Greetings!

By now you all know that our inaugural solo PES meeting will take place in downtown Fort Worth, TX from April 24th-27th 2020! The meeting will be at the Worthington, Renaissance Hotel just steps from vibrant Sundance Square, where in 1887, gambler Luke Short, owner of the White Elephant Saloon, gunned down ex-marshall “Long Hair Jim” Courtright on Main Street. The event shocked the populace into demanding law and order and cemented the city’s image as the place “Where the West Begins.” PES members will be able to commemorate this event as they stroll a span of 35 blocks filled with dozens of options for shopping, dining, and entertainment.

The Program Committee, under the leadership of Priya Bakhtian, is working diligently on developing an outstanding array of offerings designed to meet the needs of all our members. Please feel free to reach out to her if you have suggestions for specific topics or speakers that you would like to see featured. The phrase “It takes a Village” comes to mind when contemplating the complexity and challenge of assembling all of the components needed to put together a diverse and top-notch scientific meeting! Be on the lookout for details and deadlines as they become available. We hope to see you there, pardner!

In other Society news, there has been a recent establishment of a steering committee for our Work Force Action Team. This group, comprised of ~10 experienced members from across the country, will be charged with devising and vetting proposals pertaining to the workforce shortage and interfacing with the committees and members already engaged in these efforts. This team will be meeting via conference call in the coming weeks and we are confident that the collective brain power and energy of this assemblage will yield positive results! In addition to these endeavors, an extremely active and creative sub-committee of the PES education committee is gearing up to tackle the project of developing year-long educational offerings geared specifically for fellows. These will likely occur in a variety of formats including interactive sessions, podcasts, webinars, Ted talks, flipped classrooms, etc. and will incorporate feedback gleaned from the fellow’s meeting in Baltimore regarding what topics they would find most useful. So, as always, a tremendous amount of hard work is being invested by many of our members in making PES the best possible professional “home” that it can be!

This past month has been a particularly special one for my husband and me, as we celebrated the first wedding among our progeny when our daughter Ariana was married in Girdwood, Alaska on June 20th. Seeing her at the precipice of one of life's greatest adventures is exhilarating yet not without trepidation at the many unknowns ahead. A great reminder to live and appreciate each day to the fullest!

Wishing all of you a wonderful start to Summer!

Research Award Program for Fellows: Rising Star Award (RSA)

The purpose of this new award is to support and encourage the research efforts of fellows. The maximum amount of funding available for each of these grants is $2000 for one year and PES plans to fund a maximum of 5 grants every 6 months. The RSA program is a new addition to the PES’s already shining constellation of awards that are designed to promote and enhance research efforts such as the well-established and larger Research Fellowship Award (RFA) program.

Application Deadlines: 5PM EST July 22, 2019.
Funding Start Dates: January 1, 2020 for July applications.
Please note:
(1) Indirect costs are not allowed.
(2) The monies cannot be used for salary support of the fellow.

Click here for more details.

International Scholar Program Award – Deadline Approaching
Deadline for the ISP award is fast approaching, and applications are due by June 30, 2019. Please note that incomplete applications and applications submitted after June 30, 2019 will not be considered.

Educational Webinar Series - July 15, 2019 Webinar Registration Open Now!
The PES Education Committee has initiated a series of webinar topics covering important hot topics/controversies to be presented by stalwarts in the field. We will be recording the webinars to post on the PES website to benefit PES members and the PES mission of providing continuing educational programs. Past webinars and the upcoming webinar schedule can be viewed here.

Please register for Dr. Philippe Backeljauw – Turner syndrome update on Jul 15, 2019 4:00 PM EDT at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3078112886805700355

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Looking for quality education this summer?
Be sure to visit our meeting calendar for relevant meetings/courses happening near you.
https://www.pedsendo.org/education_training/calendar_events/index.cfm

Time for a change?
Looking for a new career opportunity? Check out our job board for new and exciting positions.
https://www.pedsendo.org/education_training/jobs/jobsearch.cfm

2019 Board Review Course – recorded lectures are now available for purchase!
The Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES) hosted the 2019 Board Review Course on April 24-26, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland just prior to the 2019 PAS/PES Annual Meeting. PES is now making the recordings of this course available for purchase. These videos include the speaker’s PowerPoint slides synchronized with the audio of the presenters and covers the topics included in the new ABP Pediatric Endocrine Content Outline.

Enjoy owning the entire set of lectures; you can watch the videos at your own pace and on your own time. Here’s a thought: invite friends over for a shared experience and brush up on pediatric endocrinology as taught by our experts!

