Greetings!

It is comforting to notice that the daylight hours are increasing and the vernal equinox is just around the corner! In the spirit of the season of new growth and renewal, I would first like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members (see below). Second, I hope this spirit will encourage everyone to contribute to PES’ $45 – 4 - 45 fundraising campaign in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the founding of our Society. With less certainty about future pharmaceutical support, we must rely not only on educational revenue-generating activities, but also on philanthropic support to achieve our goals. As you will see below, we have highlighted two areas considered to be of high priority from member surveys: Education and Practice Management. Please know that every donation counts as we commit to continued relevance to our membership and to the patients and families we serve. Donations in multiples of 45 are welcomed and encouraged!

Finally, I wish to reflect on one of the 5 goals of our Strategic Plan: Advocacy, specifically, advocating for the needs of Society members, patients, and families. PES has a rich history in this regard, whether it be creating new educational, quality improvement and leadership development initiatives for our members, or advocating for patients with a number of conditions or concerns, such as diabetes and growth disorders. I am pleased to report that after thorough consideration, the PES Board agreed to join the American Academy of Pediatrics and other professional societies in signing on to an amicus brief for an upcoming Supreme Court case advocating to protect the rights of all students to use facilities consistent with their gender identity. While this is a highly charged issue for many, it is important to recognize that discomfort often relates to lack of knowledge/unfamiliarity, and not to mal intent. It is important to understand that excluding transgender individuals from facilities consistent with their gender identity endangers their physical and mental health, safety, and well-being. Furthermore, there are no reported cases in which allowing a transgender person to use a restroom or locker room that matches their gender identity has led to inappropriate self-exposure or sexual advances. PES has an important role to play in leading efforts to advocate for this vulnerable and often marginalized population.

New Members:

Hayley Baines OHSU
Ranjit Shenoy UCLA
Martha Ballestas-Revollo Cohen Children Medical Center
Misha Sodhi NYU School of Medicine
Ayca Erkin-Cakmak UCSF
Kannan Kasturi NIH
Dalia Dalle University Hospital
Alejandra Acosta-Gualandri University of British Columbia/BC Children’s Hospital
Pratibha Rana Children’s Mercy Hospital
Julia Sorbara The Hospital for Sick Children
Deepak Chand Gupta LLRM Medical College
Anita Pedersen Tripler Army Medical Center

Celebrating our global pediatric endocrinology community
10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology:
Abstract Submissions: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!
DEADLINE: March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm UTC
Take a look at the abstract submission pages, providing you with the crucial information on how to plan and prepare your abstract, FAQs, and step-by-step instruction to complete this very easy online submission process. 

If you cannot access the hyperlink above, here is the complete link: http://www.internationalmeeting2017.org/secure/abstracts

REVIEWERS NEEDED! Abstract Reviewers needed for the 2017 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology in Washington DC. You will need to be available to review your assigned abstracts between March 27 - April 10, 2017. Click here to submit your name

2017 Global Fellows Program in Pediatric Endocrinology: APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

September 10-13, 2017 at The William F. Bolger Center - Potomac, Maryland

Applications still being accepted for the Global Fellows Program! The Program will provide up-to-date teaching in selected areas, practice critical thinking skills, offer the opportunity to present cases to faculty and peers, promote discussions and networking, and develop the next leaders in pediatric endocrinology. The Global Fellows Program is being assembled by a committee of members from numerous participating societies at the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology and is open to Fellows from all societies. Program applicants should still be in training in September 2017.

Deadline is March 15, 2017.

Click here for more information and to apply!

PES will be also be offering Travel Grants to PES Fellows attending this program and the International Meeting in Washington DC. Online applications will open soon on the PES website.

International Scholar: APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Call for Applications for PES International Scholar Award

Do you know a young pediatrician or pediatric endocrinologist in a resource limited country who would like to gain experience or specific skills in your clinic or lab? Are you interested in hosting such a person at your institution?

The PES is now accepting applications for the PES International Scholar Award. The award is designed to allow for pediatric colleagues interested in endocrinology from foreign countries to visit and work in the clinics and laboratories of PES members and to attend the PES annual meeting, with a particular goal of helping younger colleagues and individuals from countries with disadvantaged economies.

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2017 for 2017 awards for the applicant to be in North America in the spring of 2018.

Please click here for details.

