afflick, University of California, San Francisco, CA
- Bruce D. Gelb, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Outgoing Council

With much appreciation, for their dedication and service:

- Gary R. Fleisher, Past President
- Diana A. Bianchi, Council Member
- Christine A. Gleason, Council Member

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Don't Forget: RSVP for APS Members' (Howland) Dinner

A friendly reminder to please [RSVP to the APS Members' \(Howland\) Dinner](#) taking place at the PAS Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2012 to honor the John Howland Medal recipient, Phillip A. Pizzo, M.D. [Please RSVP by March 15, 2012.](#)

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Don't Forget: RSVP for APS Members' Networking Lunch

Please don't forget to [RSVP for the APS Members' Networking Lunch](#) taking place during the the PAS Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 12 p.m. There is no fee for attending but RSVP is required. [Please RSVP by March 15, 2012.](#)

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APS Program Day at 2012 PAS

Based on our successful programs in Vancouver and Denver, an APS Program Day has once again been organized within the 2012 PAS Annual Meeting in Boston for Sunday, April 29.

The day will focus on cutting edge research and will honor new and senior members who have made significant contributions to the field of academic pediatrics. APS members are invited to join us for this day-long celebration of the traditions and the future of the American Pediatric Society.

[View more information on what APS Program Day will include \(.pdf\)](#)

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2012 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award Recipient Announced

On January 30, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations selected Gail A. McGuinness, M.D. as the 2012 Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Awardee.

This award was created in honor of Dr. St. Geme to recognize an individual who is a leader in the field of pediatrics, a role model, and one who has contributed broadly to the field. Most importantly, the award recognizes those individuals who have "created a future."

[Read more about Dr. McGuinness and the Leadership Award](#)

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Public Policy Council Washington Update: Most Recent Issue Now Available

PPC Washington Update for February 23, 2012 is now available for download within the [Advocacy and Public Policy](#) section.

This issue details information on National Children's Study budget cut proposal, Congress' deal on "Doc Fix", and more.

The PPC Washington Update is issued two times monthly and distributed to all APS/SPR members.

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Now Accepting Applications for SPR Young Investigator Coaching Program

The Society for Pediatric Research is pleased to announce a new national coaching program for young investigators 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.

[View more information on the SPR Young Investigator Program](#)

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PPC March 22 Fly-in Day

The Public Policy Council, in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics Department of Federal Affairs, is holding an advocacy fly-in day on Thursday, March 22, 2012.

The meeting will begin with breakfast at 8am in the AAP Washington Office, followed by an advocacy workshop then visits on Capitol Hill with your elected representatives.

With the Fiscal Year 2013 appropriations process beginning, now is a critically important time for pediatric advocates voices to be heard. AAP staff will be working with all participants to schedule their Hill meetings. Please [contact Rebecca Davison for more information](#) or to [RSVP](#).

The deadline to RSVP is March 7, 2012.

<p style="text-align: center;">WHEN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 22, 2012, 8 am through the afternoon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WHERE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Capitol Hill <i>(Meet at AAP offices: 601 13th St NW, Suite 400N, Washington, DC)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WHAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An advocacy workshop with a briefing on relevant child health issues, followed by meetings with your members of Congress</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WHO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any interested members of APS or SPR <i>(Invitations are also being extended to members of APA and AMSPDC)</i></p>
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NIH Salary Cap Conference Call Summary

1. History and Current Status of the Cap

Tony Mazzaschi provided an overview of the historical basis for the salary cap (or, as NIH characterizes it, the limitation on the amount of salary that NIH will reimburse). The cap originated in FY 1990 at \$120,000; in FY 1999 it was first tied to the Executive Level

schedule at Executive Level III, before being raised over time to Executive Level I in 2001, where it remained until the FY 2012 bill was enacted on Dec. 23, 2011.

Until FY 2012, Congress routinely had rejected budget proposals from the administration suggesting the salary cap be reduced from Executive Level I to Executive Level II. During the FY 2012 funding process, the Senate Appropriations Committee's Labor-HHS spending bill maintained the cap at the Executive Level I, while the House subcommittee chairman's bill lowered the cap to Executive Level III. During the negotiations over several NIH provisions, conferees apparently split the difference, setting the cap at Executive Level II in the final bill.

In addition to NIH, the cap also has applied to AHRQ and SAMHSA. The FY 2012 bill extends it to all HHS agencies funded by the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill (thereby exempting FDA and IHS). The cap explicitly covers grants and other extramural mechanisms; the limitation does not apply to NIH intramural staff.

2. NIH Guidance on Salary Cap

NIH issued a guidance notice on the salary cap in the NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts on January 20th. The guidance indicates that awards with an initial issue date before Dec. 23 - the date of enactment - are still subject to the Executive Level I limitation. Awards with an issue date on or after Dec. 23 are subject to the Executive Level II limitation. Competing awards with initial issue dates on or before Dec. 22 will be subject to Executive Level I in FY 2012, but have their future years adjusted to reflect the Executive Level II limitation. Non-competing awards will not be recalculated.

Unless otherwise restricted, grantees may rebudget any funds freed as a result of the lower cap. Carryover funds to support salaries will remain subject to the salary limitation level in effect at the time the award was issued. Grantees are encouraged to consult their program officers regarding grant-specific limitations.

3. Next Steps

Dave Moore discussed efforts underway by the AAMC to gauge the impact of the cap on institutions and faculty. Preliminary reports suggest that institutions will need to absorb funding shortfalls through a variety of approaches: using institutional funds, such as donor or discretionary funds; redirecting endowments, which in at least one case may lead to the loss of a post-doc position; directing departments to pay the differential, limiting their flexibility to invest in faculty and research programs; among other examples. Several people reported that funds used to mitigate the cap would have otherwise been used to support bridge funding programs. Early reports from institutions suggest concern that such limitations may: affect their ability to recruit and retain researchers who may opt to seek more lucrative career opportunities in industry; disadvantage clinical researchers who split their time between clinical practice and research; and affect institutions' competitiveness.

The AAMC has prepared a draft set of talking points and welcomes suggested edits and additional data/anecdotes about the expected impact of the cap (please send to [Dave Moore](#) at and [Tony Mazzaschi](#)). Groups planning to comment on the president's FY 2013 budget request may choose to mention the salary cap in their statements, if the request maintains the Executive Level II limitation. Other potential activities include a community sign-on letter and Hill and agency meetings.

Individuals who would like to participate in a working group to address the cap should contact [Dave Moore](#) and [Tony Mazzaschi](#).

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Upcoming Events

FEATURED EVENT

2nd Annual Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare Research

This conference will be held on April 27, 2012 at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts. [Download the "Save The Date Flyer"](#)

(.pdf) to view the goals and objectives of the meeting, the agenda, and Registration Information. Please register early to ensure your top choices for the Breakout Sessions and for Lunch. Available space will be assigned upon acceptance of your registration and receipt of payment on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions, please email [Jackie Madden](mailto:Jackie.Madden@aps-spr.org) or call (703) 556-9222.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Event Name	Specialty	Date	Location
Second World Congress on Spina Bifida Research and Care	Spina Bifida	March 11 - 14, 2012	United States (Las Vegas)
2012 Neonatal Ultrasound Course: Why, How and When an Ultrasound Image	Neonatal	March 19-22, 2012	Italy (Florence)
Global Health & Innovation Conference 2012	General Health	April 21-22, 2012	United States (New Haven, Connecticut)
<u>Pediatric Academic Societies 2012 Annual Meeting</u>	All Encompassing	April 28 - May 1, 2012	United States (Boston)

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