PES Members:

I have recently returned from our Fall BOD meeting in Reston. A focus of our discussion was on planning for future annual meetings. Since our contract with PAS is ending, we have the opportunity to make a decision regarding future meeting venues after our international meeting in 2017. We carefully reviewed the results of the member survey that you recently completed. Interestingly, your responses included many strong arguments for three options: 1) continuing to share the meeting with PAS; 2) aligning a meeting with Endocrine Society; 3) a free standing meeting (similar to the Pediatric Hematologists). We are continuing to explore the many ramifications of the options, including financial, and will begin discussions with these parties soon. I will continue to keep you informed of our progress. There may be a need to survey the membership with more targeted questions once we have gathered all of the relevant data to make a responsible choice in the best interest of the PES membership at large. We appreciate the feedback to inform decisions.

PAS/PES 2016 Annual Meeting: Planning is in full gear for the upcoming PAS/PES Annual Meeting to be held April 29 – May 2, 2016 in Baltimore, Maryland. Please plan to attend! Our PES Meeting portion will end on May 1, Monday, at 12:30pm. We will have 2 poster sessions (Saturday and Sunday, and none on Monday).

Please also plan to submit an abstract and help make the original science part of the meeting as exciting as possible. Abstract submissions are now open and will close November 10, 2015 at 5 pm CST; visit the PAS Website for more details regarding electronic submission.

For the second year in a row, we are also offering the joint American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and PES Leona Cuttler Award for the best abstract which has a focus on Quality Improvement in Pediatric Endocrinology. Please be sure to check the QI Box for consideration.

Leadership Development Pilot Course

The results of our survey showed that our members are eager for us to develop a Leadership Course. We are actively working on the course’s development with a plan to hold our inaugural course prior to the 2016 PES Annual meeting in Baltimore. Stay tuned for more detail so we can assist in your Time Management and Organization.

Craig’s True or False Section! (Check end of the letter for answers)

a) Alfred Bongiovanni is the only PES President who served for 2 years. True/False

b) The molecular weight of Iodine is 123. True/False

c) Iodine-123 half life is 13 hours, I-131 half life 8 days, and I-129 15 days. True/False

d) The next PES International Meeting is in Washington, DC September 2017. True/False

e) New Growth Therapy guidelines are now in press. True/False

Committee Corner

PES thanks Dr. Janet Silverstein, Chair of the MOCE Committee, for the update:

The Maintenance of Certification Committee (MOC) has been working on projects designed to make members of PES more aware of opportunities for obtaining MOC Part 4 (Improving Professional Practice) credit that are meaningful for pediatric endocrinologists. Ryan Miller is working on putting current MOC Part 4 options on the website, including instructions on how to access them. Among the current options are the AAP module on type 1 diabetes and the combined PES/Endocrine Society module on congenital hypothyroidism. The SCAMP® on estrogen replacement in girls with Turner Syndrome is live and efforts are underway to make it available for MOC Part 4 credit for participants. Members who have other institutional MOC modules that others can access and complete for credit should contact Ryan (rmiller@peds.umaryland.edu)
for posting on the website. The ABP continues to expand the types of activities for which credit can be obtained. The committee will keep the membership updated as these plans are finalized. However, PES members are encouraged to review their personal MOC dashboard on the abp.org website.

Projects currently in the works include:

- The American Board of Pediatrics has given PES permission to participate in choosing the articles used for MOC Part 2 (lifelong learning and self-assessment). The articles have already been chosen for 2016, so we will be involved beginning in the 2017 cycle. These are the articles discussed at the MOC session at the annual PES meeting.
- We are in discussion with ABP about putting together a module on short stature, for which we would provide the content and they would provide the infrastructure.

Reminders

- The American Diabetes Association Consensus Conference is October 20, 2015, in Alexandria, VA. Click here for more information. Type “PES” when registering to receive the discounted registration price for being a PES Member.
- Nominations for the Blizzard Lecture are due October 16, 2015.
- Nominations for the Van Wyk Prize are due November 17, 2015.
- Nominations for the Fisher History Lecture are due November 19, 2015.

Welcome New Members!
Zoltan Antal, Rasha Alsaaran, Abdulmajeed AlSubaihin, Rushika Conroy, Amita De Souza, Manpreet Doulla, Toni Eimicke, Laila Ennakz, Hariram Ganesh, Manal Habib, Mark Henin, Anna Isfort, Rashmi Jain, Lauren Kanner, Emily King, Jessica Kremen, Claire Lande, Kristal Matlock, Diana Miller, Surya Mulukutla, Nora Renthall, Erin Richardson, Margaret Stefater, Mustafa Tosur, Aurelia Wood, Lauren Wood Heickman, Alaina Vidmar, and Ming Yang.

Historical Tidbit of the Month

In 1928, Cammidge described cases of what he thought was a dominantly inherited form of mild hyperglycemia (Diabetes mellitus and heredity. Br Med J 2:738). It was not until 1974 that Tattersall noted a distinct dominant pattern of inheritance among subjects with mild diabetes occurring in the 2nd and 3rd decade of life (Mild familial diabetes with dominant inheritance. QJ Med 43:339-57).

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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PES President

Craig Alter, MD
PES Board Member

True or False Answers: a) True, 1980-1982 See PES Website, Past Presidents; b) Iodine’s MW on the Periodic table is 127, though we use I-123 for scans and I-131 for ablation; c) False, well, correct for I-123 and I-131, but I-129 half life is 15.7 Million Years; d) True [open book test question as the answer is in the margin on the left]; e) False, but they are in the final stages so stay tuned!