



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

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I recently returned from a trip to speak on ADHD and the medical home in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as part of a joint AAP conference with Saudi and regional physicians and educators. It was truly an experience of a lifetime, and this prompted me to reflect on how we can work with the APPD and other professional organizations to think more globally for pediatric education.

Granted, most of us are busy enough in our home institutions; however, as we all know, we have a chance to make a wider impact when we connect beyond our own hospital or campus. Personally, we also gain so much more perspective and knowledge about medicine and people of other cultures and areas. There are several ways that we can get involved as educational leaders in global health and international medicine.

Educational exchanges and support of international electives are the first area that comes to mind. A recent article in *Pediatrics* (July 2008) found that half of all residency programs have international experiences. Presentations at APPD and other meetings have begun to describe these benefits, yet we must do a better job to examine and research these outcomes. Given the many institutional, regulatory, insurance, and other issues, it will be a challenge to preserve these rotations. Yet most of the applicants I interview have some experience during college or medical school, and they are eager for these opportunities. We should try to make this a true exchange and also host students, registrars, residents, and fellows from other nations too.

We can also do more to work with international adoption clinics, travel medicine programs, immigrant populations, and different

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Susan Guralnick, MD  
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It's that time of year again. RECRUITMENT time! That overwhelming, wondrous time of year when we jump on the treadmill that never stops. We read an infinite number of candidate applications from all over the world. We meet fascinating young people, each with a story to tell. We sell our programs, telling them why we are each 'the best' place to train. Then we cross our fingers and hope the candidates we want most want us. This is a fascinating and stressful time in the program director's life. We love it, we hate it, we thrive on it. Each year the stress culminates in the joy of finding out who our new "children" will be. We hope they will like each other, work well together, and grow together as pediatricians.



Sometimes I wonder how we survive this time of year. The daily work doesn't diminish. The new interns are starting to wear down, the novelty and excitement of beginning residency are replaced by fatigue. The days are shorter, so we rarely see daylight. Yet, each interview day I find that I am rejuvenated. I end each day feeling high on the energy of possibilities. I remember now. This is all about the young people, about the incredible opportunity and responsibility that we are given as program directors and faculty. How did I get so lucky!

On a completely different theme, I would like to thank all of you who were able to participate in our Action Calls about the upcoming RRC Requirement revisions. We held four calls, each with a different focus. There were many participants from diverse programs throughout the country. Participants included program directors, associate program directors, fellowship directors, specialist faculty and other educators. The calls were always collegial, with open discussion of both sides of many issues from the concept of patient number caps to the future of Continuity Care Clinic. I participated on all of the calls and was struck by how our membership is able to take on a task as a team with a mission, and consistently comes through when an issue needs to be addressed. The board has reviewed the call notes as well as the discussion board comments, and is in the final stages of formulating the letter to the RRC with our suggestions. We will publish the final version on the APPD website.

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During the Strategic Planning Meeting in 2006, **Patty Hicks, MD** proposed building on the work of the APPD's Share Warehouse – a database of curricular materials, assessment tools, administrative documents and other resources useful to the pediatric program director – to develop a **Longitudinal Educational Research Network (LEARN)**. As the ShareWarehouse grew from 2007-2008, so did the need for pediatric program directors to go beyond sharing of resources. There is a widespread recognition that evidence of outcomes is needed to determine the value and generalizability of a curriculum, assessment instruments or tools – evidence to inform best pediatric medical education.

The APPD Board recently approved funds to begin making this dream a reality! The APPD LEARN will be partnering with the IPE. A team consisting of **Anne Burke, MD, Carol Carraccio, MD, Laura Degnon, CAE, Patty Hicks, MD, Rob McGregor, MD, and Alan Schwartz, PhD**, recently had a day-long meeting to begin fleshing out the details. This team will serve as the Advisory Board to the APPD LEARN, with **Patty Hicks, MD** serving as Chair. **Hilary Haftel, MD** has been asked to serve as the LEARN Director. These are exciting times for APPD! We will keep you updated as this project progresses.

The APPD Board met at the fall meeting and reviewed key components of our strategic plan, which was created three years ago. As we did so we were struck by two things: how much we have achieved since the development of this plan, and that it is time for a new one. We have therefore scheduled a strategic planning meeting for February 2010. As an organization we must take great pride in all that we have achieved over the years. We have grown to over 2000 members. We are viewed as leaders and innovators in medical education. The wonderful thing about our achievements is that this is truly a membership effort. Our organization is recognized for our willingness to share what we create with each other and others. As much as this seems “normal” to us, when you speak with faculty from many other organizations and specialties, that is often not the case. APPD members truly understand the education mission, and approach it selflessly. I could not be prouder to be a member of this amazing group of educators.

*Go Yankees! World Series Champions!*

## **REPORT FROM THE ABP**

*Gail A. McGuinness, MD*  
*Executive Vice-President*  
American Board of Pediatrics

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) has recently put into place two new policies of importance to General Pediatrics and Subspecialty Program Directors.

### **Time Limit for Eligibility for Initial Certification Examinations**

In June 2009, the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) established a new policy that places a time limit on acceptance for a certifying examination in general pediatrics and its subspecialties. Candidates will no longer have an unlimited time to become certified. The ABP established the policy to ensure the public that individuals accepted for examination still possess the competencies verified at the completion of training. This new policy assures that a certificate issued by the ABP not only provides assurance to the public and the profession that an individual has completed accredited training, but also fulfills the continuous evaluation requirements that encompass the six core competencies.

