PES Members:

Your Board of Directors is pleased to inform you about the following developments and opportunities for our members:

**Annual Meeting**: Planning is in full gear for the upcoming PES Annual Meeting (to be held April 25-28, 2015 in San Diego) and the highly regarded PES Board Review Course (to be held just prior to the Annual Meeting). Please plan to attend! Please also plan to submit an abstract and help make the original science part of the meeting as exciting as possible. Abstract submissions opened September 4th and will close November 11, 2014 at 5 pm CST; visit the PAS Website for more details regarding electronic submission.

**Growth Hormone Safety**: As noted last month, an article and editorial related to data from a subset of the Safety and Appropriateness of Growth hormone treatments in Europe (SAGhE) cohort were recently published in Neurology. We encourage you to read these important and controversial publications; they report an increased risk of hemorrhagic stroke in young adults who received growth hormone therapy as children and will be of concern to our patients and their families. PES and other endocrine societies around the world have responded with important notes of caution about the study and its data, which we also encourage you to read. On behalf of PES, we would like to thank the members of the Drugs and Therapeutics Committee, who helped PES generate a rapid but thoughtful response to the publications.

**Fellowship Training**: If your fellowship program has open slots for July 2015, please remember that these can be listed on the PES website to help ensure individuals seeking training in pediatric endocrinology are aware of programs that still have openings. To list your program, please email your information to info@pedendo.org.

In addition, we want you to be aware of important changes to the process for selecting fellows for July 2016 positions. Pediatric Endocrinology programs will be shifting to participation in the Fall Subspecialty Match through NRMP. For those who participate, applications will be accepted through ERAS and will be reviewed starting in July 2015. Interviews will take place between August and November with the fall match for July 2016 positions taking place in December of 2015. For the Fall Subspecialty Match Timeline, please see http://www.nrmp.org/fellowships/pediatrics-specialties-fall-match/.

**Public Policy Corner**: PES is endorsing the CARES Foundation’s campaign for national legislation recommending the inclusion of injectable glucocorticoid treatment of individuals affected by adrenal insufficiency in emergency response protocols across the US. CARES Foundation, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization that provides support to individuals and families affected by Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia. The initiative is aimed to assist all individuals with adrenal insufficiency regardless of etiology.

Historical Tidbit of the Month: The monthly Tidbit continues to be facilitated by Arlan Rosenbloom. If you have an interesting brief historical tidbit to share, please send it to Arlan (Chairman of the History Committee) at rosenal@peds.ufl.edu. This month’s tidbit comes from the History Committee, “Two years after Yalow and Berson described the first hormone radioimmunoassay, for insulin, in 1960 (JCI 39:1157), Utiger, Parker, and Daughaday reported in the same journal their successful radioimmunoassay for human growth hormone (Studies of human growth hormone. I. A radioimmunoassay for human growth hormone (1962; 41:254-61)).”

Finally, a Call for Volunteers: If you are interested in helping PES by serving on a committee or council, please contact info@pedsendo.org with your name, committee(s) of interest, and a short description of why you’d like to join that particular committee. Because we want to be sure that PES reflects the views of all our members, we especially encourage those members who are in private practice to join a committee or council and let your voices be heard.

Sincerely,

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