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TOP STORY

APS Organizes Three 2012 PAS Sessions You Don't Want to Miss

Dr. Gary Fleisher, APS Past President and Chairman, Department of Medicine, Children's Hospital-Boston, has collaborated with colleagues at the National Association of Children's Hospitals (NACH) and at the newly formed national organization of Surgeons-in-Chief at Children's Hospitals to develop three jointly-sponsored seminars at the 2012 meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS): Governance of a Children's Hospital, Educational and Fiscal Challenges of Duty Hour Regulations, and Obesity – Should We Bypass the Soft Drinks or the Stomach? [Learn more about these informational sessions.](#)

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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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Deadline Approaching: 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.](#)

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NEW! 2012 PAS Program Guide Now Available Online

The [2012 PAS Program Guide is now available to view and download](#) and provides the most current program details, including subspecialty program tracks that identify programming by area of interest.

Late Advance Registration Deadline + Special Rate Housing Deadline

Friday, March 30 is the last day to ADVANCE register for 2012 PAS and receive the special rate for housing. [Register now to receive the discounted rates](#) and avoid standing in line on site.

Note: Online registrations will still be accepted through April 13 at a higher rate; however, the meeting badge will not be mailed in advance. After April 13, attendees must register on site.

Don't Miss These Great Opportunities at 2012 PAS:

- [PAS Opening General Session](#) | *Saturday, April 28 | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*
Hynes Convention Ctr, Ballroom B
Keynote Address: International Space Station - Gateway to our Future
Gregory E. Chamitoff, NASA Astronaut and Mission Specialist,
NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX
- [Run for Pediatric Research](#) (.pdf) | *Sunday, April 29 | 6:30 a.m.*
Boston Esplanade by the Charles River
Register at the Hynes Convention Center during normal registration hours on
Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28.
- [APS Presidential Plenary and Awards](#) (.pdf)
Sunday, April 29 | 10:10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. | Hynes Convention Ctr, Ballroom A
- [APS Program Day](#) (.pdf) | *Sunday, April 29*
APS members are invited to join us for a day-long celebration of the traditions
and future of the American Pediatric Society.

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2012 PAS Abstracts2View Available Soon

PAS Abstracts2View will be available online starting April 1, 2012.

PAS Abstracts2View is a useful electronic guide and archive tool to all original and invited science presented at the PAS annual meeting each year. Included are the time, location, title, authors, and content of all the PAS abstracts presented at the PAS 2012 Boston meeting.

Abstracts presented at ESPR are also included, as well as the schedule of invited science presentations.

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ADHD Research Award Program

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is pleased to announce the Young Scientist Research Fund Awards, a program to recognize young researchers making contributions to the understanding of ADHD.

Two awards will include an unrestricted cash prize of \$5,000, recognition at CHADD's 24th Annual International Conference in San Francisco, conference travel, registration and expense allowance and a one-year professional membership to CHADD. Applicants must be in the process of completing a doctoral degree or have completed one within the last three years with the doctoral degree awarded no earlier than January 2009.

Research may address any area relevant to ADHD including, but not limited to: biological/genetic underpinnings of the disorder; treatment efficacy; impact on the individual or family; school or workplace accommodations; social stigma and discrimination; public health; and epidemiology.

The awards are currently being supported through a generous grant from Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. of Titusville, NJ and by a number of individual donations.

Deadline for applications is May 15, 2012.

[Learn more about the award and how to apply.](#)

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**Request for Information:
Enhancing the Clinical and Translational Science Awards Program**

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), seeks comments from all key stakeholders in the scientific and public health communities on how it can further strengthen the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program to meet its broad clinical and translational goals.

Key stakeholders include all researchers involved in bringing basic science through the translational pipeline to improve health in the community; those public and private partners who fund such research and services; and members of the public who are advocates, clinicians, patients, and community leaders seeking better diagnostics, treatments, preventions, and cures.

[View more information about this RFI and submitting a response.](#)

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR			
Event Name	Specialty	Date	Location
Global Health & Innovation Conference 2012	General Health	April 21-22, 2012	United States (New Haven, Connecticut)
Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare	General Pediatrics	April 27, 2012	United States (Boston)
44th Annual Kenneth C. Haltalin Pediatrics for the Practitioner Conference	General Pediatrics	April 27-28, 2012	United States (Dallas)
Pediatric Academic Societies 2012 Annual Meeting	All Encompassing	April 28 - May 1, 2012	United States (Boston)

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