This new policy will take effect beginning with the 2014 administrations of the initial certifying examinations in general pediatrics and the subspecialties. The ABP will require new applicants and re-registrants to complete the training required for certification within the 7 years prior to the examination. If the required training was not completed within that time frame, the applicant is required to complete an additional period of accredited training in order to apply for certification. The full policy is available on the ABP Web site [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org)

### **Credit for Previous Training Following an Interruption**

In September 2009, the ABP established a policy in which Residents who experience an interruption in general pediatrics training for greater than 24 continuous months and who wish to re-enter residency training in general pediatrics must petition the ABP to determine whether credit may be awarded for prior training. The request for credit must be submitted by the candidate or the residency program director before the candidate re-enters residency training in general pediatrics. This policy is in effect for those re-entering general pediatrics training July 1, 2010, or thereafter.

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## COORDINATORS' CORNER

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Excitement was in the air at the 2009 APPD Fall Meeting in Arlington, VA. Welcome to all of the new coordinators!! We hope that everyone left the meeting better informed and with more resources than ever before.

This year the coordinators attended the Keynote Address given by Dr. Theodore Sectish (Boston Childrens). He presented "Top Ten List for Program Leaders: Why this is a Great Job!" It was a great opportunity for us to join in this event and the presentation and dinner were fantastic.

The coordinators' social at Vapiano's Restaurant was a fun evening with lots of networking and socializing. Thanks to everyone who participated and thanks to Elizabeth Sanchez-Rocca for coordinating the event!

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all of the presenters! The meetings were filled with helpful information and lots of resources to help in the success of your job. If you were not able to attend this year, we encourage you to check out the presentations which are posted on the APPD Website ([www.appd.org](http://www.appd.org)) under the Annual Meetings tab.

Introductions to the Coordinators' Task Forces and Mentoring Program were given at the meeting. If you are not familiar with these programs and would like more information, please visit the Coordinators' Section of the APPD Website ([www.appd.org](http://www.appd.org)) and GET INVOLVED!!

An interactive workshop on Professionalism in Administrative Management was given by Marlene Keawe (University of Hawaii) and included some helpful guidelines to professionalism in the workplace. We would like to continue to add

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cultural experiences closer to home. As our local patient populations change, we must consider these opportunities nearby as well as abroad.

I hope that others have the opportunity to travel abroad and that we can continue to develop and describe these programs and benefits to ourselves, our residents, and populations around the world. We must partner in research and educational leadership to work for child health near and far.



*Coordinators' Executive Committee (left to right): Jaime Bruse, Elizabeth Sanchez-Rocca, Deb Parsons, Lorryne Garcia, Avis Grainger, and Marlene Keawe.*

your feedback to the presentation under the six competencies listed. Our goal is to exemplify professionalism amongst ourselves and our colleagues.

We would like to say a special "thank you" to all of the organizational representatives who participated in the meeting, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), PediaLink, ERAS, ACGME, and the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP).

MEMBER NEWS: On behalf of the coordinators' executive committee, deepest heartfelt sympathy is sent to June Dailey (Indiana University) upon the loss of her husband and also to Therese D'Agostino (Massachusetts General) on the passing of her father.

Congratulations to Jeri Whitten (West Virginia University) for receiving the first GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award. She was one of five recipients from GME programs nationally.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Meeting in Chicago!!



## Launching the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of APPD

APPD 2010 Annual Meeting Preliminary Schedule of Events

### Innovations in Pediatric Education: Evidence and Experience

April 15-18, 2010  
Hilton Chicago, Chicago, IL  
720 South Michigan Avenue

#### Thursday, April 15, 2010

8:00am	Registration Begins
9:00am – 12:30pm	Forum for Directors of Small Programs/Affiliate Chairs Forum for Chief Residents
11:00am – 4:00pm	Board Meeting Coordinators TAGME Exam
12:45 – 3:45pm	Faculty Development Pre Conference Workshop
4:00 – 6:00pm	Grassroots Forum for Program Directors Grassroots Forum for Associate Program Directors Coordinators' Assembly
6:00 – 7:00pm	Wine and Cheese Reception <i>Start the celebration of 25 years!!</i>

2:00 – 3:00pm

Invited Presentation (Speaker TBD)

3:00 – 5:30pm

Plenary Session and Interactive Panel Discussion

#### Saturday, April 17, 2010

7:00 – 8:25am	Regional breakfasts
8:30am – 4:00pm	Coordinators Assembly
8:30 – 10:30am	Workshop Session I
10:30 – 11:00am	Break
11:00am – 1:00pm	Workshop Session II
1:00 – 2:30pm	Lunch on Own
2:30 – 4:30pm	Mentoring Session with breakouts
4:30 – 6:00pm	Poster Session

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Mentoring Session with breakouts

4:30 – 6:00pm

Poster Session

#### Friday, April 16, 2010

8:00 – 9:00am	Breakfast and Highlight best of posters for presentations
9:00 – 11:00am	Task Force Meetings Coordinators Task Force Meeting
11:00 – 11:30am	Break
11:30am – 12:00pm	APPD Presidential Address
12:00 – 12:15pm	Tunnessen Award
12:15 – 12:30pm	Holm Award
12:30 – 2:00pm	Lunch on Own Council of Task Force Chairs (COTFC) Lunch Council of Regional Chairs (CORC) Lunch

