PES Members:

One of the most exciting and rewarding jobs of the PES President is to work with the Annual Meeting Program Committee to develop the clinical, research and educational components of the Annual Meeting. The committee already has many ideas for cutting-edge scientific and clinical programs while assembling pediatric endocrinologists with specific expertise for the varied presentation venues. Many of the suggestions have been elicited from members and we are again asking for your help. We strive to make the meetings as interactive as possible, and this begins with your suggestions for programs. We recognize that the meetings define our Society and lay the foundation for the direction in which Pediatric Endocrinology will go in the future. Thus, we very much rely on everyone to participate in the Annual Meeting.

I am most grateful to Seth Marks, the Program Committee Chair, Dorothy Shulman, our BOD liaison member and last year’s Chair for their leadership, and the remaining Program Committee members for their thoughtful contributions: Ambika Ashraf, Vaneeta Bamba, Laurie E. Cohen, Kurt J. Griffin, Pallavi Iyer, Michelle Katz, Brenda Kohn, Ryan McDonough, Rinku Mehra, Bradley S. Miller, Srirpriya Raman, Lawrence A. Silverman, Deepa Suresh, Michael J. Tansey, and Jonathan Wasserman.

We hope that you will begin to be part of the best Pediatric Endocrine Society Annual Meeting (April 29-May 2, 2016) by sending your program suggestions to smarks@hsc.mb.ca. The Education Council is also working hard to develop a case-based revamped Clinical Update Course for the days preceding the annual meeting. Mark your calendars now!

Call for Nominations
Nominations are now being accepted for the following Board Positions:
- President-Elect (3 year commitment: President-Elect, President, Past President)
- Director (3 year term)
- Treasurer (4 year term)

Click here for descriptions of these board positions. Please send your nomination to Kyriakie Sarafoglou, M.D., Chair of the Nominations Committee at Saraf010@umn.edu. In your nomination, please include a brief note telling why you think this person would be an ideal candidate for the position. Nominations are due by August 14, 2015.

Mentor Program Solicitation
The Research Affairs Council is soliciting mentors and mentees to register for the next wave of the Mentoring Initiative. The initiative did very well in the first year with 31 mentees being paired with 21 mentors, and the feedback thus far has been excellent. The RAC is now working on setting up the next round of mentor-mentee matches. Mentees could include faculty at various stages of their careers as well as fellows. We hope to recruit mentors who are willing to advise on careers in research, clinical practice, administration, industry and government, on career advancement, as well as work-life balance. Please click here to register as a mentor or a mentee.

Just One Click
Have you seen articles such as “The Diagnosis of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome during Adolescence”? With just one click from your PES Members Only Section web page, you can access Hormone Research in Paediatrics and peruse articles such as this or any other article dating back through 2010. Or type in any search word of interest. You can also save PDF files—just in case there are not enough hours today to read!
**Tired of Remembering your PES Password?** Now you can create your own password! Once logged into the [Members Only Section](#), click on the link named “Change Members Only section password”. Once changed, you will be able to log in with either your Member ID or your newly created password.

**Save the Date!**
American Diabetes Association Consensus Conference
Youth-onset Type 2 Diabetes: Current Status, Challenges, and Priorities
October 20, 2015
Hilton Mark Center, Alexandria, VA
As PES is in collaboration with the ADA on this conference, our members will receive a discounted registration price. Click [here](#) for more information

**Committee Corner**
PES is so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers serving the profession through participation on PES committees and councils. We would like to showcase some committee accomplishments each month in this letter to share the progress being made, and alert you to their meaningful activities.

**Membership Committee:** The membership committee revised eligibility criteria and application process to help increase membership numbers:
1) A more simplified online application with improved clarification of eligibility criteria
2) Inclusion of a new membership category for Advanced Practice Providers
3) A more simple application process for fellows, which doesn’t require letter of confirmation from program director.

Based on these changes in 2014, there were 149 new members, out of which 138 were fellows. We also had two Advanced Practice Providers join our society.

Another major change was implementation of a reduced membership fee for our international colleagues. The Annual membership rate will now be $25 for people from low income countries (income per capita <$1045) and $60 for members from middle income countries (income per capita between $1045 and $12746).

**Training Council:** In the last year, the Training Council has focused on preparing fellowship programs for new ACGME and ABP requirements. We have successfully completed the first year of Subspecialty Milestones reporting, requiring adjustment in evaluation methods for our trainees and are sharing our experiences to promote best practices. We have also completed development of the Pediatric Endocrinology Entrustable Professional Activities for the ABP. These "EPAs" describe the knowledge base and qualities needed by our trainees as they progress through their fellowship, culminating with their "entrustment" to function independently and lead our profession into the future. Click [here](#) for a description of these EPAs.

In the coming months, the Training Council will begin working on unified curricular components for pediatric endocrinology which will list the high level knowledge and skills for each of the functions included within the EPAs. This work will be performed with guidance from the ABP to insure that we are achieving our combined goals and providing appropriate guidance to programs throughout the country.

**Special Message from nPOD**
The Network for Pancreatic Organ donors with Diabetes (nPOD) has been established since 2007 by JDRF to procure human pancreata along with related tissues in order to facilitate collaborative research on human type 1 diabetes (T1D). Thus far, the findings from studying these human tissues have been striking and challenging the dogma of how type 1 diabetes develops, especially in comparison to mouse models of the disease. You can find more about nPOD, its investigators, and supported research projects from [JDRF nPOD website](#).

In short, we at nPOD desperately need your help to identify T1D patients that may pass away and refer them to nPOD for recovery. nPOD is especially interested in cases where individuals die at or near disease diagnosis; a tragic situation but one that our investigators deem vital for study. We believe T1D patients hold the key to unlock the treatment for this debilitating disease. The more cases we can study, the better and faster the T1D research community can find a cure or prevent it. Please [contact nPOD](#) via our website or **call 1-866-731-6585** if there is a potential case under your watch. We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. Together, we will find a cure for type 1 diabetes.
Reminders
- The PES 2015 Board Review Course is available online.
- The Congenital Hypothyroidism PIM activity is available and features 20 hours of MOCE Part 4 credit. Register here for free when you enter the PES access code, “thyroid”.


Historical Tidbit of the Month
It was 62 years ago that Pickering and Fisher validated the efficacy of sodium-L thyroxine treatment of thyroid ablated infant rhesus monkeys and two years later that Fisher, Hammond, and Pickering reported the efficacy of L-thyroxine therapy in the hypothyroid infant and child which led to the eventual supplanting of animal thyroid extract as the treatment of choice.


If you have an interesting brief historical tidbit to share, please send it to Arlan Rosenbloom (Chairman of the History Committee) at rosenal@peds.ufl.edu.

Sincerely,

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