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PES Members:

This newsletter gives us another opportunity to wish all of you the best in 2015 and to thank the many of you who devote volunteer time to PES activities.

Important reminders:

1. **Membership Renewal.** [Log in](#) with your username and password and click “Renew Dues.”

2. **ATA Symposium.** PES has co-endorsed the inaugural American Thyroid Association guidelines for pediatric thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer. The ATA has developed a half-day symposium to be held on Wednesday, March 4th, just prior to the Endocrine Society Meeting in San Diego, which may be of great interest to our members. Click [here](#) for more information on this symposium.

3. **Congratulations!** The Human Growth Foundation will hold a 2015 Awards Gala honoring Alan Rogol on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Endocrine Society Meeting in San Diego. Please [click here](#) for more information.

4. **Annual Meeting!!** Friday, April 24–Monday, April 27, 2015, in San Diego. Thanks to our generous sponsors, PES is able to offer Travel Grants to Fellows attending the PES/PAS Annual Meeting. [Click here to apply by February 13!](#)

5. **PES 2015 Board Review Course** will be held on Wednesday, April 22–Friday, April 24, 2015, in San Diego, California. [Click here to register online!](#)

6. **Human Growth Foundation** will hold a symposium featuring Steven Chernausek and Philippe Backeljauw. This will take place just prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting on April 24, 2015, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm.

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

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

**International Relations:** The International Relations Council is pleased to announce the winner of this year’s PES International Scholar Award. Dr. Emmanuel Ameyaw is the Head of the Endocrine Unit at KATH (Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital) in Ghana. Dr. Ameyaw did his medical and pediatric training in Ghana and is a 2012 graduate of the pediatric endocrinology fellowship training at PETCA (Pediatric Endocrinology Training Center for Africa), based at Gertrude’s Hospital in Nairobi. His North American host and champion is Dr. Jean-Pierre Chanione, Clinical Professor and Head of the Endocrine and Diabetes Unit at British Columbia Children’s Hospital.
Public Policy: As highlighted in previous newsletters, PES endeavors to initiate, support and affect public policies that benefit our patients and their families. We also work to keep you informed of developments and initiatives that might affect pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology. Other pediatric-related societies have similar initiatives, and we wanted to draw your attention to a publicly available portion of the American Pediatric Society/Society for Pediatric Research website, which is a treasure trove of relevant current and past advocacy initiatives and policy information.

PENS. The Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society (PENS) has written a policy statement on the assessment of linear growth, which PES has endorsed. Please click here to see the statement.

Camps: PES is developing a page on our website 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. 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 posted.

Certifying Examination: The American Board of Pediatrics has announced that the 2015 Certifying Examination date will be November 4, 2015. Registration can be completed online starting February 3, 2015, and ending April 30, 2015. Additional information and application requirements can be found on the ABP website.


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.

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 rosenal@peds.ufl.edu. This month’s tidbit comes from Walter Miller: “Thyroxine at 100:” John Kendall shared the 1950 Nobel Prize with Philip Hench and Tadeus Reichstein for isolating and characterizing several steroids, notably cortisol. 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of his earlier isolation of thyroxine. Kendall reported purifying 100 mg of thyroxine in 1914, and in 1919 he detailed the purification and crystalization of 33 grams of thyroxine from 6500 pounds of pig thyroids (J Biol Chem 19:251-256; J Biol Chem 40: 265-334), but he failed to determine its chemical structure, which was reported by Charles Harrington in 1927 (Biochem J 21: 169-183).

Sincerely,

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