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TOP STORY:

PAS Registration & Housing Deadlines Soon Approaching

[PAS housing and registration](#) deadlines are coming up, be sure to lock in your spaces before it's too late!

- **March 30, 2012:** [Late advance registration](#) deadline. *Registration prices increase on-site after this date.*
- **March 30, 2012:** [Housing reservations](#) deadline for special rates.
- **April 20, 2012:** No refunds issued after this date.

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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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LAST CHANCE: RSVPs Due Today

The deadline to RSVP has been extended! Today is the last day to RSVP for the APS Members' Networking Lunch and the APS Members' (Howland) Dinner. RSVPs will be accepted throughout the day and evening.

- [RSVP: 2012 APS Members' \(Howland\) Dinner](#)
- [RSVP: 2012 APS Members' Lunch](#)

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APS Advocacy Positions Open

APS Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee is charged with developing opportunities for APS members to advocate for any and all aspects of child health. A major current goal is support of child health research. Terms of service on the Advocacy Committee are for three years. Meetings are held quarterly or on an as needed basis by teleconference. [Learn more about the APS Advocacy Committee.](#)

Those with the following experience are encouraged to apply:

- Close ties to legislators or their staff
- Experience working with NACHRI
- Experience with lobbying

Interested?

[Submit Letter of Interest & CV.](#)

Please respond by March 30, 2012.

APS Advocacy Activists

The APS Council and Advocacy Committee would like to identify APS members who are interested in becoming APS Advocacy Activists. Information on personal relationships with Members of Congress (MOC) or their support staff (including "once removed" contacts, i.e., someone known by the APS member who has direct relationships with MOCs or their staff) is highly desired. These individuals must be willing to be involved in specific lobbying activities and employ knowledge of lobbying approaches.

The goal of collecting this data is to enable the APS Advocacy Committee to have an 'inventory' of members to tap into when needed to support specific child health advocacy issues.

Interested?

[Submit Letter of Interest.](#)

Please respond by March 30, 2012.

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Run for Pediatric Research 2012

- Are you coming to the PAS Meeting in Boston? Did you know that exercise increases cerebral blood flow more than 50%?
- Are you a runner/jogger/walker? Eager to get the blood flowing to your brain before taking in the PAS sessions?
- Even if the answers are no, are you a supporter of pediatric research??

We hope your answer is yes to any of these as we have a unique and exciting opportunity to share with you.

The Pediatric Research Foundation (PRF) has established a partnership with the Dave McGillivray Sports Enterprises (DMSE, Inc.) to co-host the inaugural, **"Run for Pediatric Research" to be held on Sunday, April 29 at 6:30 a.m. along the beautiful Esplanade that stretches almost three miles along the Boston shore of the Charles River.**

DMSE was established by Dave McGillivray who is an internationally known race director, philanthropist, motivational speaker, and accomplished athlete. Just like the PRF, Dave McGillivray is a professional with a purpose. From his extraordinary run across the U.S. to benefit the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in 1978 to serving as technical director then race director of the BAA Boston Marathon since the 1980s, Mr. McGillivray has helped organize more than 900 events since founding DMSE, Inc. in 1981, while raising millions for worthy causes close to his heart. DMSE is also home to the Children's Fitness Foundation that was founded in 2003 by Mr. McGillivray to support non-profit organizations that use running to promote physical fitness in children and help solve the epidemic of childhood obesity. The PRF is delighted that one of the world's leading race organizers has leant his team's expertise to organizing this 5 km run/jog/walk along one of the most spectacular running vistas in Boston.

This clock-timed, inaugural event will be limited to the first 400 registrants. **You can register at the Hynes Convention Center during normal registration hours on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28.** Each participant will receive bib numbers with awards being given to the top male and female finishers. Of course every participant will receive a t-shirt that is sure to be a collector's item.

Not necessarily ready to join the 400 runner, joggers and walkers this year, but still wondering how to participate? Contact us at info@aps-spr.org.

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Young Investigator Coaching Program Deadline

The application deadline for the Young Investigator Coaching Program is fast-approaching. The deadline for applications is March 23, 2012.

This is 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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Help Us Build Useful Databases: Edit D.O.O.R. & Pediatric Registry Records

To help meet the strategic goals of APS/SPR, the societies are encouraging members to update their records for the [Database of Optimizing Outreach in Research \(D.O.O.R.\)](#) and the [Academic Pediatric Registry](#). Please update your records today so APS/SPR can provide useful networking information to all its members.

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**Seeking Candidates:
March of Dimes Senior Vice President and Medical Director**

The March of Dimes Foundation has initiated a search to identify candidates for the position of Senior Vice President and Medical Director.

Reporting directly to the President, the individual occupying this position will be a critical member of the Foundation's senior leadership team and will ensure that the Foundation advances its mission through the achievement of its health services, clinical and medically-related goals.

[Please view the job profile](#) describing the responsibilities and qualifications for this position. We welcome your referrals and recommendation of candidates for this important role for the Foundation.

Please forward your recommendations or refer qualified candidates directly to mdsearch@marchofdimes.com

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Most Recent Washington Update: March 8, 2012

PPC Washington Update for March 8, 2012 is now available for download within the [Advocacy and Public Policy](#) section.

This issue details information on NIH Virtual Town Hall, HHS Essential Health Benefits Bulletin, NIH Workforce Diversity and more.

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

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR			
Event Name	Specialty	Date	Location
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)
Pediatric Academic Societies 2012 Annual Meeting	All Encompassing	April 28 - May 1, 2012	United States (Boston)

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