PES Members:

It is cold this time of year. Perhaps not in Los Angeles, but certainly in many other environs. Perfect reason to think of coming to sunny and warm San Diego, and joining us for this year’s Annual Meeting!

Important reminders (and some re-reminders):

1. Membership renewal: Log in with your username and password, and click “Renew Dues.” Please renew by March 1!
2. American Thyroid Association (ATA) Symposium. PES has co-endorsed the inaugural guidelines for pediatric thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer. The ATA has developed a half-day symposium to be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, just prior to the Endocrine Society Meeting in San Diego, which will be of great interest to our members. Click here for more information on this symposium.
4. PES 2015 Board Review Course will be held on Wednesday, April 22–Friday, April 24, 2015, San Diego, California. Click here to register online!
5. Human Growth Foundation Symposium. On April 24, 2015, just prior to the opening of the PES Meeting in San Diego, the Human Growth Foundation will hold a symposium featuring Steven Chernausek and Philippe Buckleljaux.
6. Annual PES Meeting! Friday, April 24–Monday, April 27, 2015, in San Diego.

Speakers and Award Winners: Related to the Annual Meeting, the slate of speakers and award winners who will present during the PES Plenary and Business meetings is:

- Robert M. Blizard Lecturer—Michael Collins, MD
- Del and Beverly Fisher Pediatric Endocrinology History Lecturer—Samuel Retifoff, MD
- Judson J. Van Wyk Prize—Alan D. Rogol, MD, PhD
- Lawson Wilkins Lecturer—Peter A. Lee, MD, PhD

Some More Award Winners:

- Ethics Essay Competition—1st place = Colin Patrick Hawkins from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; 2nd place = Edward Belfield from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and 3rd place = Kristina Derrick from Children's Hospital at Montefiore.
- Human Growth Foundation Award winner = Ovidiu A. Galescu from the NIH.
- AAP and PES Leona Cutter Award winner = Allison Smego, MD

Public Policy: PES continues to be active in public policy. We have renewed our support of The National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act (H.R. 1074/S.539), which will review and streamline federal diabetes activities to improve coordination and quality of care for people with diabetes and prediabetes. This work is part of our efforts in collaboration with the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance. In addition, we are monitoring the FDA’s proposal to regulate laboratory-developed tests as medical devices. If this proposal is accepted unmodified, it stands to have a chilling effect on development of new tests or modifications of existing tests by commercial laboratories (such as past development of FT4 by dialysis, extraction/chromatography, and mass spectrometry steroid testing, etc.). If opportunities arise for our members to comment or express their ideas/concerns regarding this plan, we will let you know.

PENS. This year’s Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society (PENS) National Meeting will be held May 6–9, 2015 in Savannah, Georgia. Please click here for more information.

Camps: As noted last month, PES was developing a web page as a source of information for patients, families, and providers about regional and national disease-specific camps, such as (but not limited) to diabetes camps and Turner syndrome camps. This page is now available and can be viewed here! Would you like to see another camp listed? We ask all of our members who know of or who participate in such camps to send an email to info@pedsendo.org so that information can be compiled and added to this web page.

PES Visiting Fellows Program: Will be held at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles between Monday, October 26, 2015–Friday, November 6, 2015. This new program is an intensive two-week educational program that PES is offering to four visiting 3rd-year North American pediatric endocrinology fellows. The Application deadline has been extended to March 15, 2015. Click here for more information.

Welcome New Members! Allison Bauman, Andrea Gerad Gonzalez, Iroor Yahrere, Jorge Mejia Corletto, Shabana Kalladi Puthanpurayil, and Shilpa Kumta.

PES Needs You! Review the list of committees and councils (located in the Members Only section at www.pedsendo.org). If you are interested in any of these, please email pancy@pedsendo.org. We are organizing these member lists now for 2015–2016. Our organization’s continued success depends on your participation!

Available positions in pediatric endocrinology. Please visit the Education/Training portion of the PES website to review all the job postings and/or post a new opening at your institution. Fifteen new jobs have been added just in the past month!

Finally, the Historical Tidbit of the Month: If you have an interesting brief historical tidbit to share, please send it to Arlan Rosenbloom (Chairman of the History Committee) at rosena@peds.ufl.edu. This month’s tidbit comes from Arlan himself. In 1957, the uptake of 35S-sulfate by costal cartilage from hypophysectomized rats showed response to normal rat serum, but no response to GH at high dosage (Salmon JR, Daughaday WH). A hormonally controlled serum factor which stimulates sulfate incorporation by cartilage in vitro. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 1957;50:825-56). Ergo, normal rat serum contained GH-dependent “sulfation factor.” The reason that the other assays were able to observe an effect of GH and these investigators were not had to do with the conditions of incubation. Later studies would show a delayed and lesser response of GH on uptake of 35S-sulfate and ‘H-thymidine (the expanded somatomedin hypothesis).

Sincerely,

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