

Only in Washington, DC can you be inspired by touring the magnificent monuments by day (nearly all of them offer free admission), then take in magical performances by the National Symphony Orchestra and world-class opera by night. Washington, DC is a city of colorful and diverse neighborhoods, filled with hip boutiques and galleries, historic homes and small museums, urban parks and spectacular gardens and restaurant choices to satisfy any palette and price. Neighborhoods are ideal for walking and almost all are accessible by Metrorail.

Upscale boutiques, cozy antique shops and vibrant outdoor markets abound in Washington, DC's neighborhoods, while bargain-filled outlet malls are located just minutes from downtown. If shopping is on your mind, DC is the place! Washington, DC is a shopper's paradise.

"Food choices in Washington, DC are as varied and international as the visitors and residents in this most cosmopolitan of places." *Passport, June 2002.*

Any part of the city reveals dining choices to suit any taste whether you seek a small tucked away café a neighborhood coffee shop or one of a number of the best signature restaurants in the country.

Bring your family! While the array of historical sights, cultural attractions, fabulous restaurants and exciting nightlife are always popular with adults, the city offers an amazing variety of activities for younger family members. Packed with dozens of free, kid-friendly attractions, Washington, DC is an ideal destination for a fun, educational family vacation. Your children will be delighted and entertained. The city's restaurants, walking tour guides, museums and hotels extend warm welcomes to children with special programs geared toward younger visitors. Children who visit the capital city leave with a new sense of wonderment and a better understanding of American history and government.

Join us for a special meeting that celebrates our traditions, partnerships and alliances and universal mission of improving child health in our nation's capital.

Climate

Springtime in DC... nothing like it! Expect average daily high temperatures of 75°F (25°C) and lows of 55°F (14°C).

The American Experience

Washington, DC is the proud home of the nation's capital and is a sophisticated city in its own right. We will host our program in the heart of the city with well-known monuments and inspiring memorials within walking distance.



For Local Information:

Washington, DC Convention and Tourism Corporation

URL: www.washington.org

901 7th Street NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20001-3719

Phone: 202-789-7000 Fax: 202-789-7037

The Washington Convention Center

Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW, Washington, DC, is the site for the 2005 PAS, ASPHO, ASPN, LWPES and PIDS Meetings and Exhibition. A complimentary shuttle will run between participating hotels and the convention center during the hours of scheduled programming. Shuttle service will be available for some evening activities at the Renaissance Washington DC and Grand Hyatt Hotels. A shuttle schedule will be posted at official PAS hotels and in the registration area of the convention center.

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Valuable tools – saves you time! The entire PAS program is available online before the meeting (www.pas-meeting.org) and on CD. Create a personalized itinerary, search on areas of interest, tag important events, resolve schedule conflicts and print an itinerary. Abstracts2View™ is available on disk on a complimentary basis and can be obtained during the meeting. This is a practical aid to reading and reviewing abstracts after the meeting. Abstracts2View™ has a PDA download feature that allows you to download the itinerary you created with the Abstracts2View™ program. To use this new feature you need to have a DOC reader installed on your PDA. Links and instructions are available through the Abstracts-On-Line link at www.pas-meeting.org. *Visit our website after April 15th to plan your personalized PAS itinerary online!*

Abstract Publication

Abstracts are published in electronic format only. Visit the PAS website for complimentary access to Abstracts2View™.

Alliance Societies and Clubs

These events are organized independently from the PAS. **Clubs** are open to all PAS attendees at no additional fee. **Alliance** societies are open to all PAS registered attendees, some don't require a fee while others require advance registration and/or a fee to attend. Refer to the alliance programming details beginning on page 67 for further information.

Child Care Program

We are pleased to offer a professional children's program specifically for PAS families, serviced again by San Diego-based KiddieCorp, a nationally established firm who has served the PAS since 1995.

You ask, "Will our children enjoy themselves?" Absolutely!! KiddieCorp's friendly team members come prepared with age-appropriate games, souvenir arts and crafts projects, toys and entertainment that will deliver fond memories for children ages 6 months through 12 years old. The KiddieCorp team members are bonded, qualified child care specialists who are carefully selected and trained.

The program will be available Saturday, May 14 through Tuesday, May 17, 2005. Space is limited, and we suggest registering by April 15, 2005.

Additional information and **on-line registration** can be obtained at www.pas-meeting.org or by contacting KiddieCorp at 858-455-1718 or by email at paskids@kiddiecorp.com.

A Special Note for the Disabled

The Pediatric Academic Societies wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently from other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. If you are in need of auxiliary aids or services, please contact us at info@pas-meeting.org.

Emergency Plan

The PAS has an established plan. Contact the PAS office or the Meeting Information Desk for further information.

