Dear PES Colleagues:

Greetings!

We hope that 2017 has gotten off to a good start and that one of your new year’s resolutions is to increase your involvement with PES! Earlier this month, the Board of Directors approved an updated Strategic Plan that will guide our activities over the next 5 years. This document will soon be posted on our website. We hope you will agree that the goals are forward thinking, creative, and are true to the mission and vision of PES. We truly welcome your involvement as we strategize to reach our goals!

2017 also marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of our Society! Over the coming months, in an effort to celebrate this milestone, we will be highlighting some key moments in our history. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to support some new initiatives this year!

10th International Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology:
Washington DC, September 14-17, 2017

Information and updates on the International meeting can be found at http://internationalmeeting2017.org/ Preregistration opens Mid March.

ABSTRACTS: The abstract submission site is NOW OPEN! CLICK HERE for information/submission. The deadline for submission is March 6th.

REVIEWERS NEEDED! Abstract Reviewers needed! You will need to be available to review your assigned abstracts between March 27 - April 10, 2017. (You will receive your abstracts for review no later than March 27.) Click here to submit your name

International Working Groups/Special Interest Groups joint meetings

A number of meetings are being scheduled at the 10th International Meeting to facilitate interactions between working groups and special interest groups from around the globe. These meetings have been scheduled on September 14th from 8:30 to 11:30am. The Working Groups/SIGs consist of the following topics: Allied Health, Bone, Diabetes, DSD, Gender Dysphoria, International Endocrinology, Obesity, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, Turner syndrome. If you are interested in participating in these meetings, working groups or SIGs, there will be further information posted on the International Meeting website in the upcoming months and you will have the opportunity to sign up for them with your registration.

PES Leadership Advantage

- The next PES Leadership Advantage workshop will be held Sept. 13 from 10-4:00 at the Marriott Warman Park hotel. Registration information to be available soon. A repeat of the PES Leadership Advantage Module One, first presented last spring at the PES annual meeting, will be offered prior to the International meeting this fall. This is the introductory module for the PES Leadership Advantage course. Topics include: Delivering Powerful Feedback & Managing Through Conflict, Managing your Time & Delegating Effectively, and Understanding Yourself as a Leader – Operating with Emotional Intelligence.
• PES Leadership Advantage Module Two will also kick-off at the September 2017 conference and is intended to extend leadership training for those that participated in Module One last spring. This module will explore the topics of **Decision Making – Leadership vs. Clinical Approaches, Coaching and Mentoring for Performance**, and **Exploring the Elements of Positive Culture and High Engagement**.

• Future plans call for modules 3 and 4 to be developed in 2018 and 2019.

To learn more about the program please [click here](#).

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**PES 2017 Board Review Course**

**September 11-13, 2017, in Washington, DC**

Join colleagues for interactive lectures covering the ABP Pediatric Endocrine Content Outline. The Course will be held in Washington, DC just prior to the 10th International Meeting. More information—including location, registration, speakers, and agenda—will be available soon!

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**2017 Global Fellows Program in Pediatric Endocrinology**

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

The Global Fellows 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. This 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 be in their first or second year of pediatric endocrinology training at the time of application and still be enrolled in their training program in September 2017.

Application deadline is [March 1st, 2017](#). [Click here for more information and to apply](#)!

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**PES Fellows Travel Grants**

The Pediatric Endocrine Society 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.

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**NEW! Earn valuable MOC 4 credits for SCAMPS Participation!**

The Quality Improvement committee has been working hard to improve opportunities to obtain MOC part 4 credit for projects including SCAMPS. As part of the ABP approval process for MOC Part 4 credit, participants must complete education in quality improvement methodology. The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) offers well developed online education that is used by many institutions to fulfill this requirement. The SCAMPS and MOC-QI Committees have identified a QI platform that meets the ABP requirements for the board required education modules and could be used to provide MOC part 4 credit for SCAMPS. The PES board of directors has approved initial funding to develop this platform and provide funding for up to 50 SCAMP participants to work toward obtaining MOC part 4 credit for SCAMPS participation. This opportunity will allow members to obtain MOC 4 credit while participating in society wide quality improvement projects that will hopefully inform improvements in care for all of our patients. More information to come as the platform and SCAMPS links are developed.

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**Call for Camps**

A lot of families start as early as Jan/Feb to plan their Summer fun for their children. Therefore, it is time to think about providing information regarding camp opportunities to our patients and their families. The PES website has links for a number of camps including camps for kids with Type 1 Diabetes and Turner Syndrome as well as camps for transgender youth and teens.
If you have a summer camp opportunity that you would like to feature on the PES website, please contact the PES office at info@pedsendo.org

PES, IRC and AmazonSmile

Are you a frequent user of Amazon? The Pediatric Endocrine Society and the PES International Relations Council have registered to participate in the AmazonSmile charitable program! On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, they may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to PES. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

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Historical Tidbit: Submitted by Walter L. Miller

Hans Selye, who first described the hormonal stress response (Nature 138:32, 1936) and coined the terms ‘glucocorticoid’ and ‘mineralocorticoid’, observed that progesterone was a potent anesthetic agent that permitted abdominal surgery on rats (Proc Soc Exp Med Biol 46:116, 1941; Endocrinology 30:437, 1942). Research into the clinical use of steroidal anesthesia ended with the development of halothane (1956). Progesterone membrane receptors (Front Neurosci 7, Article 159, 2013) may mediate the anesthetic actions of progesterone. Allopregnanolone (3β,5α-tetrahydroprogesterone) is an endogenously produced neurosteroid progesterone metabolite with potent anesthetic, anxiolytic and anticonvulsant actions that acts via GABAA (and possibly other) receptors (similarly to barbiturates and benzodiazepines). Allopregnanolone may play a role in stress disorders and has potential therapeutic uses, but is under-investigated.

Sincerely,

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