Autumn greetings from the Board of Directors! We are pleased to keep you abreast of the following developments and opportunities for our membership:

**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**.

**2012 Van Wyk Call for Nominations**
The Honors Committee is collecting nominations for the Van Wyk Prize. The Van Wyk Prize is the Society’s most prestigious award in recognition of outstanding career achievement by a member in the field of Pediatric Endocrinology. This award, established in honor of Judson J. Van Wyk, M.D., stands in tribute to an outstanding leader whose has displayed a career of scientific excellence, leadership and dedication to the health of children. Please send letters of nomination to: info@pedsendo.org

Your letter must be received by the closing date of **Thursday, November 1, 2012**

**History of the Society**
The History committee is excited to announce the posting of early society materials, including communications leading to the creation of the Society, Early member mailings; the first Annual meeting program and so much more. To view these materials, please click here: Early History of the Society

**Ethical Issues in Pediatric Endocrinology**
The Ethics Committee has provided valuable resources to the PES membership on our website. These offerings include a clinical case discussion/education module focused on the ethical issues in prescribing growth hormone. In addition, the Ethics Committee has created an Ethics Discussion Board on which two cases are currently posted (“Use of pubertal blockers in a Tanner 2 transgender adolescent”, and “Oocyte and embryo cryopreservation in Turner Syndrome”). Our membership is encouraged to browse past conversations and to contribute to ongoing discussions.

**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 Dec 23, 2012, as a PDF or doc/.docx attachment to rnandago@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. Prizes will be awarded to the top essays and winners will be announced at the 2013 PES Business Meeting. All interested trainees are encouraged to apply! Please contact the PES office at info@pedsendo.org for an application.

Quality Improvement and Network Collaboration

PES is actively pursuing various options to promote Quality Improvement in patient care. One such option, which may lend itself to both Network Collaboration and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4, is referred to as “Standardized Clinical Assessment and Management Plans” (SCAMPS). Through iterative analysis, SCAMPS can assess the effectiveness of patient evaluation and management plans and can be used to optimize patient care. Details will soon be forthcoming.

Future Venue of Joint Meetings

Since 1981, there have been joint meetings of pediatric endocrinology every four years alternating between Europe and North America hosted by the respective pediatric endocrine societies. The 2013 meeting is being hosted by ESPE in Milan and the 2017 meeting will be hosted by the PES in Washington, DC. Each hosting society is fiscally responsible and arranges for the venue. For the 2013 and 2017 meeting, the scientific content is planned by the Joint Planning Organizing Committee (JPOC) consisting of members representing the seven global pediatric endocrine societies: ESPE, PES, the Australian Paediatric Endocrine Group (APEG), the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (APPES), the Japanese Society for Pediatric Endocrinology (JSPE), the Sociedad Latino Americana de Endocrinologia Pediatrica (SLEP) and the African Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology (ASPAE).

In accord with the goal to explore opportunities to make the Joint Pediatric Endocrine Society more global, it is being proposed that for 2021 options be given for societies other than the ESPE and PES to propose to host that meeting at a venue of their choice. Any proposal will be reviewed by a commission with representation of all seven societies. This commission will meet initially at the time of the joint meeting in Milan in 2013. The JPOC would continue to be responsible for the scientific content of all meeting.

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