#### Sunday, April 18, 2010

6:30 – 8:00am	Continental Breakfast
7:00 – 8:00am	IIPE: Navigating the Next Round: FAQ & Lessons Learned
8:00 – 10:00 am	Workshop III
10:15am – 12:15pm	Workshop IV
12:30 – 1:30pm	Working Lunch Session: Action Points & Next Steps from Plenary

*Registration will open in early 2010!*

## APPD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Association of Pediatric Program Directors' Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the following positions, with each term of office to begin April 2010:

- ❖ President (begin April 2010 for two year term as President-Elect, followed by two year term as President)
- ❖ Secretary/Treasurer (three year term) – to replace Joseph Gilhooly, MD
- ❖ Two At-Large Board Members (three year term) – to replace Patricia Hicks, MD and Dena Hofkosh, MD
- ❖ One Nominating Committee Member (two-year term) – to replace Heather McPhillips, MD
- ❖ Two Coordinators' Executive Committee Members (three-year term) – to replace Lorraine Garcia, C-TAGME and Marlene Keawe, MBA

All nominations should be sent to the APPD office [info@appd.org](mailto:info@appd.org) no later than **December 15, 2009**. Nominations should include the name, program and brief bio or CV of the person being nominated. You may self-nominate. The Nominating Committee will then review all of the nominations received and narrow the list for the election. Those individuals selected by the Nominations Committee to have their name on the ballot must submit a **photo and statement of interest by January 6, 2010**. This is a great opportunity for you or a colleague to get more involved in the growth and development of APPD. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

### APPD Leadership

*President* - Susan Guralnick, MD (2008-2010)

*President-Elect* - Ann Burke, MD (2008-2010)

*Secretary-Treasurer* - Joseph Gilhooly, MD (2007-2010)

*Past-President* - Robert McGregor, MD (2008-2010)

*Executive Director* - Laura Degnon, CAE

*Association Manager* - Kathy Haynes Johnson

#### Board of Directors

Debra Boyer, MD (2008-2011)

Grace Caputo, MD, MPH (2008-2011)

Lynn C. Garfunkel, MD (2009-2012)

Patricia Hicks, MD (2007-2010)

Dena Hofkosh, MD (2007-2010)

Jerry Rushton, MD, MPH (2008-2012)

#### Coordinators Executive Committee

Jaime Bruse, C-TAGME (2009-2012)

Lorraine Garcia, C-TAGME (2007-2010)

Avis Grainger, C-TAGME (2009-2012)

Marlene Keawe, MBA (2007-2010)

Deb Parsons, C-TAGME (2008-2011)

Elizabeth Sanchez-Rocca, C-TAGME (2008-2011)

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Association of Pediatric Program Directors

Forum for Fellowship Directors at PAS

Friday, April 30, 2010

Vancouver, BC

**Deadline for Submission: Friday, December 4, 2009**  
<http://www.appd.org/PDFs/CallForAbstracts.doc>

You are encouraged to submit abstracts for possible presentation at the one-day APPD Forum for Fellowship Directors, scheduled for Friday, April 30, just prior to the PAS Meeting in Vancouver.

Submitted abstracts should specifically target pediatric subspecialty program directors. Possible topics include fellow education and evaluation, meeting the core curriculum requirement, organization of fellowship education in a department, models of scholarship oversight committees, and faculty development. Abstracts should include at least one learning objective.

**The deadline for abstract submissions for the Forum for Fellowship Directors is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**  
<http://www.appd.org/PDFs/CallForAbstracts.doc>

Please note that workshops, posters and platform presentations addressing fellowship directors will *also* be included at the APPD 2010 Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 15-18. Abstract submission for that meeting has closed.

Should you have questions of any kind, please send an e-mail to [info@appd.org](mailto:info@appd.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

### 2010 Annual Meeting

Association of Pediatric Program Directors

Chicago, IL

April 15 – 18, 2010

Hilton Chicago

720 South Michigan Avenue

~ Housing now open (see page 14) ~

**Registration opens in early 2010**

Look for the Preliminary Program on page 4 and visit [www.APPD.org](http://www.APPD.org) for the most up-to-date information.

## UPDATE FROM THE MEDICINE PEDIATRICS PROGRAM DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

*Suzanne K. Woods, MD, President  
Medicine Pediatrics Program Director Association  
Director, Med-Peds Residency Program, Duke University  
School of Medicine*

The MPPDA annual meeting was held on May 1-2, 2009 in conjunction with the APPD meeting in Baltimore. We enjoyed tremendous participation from the membership and had a successful meeting including our first poster session. The distinguished lecture was given by Dr. James Stockman III, President of the American Board of Pediatrics, and focused on examination results for combined and categorical trainees.

We have many exciting agenda items for the current academic year and these include continuing to expand the efforts of our five committees which include Accreditation, Curriculum, Recruitment, Research, and Transition. Over the coming year we look forward to completion of the inaugural site visits for all of the combined Medicine Pediatrics programs since our initial accreditation in 2006. Also, the 40<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Med-Peds was held on October 19 at the AAP NCE meeting and many thanks to the tremendous efforts on the part of AAP Med-Peds Section and NMPRA for this monumental event. This event also afforded the opportunity for the membership, lead by Dr. Niraj Sharma, to participate in a Capitol Hill visit on November 18 to work on Med Peds advocacy and health care reform. This promises to be a busy and exciting year for Med-Peds!