If you have questions, please email the International Scholar Committee Chair: holley.allen@baystatehealth.org

Van Wyk winner announced:

The Honors and Lectures committee is pleased to announce the 2017 Van Wyk recipient: Arlan Rosenbloom, MD. The Van Wyk award will be given during the 10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology on Friday, September 15th between 4-6pm at the PES business meeting. Congratulations to Dr. Rosenbloom!

PES turns 45!

$45 – 45!

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of our Society! We are a robust and active organization that continues to have a significant impact in advancing and promoting the endocrine health of children and adolescents. With a membership of close to 1500, we are committed to our vision of being the professional home and voice of pediatric endocrinology in North America.

PES is on secure financial footing. However, compared to other professional societies, our
revenues derived from pharmaceutical companies continue to be disproportionately high and our revenues from philanthropy and educational activities low. Even though we are increasing the number of educational revenue-generating activities, we also need to seek philanthropy from our membership. To commemorate our 45th anniversary, I am asking each of you to consider a tax-deductible contribution of $45 to the Pediatric Endocrine Society. This size contribution from all of our members will have a significant impact!

In January, the Board of Directors approved an updated Strategic Plan that will guide our activities over the next 5 years. Among the strategies we are developing to achieve the goals of our Strategic Plan, we are highlighting here two goal areas considered to be of high priority based on member surveys: Education and Practice Management.

Supporting these goal areas will help PES get to where we envision ourselves to be in 2020. Donations in multiples of 45 are very welcome and encouraged!
Please click here to contribute to our $45 for 45 years campaign to help advance our new Strategic Plan that will carry us to our 50-year anniversary celebration!
Please click here to make your contribution to our $45 - 45 campaign.
Thank you for supporting these PES initiatives that will help us continue to positively impact the endocrine health of children and adolescents!

Clinical Research Studies Postings:
The Clinical Research Studies page on the PES website offers the opportunity for PES members to publicize (free of charge) their ongoing IRB-approved studies (registries, trials, and other clinical research studies). Providers can search or browse the listings to find studies that may be of interest to their patients. Current studies are recruiting individuals with severe obesity, type 1 diabetes, MODY type 2, amenorrhea related to athletics, and delayed puberty.

Publication Committee Publications of Interest Segment:
The publications committee will be reviewing and providing links to papers of interest quarterly. At least one article will be from a recent volume of Hormone Research in Paediatrics. The other article is selected from an outside journal.

Articles selected by the committee are listed below with links to the full article following the citation. Log in to the PES member’s only site to see these and other articles from Hormone Research in Paediatrics:

Grimberg et. al. representing the PES Drug and Therapeutic Committee publish updated guidelines regarding growth hormone therapy in children with growth hormone deficiency and idiopathic short stature, and IGF-1 treatment of primary IGF-1 deficiency. This monumental effort reflects a synthesis of important publications in the area, striving to focus on evidence-based recommendations
https://www.karger.com/Article/Pdf/452150. An editorial by Ranke and Wit congratulates the authors on their effort, suggests that the guidelines may improve current treatment, and points out some areas that are not addressed such as combination therapy with GnRH analogs and aromatase inhibitors.
https://www.karger.com/Article/Pdf/452446

The second article from the NEJM is a multi center RCT including 713 critically ill children with hyperglycemia. Children were randomized to two ranges of glycemic control (80-110 mg/dL and 150-180 mg/dL) and the primary outcome was the number of ICU-free days to day 28.

History Tidbit provided by Alan D. Rogol:
Sir Charles Robert Harington was a classical organic chemist, who with George Barger completed the chemical structure of thyroxine (Biochem J 20:109, 1927). They devised an organic synthesis from tyrosine and proved its structure by comparing the composition of degradation fragments (some synthesized) with the compositions of the expected products. The mixed melting point of combined entities was the same as either individually for a number of these degradation products. They ended with: “Insofar, then, as the matter is susceptible of decision by chemical methods the identity of
the synthetic product with natural thyroxine may be regarded as established”. Additionally, it raised the basal metabolic rate from about -40% to around 0% (normal) in two profoundly myxedematous women.

If you have a tidbit you would like to share, send it to Walter L. Miller (Chair of the History Committee) at wlmlab@ucsf.edu

Sincerely,

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PES President

Bruce Boston, MD
PES Board Member