PES Members:

Your Board of Directors is pleased to keep you informed of the following developments and opportunities for our membership:

**FELLOWS:**  
Research Fellowship (RFA) and Clinical Scholars Award (CSA) Applications are NOW OPEN  
Applications are being accepted for the PES Research Fellowship and Clinical Scholar Awards. Please click on the links below to access the applications. The RFA awards are only offered to Fellows/In Training members of PES in good standing. The CSA awards can be made to Fellows/In Training members and members in good standing. Candidates may apply for support to begin during the first three years of a junior faculty position in Pediatric Endocrinology. Completion of a minimum of two years of pediatric endocrinology training is required. Faculty rank should not exceed Assistant Professor. Applicants must have a medical degree. Those with career plans in North America are favored. **The deadline is December 13, 2013, 12:00 PM, EST.**

clinical scholar award application link:  
[http://www.pedsendo.org/research_awards/clinical_scholar/index.cfm](http://www.pedsendo.org/research_awards/clinical_scholar/index.cfm)

research fellow award application link:  
[http://www.pedsendo.org/research_awards/research_fellowship/index.cfm](http://www.pedsendo.org/research_awards/research_fellowship/index.cfm)

Fellows Spring Retreat 2014 will be held after the PES meeting at a separate venue in Vancouver, BC on May 5- May 8, 2014. This 3 day program brings together junior fellows and renowned, nationally respected faculty members. Fellows in their first and second year of their training who are PES members are encouraged to apply. **Deadline is January 17, 2014: applications are submitted directly to the central office by the PD on behalf of the fellow.**

**PROGRAM DIRECTORS:** View the subspecialty EPAs and competencies that will be used to report to ACGME beginning December 2014. The competencies are a subset of the competencies mapped to “General” subspecialty EPA’s: [http://www.pedsubs.org/issues/pedmile.cfm](http://www.pedsubs.org/issues/pedmile.cfm) Please plan on attending the annual PD meeting in Vancouver: this will be a major focus of the meeting.

**ALL MEMBERS:**  
**Due to popular demand:** PES is pleased to provide the materials from the PES board review course given in May 2013 in Washington DC to members-only free of charge! These materials are available in the members-only section of our new and improved website until January 31!

**Renew your membership soon**  
Online membership renewal notices will be sent the week of November 25th. We encourage you to renew early and keep your membership current. PES Elections are around the corner!
Additionally, in an effort to make sure we have your most current information in our database (and used for the colleague online directory and the “find a Dr.” feature of our patient/family resource page on our website), with your renewal, please take a minute to review what is currently populated in your record in our database. We will also be using the data captured to tailor our communications and educational offerings based on your demographics; interests, work environment, etc. We are interested to know more about YOU so we can serve you better.

World Diabetes Day
PES joined 11 other professional societies and non-profit organizations in support of World Diabetes Day 2013. Our message was intended to create public awareness and urge Congress to take action. An ad appeared in the New York Times on November 14, 2013 with our name! To learn more about the initiative, visit www.DiabetesAdvocacyAlliance.org.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS from the 9th Joint Meeting of Pediatric Endocrinology held in September in Milan, Italy:
1. The impact of next generation sequencing on pediatric endocrine research was presented by Louise A. Metherell of Queen Mary University of London, Centre for Endocrinology, London, UK. Next generation sequencing (NGS) methods are now routinely being applied for gene discovery in monogenic disorders. Whole exome sequencing has revealed a bio-inactive ACTH molecule, discovered an imprinted gene causal for precocious puberty and identified a dominant negative thyroid hormone receptor to name but a few. Recent advances in the cost effectiveness of NGS have led to its progressively wider implementation in both research and clinical settings. Despite the bewildering amount of data produced, the NGS is now being utilized to understand alterations in the transcriptome and the epigenome and to unveil genetic interactions underlying oligogenic disease.

2. Dr Yutaka Takahashi from Kobe University in Japan presented 3 cases of acquired hypopituitarism in adults consisting of GH, PRL, and TSH deficiencies due to autoimmunity directed against PIT-1. They found anti-PIT-1 antibody with other autoantibodies in the patients’ sera. An ELISA-based screening revealed that this antibody was highly specific to the disease and absent in control subjects. Immunohistochemical analysis revealed that PIT-1-, GH-, PRL-, and TSH-positive cells were absent in the pituitary of patient 2, who also had a range of autoimmune endocrinopathies. These clinical manifestations were compatible with the definition of a new autoimmune polyendocrine syndrome (APS) with a unique "anti-PIT-1 antibody syndrome”.

3. The International Classification of Pediatric Endocrine Diagnoses (ICPED) development team hosted a demonstration booth in which attendees were able to “beta test” a preliminary online version of the diagnostic tool, which will be available free of charge to any pediatric endocrinologist. To gain consistency and improve granularity of diagnostic coding for pediatric endocrinology, a team of pediatric endocrinologists from around the globe, including many members of PES, has been working on development of the ICPED. The coding tool, which has been developed on the basis of the 2007 European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE) Classification, will contain cross-references to the International Classification of Diagnoses (ICD, revision 10), and to Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM). In addition, the ICPED will form the basis of the pediatric endocrine codes within the ICD-11, currently under development. Completion of the project is anticipated in the first half of 2014.

AAP members interested in advocacy training at the federal level?
The AAP is sponsoring federal advocacy training in Washington, DC in 2014 led by pediatrician federal policy experts and AAP staff. Two dates are offered for identical trainings, and one date in spring is an advanced training. The trainings will provide a federal policy overview of a timely child health topic and an in-depth training session on how to advocate that issue to members of Congress and their staff. AAP members who are interested in learning more about federal advocacy and conducting in-person visits
with Capitol Hill staff on federal policy issues of importance to children and pediatricians are encouraged to apply. There is no cost to attend other than travel to/from Washington, DC; limited scholarships are available to cover travel and lodging expenses. E-mail Jamie Poslosky in the AAP Washington Office at jposlosky@aap.org for information and application.

In the spirit of giving thanks, the PES Board extends a heart-felt thanks to the PES membership for your time and talents through committee participation, meeting attendance, and support. We are also grateful to our Corporate Advisory Board members for their continued support.

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

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