## APPD POLICY ON COMMERCIAL SUPPORT

Adopted June 2007 ~ Revised November 2009

*(Please note the following updates to the APPD policy. The intent of this revision was to clarify the APPD position and ensure that members are aware that these policies apply to regional, in addition to national, activities and meetings.)*

As a provider of high quality continuing education through our meetings and other products, the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD), has always been and will continue to be dedicated to providing an unbiased and balanced approach to continuing education. Educational grants from pharmaceutical companies, if any, are accepted only with the understanding that:

1. All grants have to come through the APPD office and will be put in an educational fund.
2. APPD has complete control over the determination of topic, faculty and content;
3. Educational grants are not for the purpose of promoting any product;
4. APPD does not permit presentations by sales representatives associated with funding; and
5. APPD will acknowledge contributions to the unrestricted educational fund in our Annual Report and will not put individual pharmaceutical companies' names on any specific products or materials.

APPD is the central organization and this policy applies to all aspects of the organization, including national and regional.



**APPD Goes Green,  
see page 9!**

APPD 2009 FALL MEETING IN ARLINGTON, VA

*In addition to the inspiring Keynote Address by Dr. Ted Sectish, the APPD 2009 Fall Meeting provided many opportunities for learning and networking.*



## AAP – SOMSRFT

*Joshua Smith, MD, MBA*

*Children's Medical Center at the Medical College of Georgia*

The Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) continues to improve the lives of children through a variety of ways. Our annual advocacy project this year was on Tobacco Cessation and was partnered with the AAP Julius B. Richmond Center for Excellence. By utilizing our joint strengths, tobacco legislation was introduced, quality improvement projects were performed and untold numbers of children's lives were improved.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual advocacy campaign, officially launched at the 2009 AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) in Washington, DC is entitled ImmuneWise. In conjunction with the AAP Section on Senior Members, this educational and advocacy program was designed to improve immunization rates, combat misinformation, and educate clinicians and parents on the importance of vaccinations. Like last year's campaign, a CD with presentations and information, was given out to all program delegates for our section at the NCE. Sample letters to the editor, Quality Improvement projects, and documents on vaccine myths and facts are just a few of the items that are included on the CD. An introductory noon conference was also included and we strongly encourage your program delegates to present the information in their residency program.

As you may remember, our section was renamed last year to include students and physicians at all levels of training. As a tangible way of reaching out to our ever-increasing medical student members, we are actively collaborating with the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP) to develop a "Medical Student to Resident Guide" which we anticipate completing this fall. We also hosted a first annual Medical Student breakout session at the NCE, which highlighted the AAP's offerings to medical students and helped us meet their needs.

The AAP SOMSRFT Strategic Planning initiative continues to be extremely successful. For the fourth year, we put together a collaborative strategic plan for our section and our long-term goals are as follows:

- Become better trained pediatrician leaders
- Help medical students, residents and fellowship trainees see value in AAP
- Improve child health through education, advocacy, and patient care

In order to accomplish these goals, our section has adopted the following short-term projects:

- Determine the resources needed and valued by residents, program directors and clerkship directors
- Develop interactive and well organized website that is valued by residents
- Define, expand, and communicate leadership opportunities for resident members

Please stay tuned for further information on how you can let us know what resources you need!

As we work to build upon the efforts of the previous three years, we are continually improving the YoungPeds Network (YPN), a website specifically targeted to medical students, residents, and young physicians. The 2008-09 strategic plan led to the development of a "resident to candidate bridge packet" in order to retain section members as they make this career transition. This resident bridge packet was distributed to all graduating resident members this past spring. We also are continuing to work with members of the AAP PediaLink Resident Center Workgroup to ensure that the PediaLink Resident Center is continuously updated, offering residents the latest educational resources to better their residency training and promote lifelong learning. Finally, we have been excited to participate in the design of the "Young Peds Connection," an online professional network for SOMSRFT and Young Physician members which was launched at the NCE. This networking tool will provide medical students, residents and fellows with the opportunity to discuss issues related to their training, such as, where to find jobs, what trends are going on nationally, and how training programs tackle a variety of subjects. We hope that you will encourage your residents and fellows to join and participate in the experience of the YoungPeds Connection at [ypn.aap.org](http://ypn.aap.org).

As the new chair of the section, I am excited to move forward with these initiatives and honored to represent the medical students, residents and fellows. We hope to continue partnering with other sections and organizations to improve the health of all children and advance physician training opportunities. We look forward to your help and please contact us if our section can be of any assistance.

## TASK FORCE REPORTS

### Curriculum Task Force

*Susan Bostwick, MD, Chair*

*Karin Hillenbrand, MD, Vice-Chair*

The COMSEP/APPD Subinternship Curriculum has been finalized and will be posted to the COMSEP website this fall. There will be a link on the APPD website to the curriculum. Next steps are further refinements of evaluation tools and learning activities.

Members of COMSEP and APPD curriculum committees will be meeting with the NBME in November to start work on an exam for the subinternship.

Committee members are working with the AAP in reviewing which courses will be offered for free via PediaLink. For these courses, as is currently available, program directors will have the ability to request to view the course for free so they may determine if it is appropriate for their curriculum.

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### Faculty Development Task Force

*Clifton Yu, MD, Chair*

*Nancy Spector, MD, Vice-Chair*

Keith Mann from the Children's Mercy Program in Kansas City, Nancy Spector, and others are working with the APPD Board on a revision of the PD/APD mentorship program. Specific ideas include having a more focused matching process between mentor and mentee based on common interests, program characteristics, geographical location, etc. as well as possibly forming peer mentorship groups which would be overseen by an experienced mentor with specific faculty development projects potentially emanating from these groups. The Faculty Development Task Force will continue to work with the Board in developing and implementing any new programs regarding mentorship for this upcoming year.

