November 13, 2012

PES Members:

Fall Greetings from the Board of Directors! We are pleased to keep you informed of the following developments and opportunities for our membership:

**For All Members:**

**Strategic Plan Update**
During the past 4 years, the PES Strategic Plan has helped greatly to expand the scope of PES initiatives and members’ involvement. As hard as it is to believe, it is time to update and revise this Plan. A critical part of this process is gathering feedback and new ideas from members about challenges and opportunities for PES. To accomplish this, the PES Strategic Plan Task Force has developed a brief on-line questionnaire. Please take just a few minutes to review our current Strategic Plan and send your candid responses to the survey.

**SURVEY LINK:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PESStrategicPlanUpdate](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PESStrategicPlanUpdate)

**Membership Directory**
The online Membership Directory has been updated and is now available [http://www.pedsendo.org/members/MembersDirectory.cfm](http://www.pedsendo.org/members/MembersDirectory.cfm) (You will need your user name and password to access the Directory)

**PES Dues**
PES Dues will be arriving electronically prior to Thanksgiving. Please use this opportunity to make sure all of your contact information is up to date.

**PES and Social Media**
Want to keep abreast of the latest news and updates in PES? Now you can--simply follow PES on Facebook and Twitter!
Sign up today for a free account on either social network.

**Name the Missive**
We hope you enjoy these monthly member mailings and find the information useful. However, this communication needs a name! Please send your suggestions to info@pedsendo.org – all suggestions will be considered and the most creative will “win”!

**For Fellows:**

Research Fellowship and Clinical Scholars Award Applications are Open
Applications are being accepted for the PES Research Fellowship and Clinical Scholar Awards. Please click on the links below to access the applications.

Please click here for the Research Fellowship Award Application
Please click here for the Clinical Scholar Award Application

The awards are only offered to Fellows/In Training members of PES in good standing. The deadline is December 14, 2012, 12:00 PM, EST.

Ethics Essay Competition for Fellows

Background: The practice of pediatric endocrinology often involves the consideration of important ethical issues. For example, the treatment of healthy children with human growth hormone and pubertal suppression in children with developmental disabilities are two of the more visible areas where ethical concerns and clinical endocrinology meet.

Proposal: The Pediatric Endocrine Society Ethics Committee is hosting an essay competition aimed at pediatric endocrinology fellows. We invite essays of up to 1000 words detailing a case or case series, the ethical conundrums that arose, and a description of how the author wrestled with and resolved the dilemma. Essays may be styled in the format of the Journal of the American Medical Association feature, "A Piece of my Mind."

Details:

Competition requirements:
1. Open to pediatric endocrinology fellows in an accredited US graduate medical education program.
2. Submit an essay of up to 1000 words by January 30, 2013, as a PDF or .doc/.docx attachment to rmandago@childrensnational.org.
3. Please include with the attachment the included submission form, with the author’s complete name and contact information, including level of training. Also list program director’s name and program contact information.

The essays will be read and judged by the members of the PES Ethics Committee. The Top three essays will be published in the IJPE and the first place essay author will receive registration to the PES/PAS Annual Meeting. All interested trainees are encouraged to apply!

Please contact the PES office at info@pedsendo.org for an application.

We wish all of you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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