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TOP STORY

2012 PAS Highlights and Photos

The 2012 PAS Annual Meeting blasted off with the highly successful Opening General Session featuring distinguished keynote speaker, **Dr. Gregory E. Chamitoff**, NASA Astronaut and Mission Specialist, as well as the presentation of the 2012 Joseph W. St. Geme Jr. Leadership Award to **Dr. Gail McGuinness**. Photo highlights are available at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/68030069@N05/sets/72157630000305650/show/>; the NASA Space Shuttle Endeavour final mission video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2JC775S1hE>

The 2012 APS Presidential and Awards Session was outstanding, and included **Dr. Bruder Stapleton's** APS Presidential Address, as well as the presentation of the 2012 APS Norman J. Siegel New Member Outstanding Science Award to **Dr. Wanda Barfield** and the prestigious 2012 APS John Howland Award being bestowed on **Dr. Philip A. Pizzo**. View Dr. Stapleton's Presidential Plenary Address in entirety at https://www.aps-spr.org/files/pas/sessions/2012APSPresidential_Address_DrStapleton.pps; view photo highlights at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/68030069@N05/sets/72157630000907798/show/>.

The 2012 APS Members' Dinner, held in honor of Dr. Pizzo at the luxurious Mandarin Oriental Hotel, had outstanding attendance and was a very special and memorable celebration. View photo highlights at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/68030069@N05/sets/72157630001178488/show/>.

We hope to see you next year for 2013 PAS in Washington, DC, May 4-7!

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APS Strategic Plan Finalized

After nearly two years of meetings and thoughtful consideration, the APS Council has finalized a focused and concise [APS Strategic Plan](#). The full document as well as a listing of APS Strategic Plan Committees are available on the APS website at: <https://www.aps-spr.org/about/aps/strategic-plan.asp>

A progress report and implementation strategy for the [APS Strategic Plan](#) were shared with the APS membership at the 2012 APS Members' Networking Lunch at 2012 PAS. An extraordinary response was received to the APS Networking Lunch, with over 200 APS members attending. Dr. Elena Fuentes-Afflick (a newly elected APS Council member) was the keynote speaker and reported on the recommendations of the APS Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, which was followed by a presentation of each of the APS Strategic Plan domains. The PowerPoint presentations are available in entirety at: [2012 APS Members' Networking Lunch](#).

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New Nomination Process for APS Howland Award_Deadline: July 1

The APS Council has developed a new nomination process for the selection of the recipient of the John Howland Award, the highest honor in Academic Pediatrics. The John Howland Award has been given each year since 1952 "to honor those who, by their contribution to pediatrics, have aided in its advancement." You are encouraged to nominate outstanding colleagues who have made lasting contributions to the field of pediatrics.

The [2013 APS Howland Award Nomination Form](#) is available online at: <https://www.aps-spr.org/events/pas-annual-meeting/awards-apply-howland.asp> or can be mailed upon request. The deadline for nominations is **July 1**.

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

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APS Announces Three New PAS Program Committee Representatives

Please join us in thanking Daniel K. Benjamin, Jr., MD, MPH, PhD (Duke University), Susan H. Guttentag, MD (CHOP/University of PA), and Michael A. Portman, MD (Seattle Children's) for agreeing to serve as APS representatives to the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Program Committee. They will serve 3-year terms, helping to select and organize a strong and well-balanced scientific program for the PAS annual meeting.



Daniel K. Benjamin, Jr., MD,
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Susan H. Guttentag, MD



Michael A. Portman, MD

2013 PAS Call for Invited Science Proposals_Deadline: June 28

You are encouraged to submit invited science proposals (state of the art plenary, topic symposia, hot topic, and/or mini-course) for the 2013 PAS Annual Meeting, May 4-7, in Washington, DC. Your proposal submissions are important and strongly contribute toward the ultimate make-up of the meeting.

Proposals should be submitted electronically using the web-based 2013 PAS Online Proposal Submission Program that is available on the PAS website at www.pas-meeting.org. The submission deadline is **June 28, 2012**.

Call for APS Membership Applications_Deadline: July 31

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.

Call for APS Council Nominations_Deadline: September 1

The American Pediatric Society (APS) Nominating Committee has been charged to select a slate of two candidates for each of the following APS Council positions:

- **Vice President (President-Elect)**
- **Secretary/Treasurer-Elect**
- **One Council Member** (five-year term)

The APS Nominating Committee members for the 2012-13 year are:

- F. Bruder Stapleton, M.D., Chair
- Renee R. Jenkins, M.D.
- Frederick P. Rivara, M.D., M.P.H.
- Robin H. Steinhorn, M.D.
- Terrence L. Stull, M.D.

[View more information about these positions and how to nominate.](#)

Leadership in Decline: Assessing U.S. International Competiveness in Biomedical Research

The Informational Technology and Innovation Foundation and United for Medical Research recently released a report entitled, "[Leadership in Decline: Assessing U.S. International Competitiveness in Biomedical Research](#)." The report presents compelling data that the NIH

funding stagnation and potential cuts due to sequestration are contributing to an erosion of our national lead in life sciences research, as well as data that other nations are expanding their research investments.

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Most Recent Washington Update: May 24, 2012

PPC Washington Update for May 24, 2012 is now available for download within the [Advocacy and Public Policy](#) section.

This issue details information on new resources available on CME Medicaid Payment Rule, a report on projected impact of sequestration, and more.

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

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In Memoriam



Dr. Rimoin

David L. Rimoin, M.D., Ph.D. of Los Angeles, CA, died May 27 at age 75. He was a medical geneticist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center who pioneered studies of dwarfism and other skeletal abnormalities. Dr. Rimoin was also among the first to recognize that diabetes is caused by a variety of genetic abnormalities and he played an influential role in establishing screening programs for Tay-Sachs disease. [In Memoriam](#)

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR			
Event Name	Specialty	Date	Location
AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting	Health Research	June 24-26, 2012	United States (Orlando, FL)
V Congreso Iberoamericano de Cirugía Pediátrica	Pediatric Surgery	Aug. 21-25, 2012	Colombia (Cartagena de Indias)
Cleveland Clinic 18th Annual Pediatric Board Review Symposium	General Pediatrics	Aug. 27-31, 2012	United States (Cleveland, OH)

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