Ongoing discussion continues on the possibility of developing a "core curriculum" of faculty development topics that could be presented longitudinally at the Spring Meeting. Although discussion of some type of "certification" process to go along with attendance at these workshops has been brought up (similar to what is offered at AAMC), there is feeling that the idea of yet another certification may not prove desirable or useful by APPD members. Regardless of the certification issue, it was felt that having the initial workshops offered as early as the 2010 Spring Meeting would be a reasonable target for implementation.

With the APPD Board's approval, the Faculty Development Task Force will be disseminating a needs assessment survey

to assess which faculty development topics members would like to see as part of a core curriculum (and also possibly addressing the desirability of a certification process). The choices of topics would range from the areas of clinical teaching to curriculum development, career planning to academic leadership, educational research to academic portfolios, etc. The goal would be to eventually offer 2 to 4 workshops per year at each Spring Meeting, with the full curriculum to include perhaps between 8 to 12 workshops.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Fall 2010 Meeting: September 19-21**

Washington, DC area

Keynote Address and Dinner  
**Sunday evening, September 19**

Sessions for Program Directors, Fellowship Directors,  
Associate Directors, Program Coordinators, and  
Fellowship Coordinators

**Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21**

### APPD GOES GREEN!

With our ever-increasing membership numbers (well over 2,000 at this count) and APPD's higher level of activity in the past few years, the APPD Board of Directors recently developed a new publishing policy. Beginning with this Fall 2009 Newsletter, all newsletters and Annual Reports will be published electronically, rather than printed and distributed as hard copies.



This decision will help reduce our use of paper and ink on two publications that have almost doubled in length and will eliminate printing and mailing costs to a much larger membership base. Instead, a pdf will be emailed to each individual member and copies will be posted on the APPD website for your reference.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

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### Mid-America Region

*Hilary M. Haftel, MD, MHPE, University of Michigan*

The Mid-America Region had their Fall Meeting on October 9, 2009 at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Approximately 25 program directors, core program coordinators and fellowship coordinators were in attendance. The theme for the meeting was "Teaching with Technology" and the topics were quite varied. Mary Kay Kuzma and Raj Donthi from Nationwide presented their program for Resident QI in continuity clinic practices and Alexander Djuricich from Indiana University demonstrated their audience response system to the group. Then Hilary Haftel from the University of Michigan led a lively discussion on the role (and risks) of Social Networking sites in residency training. Following lunch, the Program Coordinators breakout session included preparation for TAGME certification by June Dailey (Indiana University) and Jeri Whitten (WVU Charleston); differences and similarities in fellowship recruitment by Deb Parsons (Indiana University); and interaction discussion of tips for successful site visits lead by Robin Hawkins (Indiana University). The Program Directors enjoyed Rita Pappas's (Cleveland Clinic) presentation on Deliberate Practice to build skills in resuscitation and then John Mahan (Nationwide Children's) presented the 2.0 version of AAP PediaLink to the group.

Food for thought: The regional leadership is soliciting any ideas on how to better involve fellowship directors and coordinators in the regional meetings and any topics that fellowship programs would find helpful to include in our Fall or Spring meetings. A needs assessment survey will be sent to each institution for dissemination to all fellowship programs shortly.

The region would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Jeri Whitten, Program Coordinator at WVU-Charleston Division and Chair of the Pediatric Training Administrators Certification Council on her receipt of one of the first annual ACGME Program Coordinators Excellence Awards. Congratulations Jeri!!!

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### Mid-Atlantic Region

*Paul Bellino, MD, Geisinger Medical Center*

The annual Fall Meeting was held at The A.I duPont Hospital for Children on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. Representatives from seven of our regional programs were present.

The following old business was reviewed:

- 1) Proposal for funding resident-led research in pediatric resident education

Corrections to the document proposed at the Spring Meeting were presented. These corrections included revisions to the amount of money to be awarded as well as the number of projects to be funded each year. Also, a less complicated scoring system was developed for reviewers. The revised proposal was reviewed and no significant corrections were requested. A motion was made to accept the document and to begin the process of collection of dues and funded resident research. The motion was passed without opposition. The document was finalized and has been forwarded to the APPD and can be found on the APPD website at: <http://www.appd.org/PDFs/midAtlanticDues-ResearchPlan.pdf>

- 2) Inclusion of Medical School Clerkship Directors in Regional APPD

There was considerable discussion at the previous meeting about including regional medical school clerkship directors at our fall meeting with the goal being more effective communication and sharing of information that would benefit both groups. Further discussion of this topic occurred at this meeting. It was decided that it would first be helpful to survey the different residency programs in our region to develop a list of clerkship coordinators that utilize their programs. Topics for mutual discussion were developed, including: ERAS and match guidance, developing an optimal sub-intern curriculum, improving education in procedural skills, and working on residency preparatory skills needed after the match. It is anticipated that clerkship directors will be invited to the Fall Meeting next year and possibly on a 2 to 3 year cycle thereafter depending on support and interest.

As per the usual format of the Fall Meeting, participants were asked to present interesting innovations used in their residency programs. Three programs made presentations as follows:

- 1) Janet Weis Children's Hospital/Geisinger Medical Center  
Angela Mengel presented Geisinger's resident led program for systems based improvement. The program has as its goal to engage residents in a systems approach to identifying resident workload and efficiency issues and develop, implement, and test new strategies for improvement. Projects are mandatory of the senior floor chief during their PL3 inpatient rotation. Residents have engaged in projects to reduce unnecessary patient bedside visits, reduce time in evening sign out, and reduce the number of nursing pages during protected resident educational time.