Click here for information and pricing.

Pediatric Endocrinology Reviews (PER)
Reviews (PER) has become an affiliated journal of our society. Hormone Research in Paediatrics remains our official journal. PER is an international peer-review journal (with ~ 800 subscriptions from 19 countries) that publishes review articles on topics related to pediatric endocrinology, diabetes, metabolism, nutrition, and genetics. PER also publishes extensive Meeting Reports, including those of our annual meeting, along with reviews of recently published books in the field of endocrinology. There are generally four issues per year, along with periodic supplements [last two on Noonan Syndrome (editor, Robert Rapaport, MD) and the 50-year history of growth hormone (editor, Adda Grimberg, MD)]. We will provide links to the PER Table of Contents. To request a FREE electronic version of Volume 12 (4 issues + 1 supplement), go to: https://www.pediatricendoreviews.com/pes-member-registration. There, if you so desire, you can also subscribe to current and future volumes at the discounted rate of $100 (USD) per year, while individual articles can be purchased for $39 each.

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Pediatric Endocrine Society Turns 50: the 2022 project – call for volunteers
The Pediatric Endocrine Society, formerly named the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, turns 50 in 2022. We hope to use this milestone to spur a project to record our history and highlight the contributions of PES members to the field of Endocrinology, as well as to promote the current programs of the Society. While this effort is just getting underway, you may have seen a videographer at the meeting this year who was busy capturing footage for an eventual presentation and archive of interviews with senior members of PES about their careers and with younger members about their hopes for Pediatric Endocrinology and the Society in the future. Other ideas for this project include development of a Pediatric Endocrinology Timeline and some special events to celebrate the occasion at the meeting in 2022. **We are interested in hearing from any members with ideas and interest in working on this project.** If interested contact Erica, or the staff at Degnon.

**MOC/QI Corner**

Do you need help navigating the ABP website to check your MOC requirement status? Are you looking for ideas for MOC Part 4 projects related to pediatric endocrinology? Please take a look at some of the new resources available in the MOC/QI section of the website! [https://www.pedendo.org/quality_improve/index.cfm](https://www.pedendo.org/quality_improve/index.cfm)

The PES MOC-QI Committee is currently developing a webinar that will help PES Members identify and develop QI projects that have relevance to pediatric endocrinology and meets ABP MOC Part 4 criteria. **STAY TUNED!**

**Fellow Spotlight**

Ahmed Torky, MD

I am finishing fellowship at the joint program of the National Institutes of Health and Children’s National Medical Center. I was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt, and attended medical school at Cairo University. I trained as a clinical geneticist at the National Research Center in Egypt, but after working in the country’s only DSD clinic, I discovered my true passion, so I switched gears to pediatric endocrinology. I switched came to the states to better myself and have proper training in pediatric endocrinology.

I am eternally thankful for outstanding mentors who have impacted my career. Prof. Dr. Inas Mazen at the National Research Center in Egypt was an early inspiration - she is empathetic, passionate and innovative. In a country with little resources, she led a team of scientists and obtained funding through the European Union and created Egypt’s first multidisciplinary DSD clinic. During my fellowship, I worked with Dr. Paul Kaplowitz to study the utility of thyroid testing during inpatient pediatric admissions, and our work changed the hospital policy at Children’s National Medical Center. I am also working on two other projects, one with Dr. Deborah Merke that looks into the metabolic morbidity in patients with CAH, and one with Dr. Angela Delaney that investigates adrenarche in patients with Kallmann syndrome.

I chose pediatric endocrinology because I found it fascinating that each patient required a thoughtful approach to physiology, an understanding of biochemistry, consideration of genetics, and knowledge about pharmacology. I love the intellectual approach to endocrinology, and the lifelong relationships we establish with our patients.

**History tidbit provided by Arlan Rosenbloom, MD**

Moses Barron, MD, pancreatic islets and diabetes mellitus

In 1920 Moses Barron (1884-1974), Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota until 1952, published an article Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics, (1920; 31:437-48), ”The relation of the Islets of Langerhans to diabetes with special reference to cases of pancreatic lithiasis,” that noted preservation of the islets despite destruction of the rest of the pancreas. This specific article was noted by Dr. Frederick Banting as pivotal in directing his research into diabetes. That series of studies led to the Nobel Prize winning discovery of insulin in 1923 as a treatment for diabetes. It also
influenced diabetes-related pancreatic transplantation research at the University of Minnesota (and elsewhere) several decades later (reviewed in Pancreas 2016; 45:8-20).

Sincerely,

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