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# coorCOMM

a monthly bulletin from the Coordinators' Communication Committee

## You, Coordinator Emeritus

In August 2013, the Coordinators' Executive Committee received approval for a proposed Coordinator Emeritus status:

*Coordinators retiring with at least 20 years of service in the Graduate Medical Education profession are eligible for appointment to emeritus status. They must be age 60 or older and have a minimum of ten years of continuous membership with the APPD. Individuals are eligible for emeritus status as long as they are not otherwise qualified to be a member of APPD. Such appointments require the recommendation of the Executive Committee to which the respective individual or other named person(s) report.*

*Since emeritus status recognizes the retiree's contributions to the APPD, persons recommended for emeritus status should have a substantial record of achievement during their tenure with APPD.*

*Individuals with emeritus status shall be granted a reduced fee to attend meetings and to participate in all APPD activities. No annual assessment will be required and the GME professional will remain on all distribution lists until such time they ask to have the emeritus status revoked.*

*Recommendations for appointment to emeritus status should be made as early as possible during the professional's final year of service and should include a letter from them requesting emeritus status, along with a current e-mail and mailing address.*

*A proclamation regarding service to the APPD may be read or posted according to the family's wishes upon the professional's death.*

## Regional Updates

### Upcoming Regional Meetings

Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting  
October 2, 2013 (before fall meeting)  
9:30 - 11:30am  
Inova Fairfax Medical Campus  
Falls Church, VA

Western Region Meeting  
February 21, 2014  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, NM

## WebADS Faculty Roster

Please follow [this link](#) to see the Review Committee for Pediatrics' expectations for entering faculty rosters into WebADS. Instructions are available for categorical and subspecialty programs. This document is also available on WebADS.

## Announcements, Events and Accomplishments

**Ashley J** (Univ of Louisville/Kosair Children's Hospital) and **Grainger A** (Carolinas Medical Center/Levine Children's Hospital). Effective Communication Skills in Graduate Medical Education: I didn't hear you. Workshop presentation at ACGME Annual Educational Conference, February 2014, National Harbor, MD.

**Ashley J** (Univ of Louisville/Kosair Children's Hospital) and Keenan T (University of Louisville). Building an Effective Graduate Medical Education Community. Workshop presentation at ACGME Annual Educational Conference, February 2014, National Harbor, MD.

Happy Birthday, October babies! October is a month of world-changing debuts: carbon paper (1806), first motion picture (1889), NYC subway (1904), Ford Model-T (1908), Mt Rushmore (1941), Peanuts comic strip (1950), microwave oven (1955), Pac-Man (1979) to name a few.

Have you had a CLER visit? Are your recruitment practices the best in the business? Please email comments, questions, best practices, tips, etc to tara.mckinley@louisville.edu for inclusion in a future issue of coorCOMM!

# Tools

## APPD

APPD is now accepting abstract submissions for the 2014 Spring Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, October 22. For more information about abstracts and the conference, please visit [APPD](#).

## ACGME/JGME

ACGME and JGME announced a supplement that will appear in the March 2014 issue of JGME that will contain milestones for Phase II specialties. See the full press release [here](#).

## New Innovations

The fall New Innovations Coordinators Conference will take place October 23-25, 2014, at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. As usual, the conference will consist of multiple tracks for varying experience levels. See [New Innovations' website](#) for more information.

## E\*Value

E\*Value recently introduced a new series of webinars covering each E\*Value solution and ways to fully utilize the user desktop. More information available on [E\\*Value](#).

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## On the Lighter Side

Vanessa Van Edwards, of the [Huffington Post](#), offers a few tips for those of us who have spent hours reading applicant information in ERAS (fellowship coordinators: hold on to this info until your interview periods arrive):

Eye Flexibility Exercises: for tired eyes

Slowly make a figure-8 with your eyes

Move your eyes from side to side and up and down while looking into an open space

Massage the areas around your eyes

Eye Breaks: every hour

Look at anything that isn't a screen - out the window, at a friend, so some flexibility exercises

Light: when you want to look silly

Go outside, close your eyes and turn your head from side to side with your face toward the sun

Eye Strengthening Exercises

Hold your finger in front of your face. Practice switching focus from your finger to an object about 20 feet away.

Blink rapidly, it helps relax your eyes.