- 2) St. Christopher's Hospital for Children  
Katie Gargiulo and Sharon Calaman presented St. Christopher's intern SPA rotation. The rotation is designed to provide residents with educational opportunities in surgery, procedural skills, and child advocacy. Highlighted in the discussion was the approach to resident procedural education which utilizes ICU staff to teach using simulation. Advocacy

education, with effective use of opportunities in the community was also discussed. The program, although initially designed for PL3 residents, is transitioning to the PL1 year of training.

### 3) A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

Glenn Stryjewski presented work at duPont looking at social networking sites and their utilization in resident recruitment and professional evaluation. The discussion centered on how applicants' on-line personae can be easily reviewed using sites such as MySpace and Face Book. He presented a small study done at duPont that reviewed applicants' on-line information and how that could potentially play a role in ranking those applicants in the match. (This is not actually employed as a match strategy at duPont at this time.) Also, the presentation shed additional light on how residents' on-line information can be reviewed and how that information can effect the outside perception of their residency program.

After the general sessions the meeting was broken into small groups for program directors and associate program directors, program coordinators, and chief residents. Each of the groups had meaningful discussions that were presented later in the meeting. Common themes for discussion included:

- 1) The swine flu epidemic and its impact on resident workload and education
- 2) Placing caps on resident workload especially during general inpatient months

After completion of small group discussions, the floor was opened for new agenda items.

- 1) Paul Bellino presented a short introduction to Geisinger's international pediatric medicine program with an invitation to programs in the Mid-Atlantic region to utilize the program if they have residents that are interested in international medicine but are having difficulties arranging such opportunities. Although the Geisinger program does send residents to four sites internationally, the proposed pilot program with other residencies will begin with two annual trips to Honduras. Expansion to other destinations will depend largely on the success of this pilot.
- 2) A reminder was made that elections for a new Chairman will occur at the Spring Meeting in Chicago. Members were asked to consider nominating themselves or others for this position. The vice-chairman and program coordinator lead are to be elected at the Fall Meeting in 2010.

After presentation of new business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be during the annual Spring APPD Meeting to be held in Chicago.

## Midwest Region

*Jay Nocton, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin*

*Keith Mann, MD, University of Missouri-Kansas City*

*Tara Shirley, University of Kansas-Wichita*

The APPD Midwest Region held its second annual fall meeting on October 16-17, 2009 in Iowa City, Iowa. Stacy McConkey and Ambrosya Amlong, program director and program coordinator respectively at the University of Iowa, graciously agreed to host and coordinate this meeting for our membership. The agenda for the meeting included an introductory presentation by Stacy McConkey regarding enhancing communication between nurses and physicians, followed by a morning session of presentations and discussions of three separate topics. Emily Borman-Shoap, Associate Program Director at the University of Minnesota, led a discussion entitled "Creating and Implementing a Web-based Continuity Clinic Curriculum." Joy Drass, Program Director at the University of Missouri-Columbia, along with colleagues Kristin Koehn, Associate Program Director, and Russell McCulloh, former resident, then presented a check-out system that they have been implementing in their program. Their presentation is entitled "PAGER: A Standardized Physician Check-out System Using Crew Training Principles." The third topic discussed was "To Click or Not to Click: Audience Response Systems and Resident Education," presented by Keith Mann, Associate Program Director at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and his colleagues and chief residents, Sarah McCormick and Lindsey Albenberg. Following lunch, the afternoon agenda consisted of informal breakout sessions for program directors and associate program directors, coordinators, and chief residents respectively, in which additional ideas were shared and potential collaborative projects were discussed. We would like to again thank our friends at the University of Iowa for hosting and we look forward to seeing many of our members in Chicago in the spring.

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## New England Region

*Edwin Zalneraitis, MD, University of Connecticut*

The NPPD continues to meet twice yearly. Active membership continues to include the following pediatric residency programs: Albany Medical College, Bay State Medical Center, Brown University at Hasbro Children's Hospital, the combined program of Boston Children's Hospital and Boston City Hospital, Dartmouth at CHAD, Maine Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Massachusetts, Tufts NEMC, University of Vermont, Yale University at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, and the University of Connecticut at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. There is a new Co-Chair. Replacing Aida Velez is Vanessa Goodwin, Coordinator of the University of Vermont Pediatric Residency Program.

The spring meeting of NPPD was held March 27, 2009 and was hosted by the University of Massachusetts Pediatric Residency Program in Worcester, Massachusetts.

**The Combined Morning Session** was titled, “Helping Residents Who Are Not Meeting Expectations,” with facilitator Susan Starr, MEd, Faculty Development Center and presenters Daniel Kirsch, MD, Director, Resident Counseling Center, Lorrie Gehlbach, PhD, Faculty Development Center.

**The Chief Resident session** was facilitated by Jennifer Austin Bram, MD and Neal Tyrrell, MD, Chief Residents University of Massachusetts

- Nuts and Bolts of Being a Chief Resident
- Past year: What was good? What could have been better?
- Chief Resident job description: What do we do?
- Chief Residents as teachers and evaluators

#### **Program Directors and Clerkship Directors:**

- IOM recommendations- What’s next? How should we prepare? When?
- Professionalism vs. Misconduct
- Update on Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education
- Update on Pediatric RRC- IPE, procedural competence, IOM
- Day Team – Night Team: New parlance and new educational challenges
- Effects of the economic downturn on programs

**Program Coordinators:** Facilitated by Gretchen Jones and Tiffany Nemptz, University of Massachusetts Coordinators

- Topics determined by the facilitators
- Break out session for Administrative Assistants

**Working Lunch:** Combined Session of Program Directors, Clerkship Directors and Chief Residents: Preserving Teaching Time in the Face of Clinical Pressures. Facilitated by Jerry Durbin and Ed Zalneraitis

**Afternoon- Program Directors, Clerkship Directors and Chief Residents:** Problem rotations: What are they and what can we do to make them better?

**Regional breakfast:** Members of the NPPD met Friday morning, May 1, 2009 in Baltimore at the Regional Breakfast of the APPD. Issues and survey items were addressed. The group present agreed to hold an election for the Chairs of the group, both the Program Director Chair and the Coordinator Chair. The fall meeting was hosted by the Yale University Pediatric Residency Program in New Haven, Connecticut, Thursday, October 22, 2009. The featured, combined topics were Pediatric Residency and Quality Improvement, and International Health and Pediatric Residency.

## **New York/New Jersey Region**

*Beth Woolf, NY Medical College at Westchester Medical Center*

The New York Region held its Annual Fall Retreat on October 13, 2009. The day-long program was hosted by Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at New York Medical College/ Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. With approximately 85 participants representing more than 20 programs in the New York/New Jersey region, we enjoyed an excellent educational session on Patient and Family Centered Rounds given by Dr. Patricia Hametz, the Associate Program Director for New York Presbyterian Hospital. The presentation was followed by a very lively discussion of necessary tools for implementation of Patient and Family Centered Rounds, faculty development needs, as well as identified issues and barriers.

The afternoon consisted of breakout groups to discuss issues identified as important to our region:

- APPD’s Pharma Policy
- Regional Dues
- We will fully use the APPD web site to post minutes of our regional meetings, evaluation results from the meetings, plans for future meetings with agendas, and the presentations themselves
- The Chief Residents are starting up a regional cooperative of member chiefs

Our Spring Regional Retreat has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the Corporate Learning Center at Jacobi Medical Center, when we hope to concentrate on curriculum content and development for pediatric residency in the area Disaster Preparedness with a particular focus on clinical response activities, such as were needed for the Swine Flu.

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## **Southwest Region**

*Surendra Varma, MD, Texas Tech University (Lubbock)*

Dr. Surendra Varma presided over the Southwest Regional Breakfast session, held at the Hilton Baltimore Convention Center. The following agenda was discussed:

Welcome and Introductions - Dr. Varma welcomed all and had everyone introduce themselves by name, title, and school they were representing.

Share Warehouse – It was highly suggested that everyone utilize the APPD Share Warehouse. Dr. Hicks of UT Southwestern has submitted documents of interest under Program Administration, ‘Year in a Program’. Others can view and give feedback or can submit their own.

Match/Scramble – Dr. Varma had a list of *proposed* changes from the NRMP that will be submitted to their Board of Directors on May 4.

The following principles were articulated:

- Extend the Match Participation Agreement to cover the Scramble, including the binding match commitment and requirements for ethical behavior
- Prior to Match Week, recertify all applicants for participation in the Scramble by sending recertification requests to medical school student affairs deans and the ECFMG
- Simultaneously release unmatched applicant and unfilled program information.
- Require applicants and programs to use ERAS
- Mandate a “time out” to allow applicants to consider their options and programs to consider all applicants; telephone interviews only
- Programs filling positions during Match Week would be required to make offers through the NRMP
  - ✓ Programs submit preference lists of applicants
  - ✓ Positions offered to applicants are time-limited
  - ✓ Applicants can receive multiple offers
  - ✓ Electronic handshake binds the deal
  - ✓ **Position deleted from dynamic List of Unfilled Programs**
  - ✓ Programs can add applicants to the bottom of the preference list
  - ✓ Offers continue through Friday of Match Week
- The *proposed* schedule for Match Week is as follows:
  - Monday – 12:00 p.m. Applicants: Did I Match? / Programs: Did I Fill? Applicants begin sending applications using ERAS
  - Tuesday – Applicant program communication, initiated by programs.
  - Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. Programs: Finalize preference lists; 12:00 p.m. Electronic offers begin using R3 System. Offers made every 2 hours with final offers for the day expiring at 6:00 p.m.
  - Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Schools: Match Notification Letters  
8:00 a.m. Schools: Electronic Match Results  
8:00 a.m. Schools: Match Results (Web)  
8:00 a.m. Schools: Applicant Choices by Specialty  
8:00 a.m. Advanced Data Tables  
2:00 p.m. Programs: Roster of Matched applicants  
Offers made every 2 hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. with final offers for the day expiring at 6:00 p.m.
  - Friday – Match Day

Background Checks - Background checks of incoming interns were discussed. We found some schools pay for this and some do not.

APPD Regional Dues – APPD is suggesting regional dues to cover additional regional meeting costs. Most were not in favor of this as they feel they should not subsidize other regions since our region does not meet any other time. It was suggested our region meet at state TPS meetings but not all can attend and it would not include New Mexico which is part of our region.

Face Book - It was also suggested we start a ‘face book’ for posting regional news or share site. While some agreed this would be good, some stated they would need to receive an email stating that someone has posted something on the face book as a reminder to go to that site. Dr. Reenu Eapen of UT Southwestern will look into this suggestion.

APPD Web Page – Photos for the APPD web page are encouraged to be uploaded by *all* members.

Residents’ Teaching Skills - This included discussion of the following:

- Evaluations of residents at each PGY level about teaching skills
- Student evaluations
- Family centered rounds

International Electives – Dr. Varma questioned how other schools allowed these electives.

- One school allows all residents to take electives outside of the USA and is paid their salary during this time.
- Residents can apply for AAP international grant with support from program director.
- One program allows their residents to go to Brownsville/ Mexico only as they have set this up with a practicing physician for international experience.
- Majority of programs’ hospitals pay the resident salaries while on this elective.
- Most programs feel this is important to show what the program offers in this area for recruitment.
- There was discussion of impact on continuity clinic while doing away rotation.

ACLS Requirement – There was discussion of differences of each program’s requirements. All programs require PALS. There are hospitals where pediatric residents rotate which require ACLS. In those cases pediatric residents are required to have ACLS prior to the start of training.

Procedures Log – There was discussion of how each program keeps procedure logs. Some use the ACGME and can upload to New Innovations.

ACGME Resident Survey – UTMB Austin feels the questions are vague on this survey. It was suggested as a group we should propose a questionnaire to include all groups to the

ACGME. The average of gray shaded boxes in the survey is the same for all programs overall.

#### Coordinators' Issues –

-It was suggested that all programs allow their coordinators to come to the national meetings each year.

-Salary issues were discussed.

-All Coordinators should be encouraged to complete the TAGME process for certification as they become qualified to do so for personal accomplishment and growth.

Meeting Planning Needs Assessment – A Needs Assessment Survey was distributed to all attendees with request to return to Dr. Varma.

Fellowship Directors – The programs with fellowship programs were asked to encourage respective fellowship directors to attend these meetings.

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### **Western Region**

*Adam Rosenberg, MD, University of Colorado*

APPD Western Regional Meeting was held at the Harbor/UCLA Medical Center on October 2, 2009.

The Programs represented included: Harbor/UCLA, USC/LA Children's, University of California San Francisco, University of Utah, University of Colorado Denver, Loma Linda, White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles, Southern California Kaiser Permanente and University of Oregon Health Sciences. Attendees included Program Directors, Associate Program Directors, Chief Residents and Program Coordinators.

The initial part of the morning was spent reviewing the Western Regional APPD project. Dan West presented data from the original round of survey monkey questionnaires that were completed by 16 out of 19 people who received the survey. He is now prepared to move ahead with the next round of expert panel review, again using the same people who responded to the initial survey. After this second round of surveys, the instrument will hopefully be fairly close to development and the target date for piloting the instrument is January, 2010.

The next portion of the morning was spent talking about strategies to help sell the western region to recruits across the country. A number of issues were discussed, including geography, the fact that some of the programs are one-stop visits and the difficulty in recruiting a diverse group of applicants for at least some of the programs. Materials from different centers were shared among the participants.

A lunchtime discussion was held with Carol Berkowitz, who presented issues of professionalism for program directors. It

was a lively, interactive discussion of a number of different, real-life circumstances.

The afternoon was spent primarily touring the facilities of Harbor/UCLA, as well as reviewing a virtual tour of USC/LA Children's. The session closed with a meeting with a group of 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students who were on the pediatric rotation at Harbor/UCLA.

Overall it was an excellent day with good discussions and allowed us to make progress on the Western Region special APPD project. We look forward to meeting with everyone again in Chicago next April.

### **2010 ACGME AWARDS GO TO APPD MEMBERS**

Warm congratulations go to three exemplary APPD members who were recently named recipients of 2010 ACGME Awards!



*John Frohna, MD*

The 2010 Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" Award goes to **John Frohna, MD, Program Director at the University of Wisconsin** as one of ten recipients across all specialties.

The David C. Leach, MD Award acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contribution to graduate medical education. One of the first five recipients to win this award is **David Turner, MD, Associate Program Director at Duke University**.



*David Turner, MD*

The newly created GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award honors and recognizes the very crucial role that program coordinators play in the success of a residency program. **Jeri Whitten, C-TAGME, Residency Program Coordinator at West Virginia University (Charleston)** was named as one of five recipients.



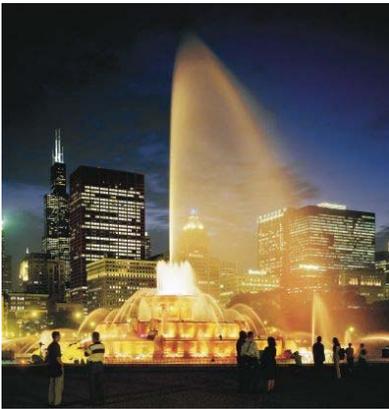
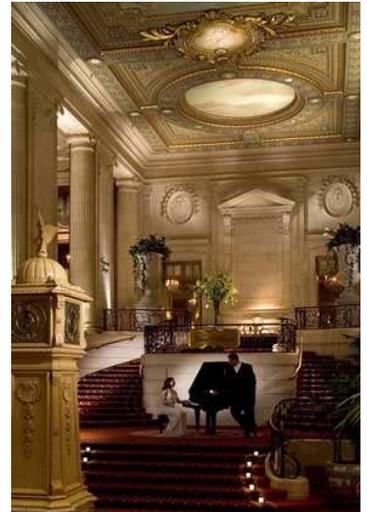
*Jeri Whitten, C-TAGME*

The awards will be presented at the ACGME Meeting in the spring.



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