Message Center / Internet Cafe

The PAS Message Center, located in the meeting registration area at the Washington Convention Center, offers internal and internet messaging capabilities and is open during the scientific program hours. All attendees indicate a password through the meeting registration process and can leave or retrieve messages during the PAS meeting. Messages can also be left via telephone. Messages can be retrieved or sent by logging in and using your meeting registration password.

Press Room

Press may check in and register in the Press Room at the Washington Convention Center. Additional information will also be posted on our website at www.pas-meeting.org.

Related Committees, Gatherings and Alumni Activities

The 2005 PAS is the site for various committees, gatherings and receptions. All requests for space for these events must be submitted to the PAS Program Office. Visit our website at www.pas-meeting.org. Space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Renaissance Washington DC will serve as the location for most clubs and related activities. A schedule of all known activities will be published in the final program and on the PAS website by April 15, 2005.

Travel Tips for PAS Meeting Attendees

Security regulations prohibit metal nail files, fingernail clippers, sewing scissors, razors or knives of any kind in carry-on luggage. We suggest that you double-check your suitcases, particularly shaving and cosmetic bags, briefcases or purses, to ensure that such items are in checked luggage.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) advises travelers to arrive at the airport two hours prior to any domestic departure and three hours prior to international flight departures to allow plenty of time to check luggage and go through the more intense security procedures.

Electronic tickets are valid and permitted under the new airport security requirements, however the FAA requires that travelers hold one of the following boarding documents to get past security: a receipt for an electronic ticket, an itinerary generated by the airline or travel agency confirming an electronic ticket, a boarding pass or a paper ticket. Only ticketed passengers are now allowed in the gate areas.

Some airlines have eliminated food service on flights. If flights overlap usual meal times, travelers might want to bring a meal or snack with them.

Before departing for the airport, verify with the carrier's website or reservations line that your flight is departing and that it is on-time.

Hotel Accommodations

The Pediatric Academic Societies have negotiated special rates with select hotels for meeting attendees who make their reservations by April 15, 2005. All reservations must be made through the official housing service. Hotels will not accept any reservations directly. See page 101 for instructions on making reservations for the PAS. Visit our website at www.pas-meeting.org to secure housing on-line and receive instant confirmation.

Official PAS Hotels

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center
 Grand Hyatt Washington
 Hamilton Crowne Plaza
 Henley Park
 Hilton Garden Inn
 Holiday Inn Downtown
 JW Marriott
 The Madison
 Marriott at Metro Center
 Morrison Clark
 Renaissance Washington DC
 Washington Plaza
 Willard Inter-Continental
 Wyndham Washington

Headquarter Hotel Designations

Pediatric Academic Societies
 Renaissance Washington DC
 Grand Hyatt Washington

American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
 Renaissance Washington DC

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
 Renaissance Washington DC

Association of Pediatric Program Directors
 Renaissance Washington DC

Reach Out and Read Program
 Grand Hyatt Washington

Hotels fill quickly. Reserve **early** to receive the best rates and choice of hotels. Book on line at www.pas-meeting.org and receive immediate confirmation.

Housing Alert

Please support PAS. Book your reservations under the PAS room block and only at official PAS designated hotels. We need you to help us! Please BOOK rooms only through the process outlined on page 101.

Accommodations reserved outside the PAS Housing block may seem less expensive but in reality you jeopardize benefits you enjoy as a PAS attendee:

- Complimentary meeting space for committees, social activities and alliance and club activities.
- Our ability to track and document our actual needs for future planning

On your behalf, the PAS signs hotel contracts. If we don't fill our block, PAS pays penalty fees. If PAS pays penalty fees, you as the attendee will experience higher registration fees or less space for the program you value—Less opportunity to share advances and breakthroughs.

Transportation

Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting

● Washington, DC May 14-17, 2005

Book on-line at: www.atcmeetings.com/pas
 Follow the Member Travel links to find:



TRAVEL DISCOUNTS & RESERVATIONS:

- AIRLINE DISCOUNTS up to 10% off the lowest available fares*
- WEB FARES
- CAR DISCOUNTS up to 25% off regular rates
- ZONE FARES region-to-region flat rates
- CONSOLIDATOR AND NET FARES reducing the cost of high price tickets

ATC EXTRAS:

- Advanced seat assignments
- Special meal requests
- Frequent flyer mileage updates
- Personal Profiles for repeat customers

ASSOCIATION TRAVEL CONCEPTS

Phone 800-458-9383 FAX: 858-362-3153

Email reservations@atcmeetings.com



● United	800-521-4041	510CK
Continental	800-468-7022	VXBVVF
Hertz	800-654-2240	CV031C0005
Avis	800-331-1600	J952801

* Tickets purchased at least 60 days prior to departure receive a 10% off coach and 15% off first class. Tickets purchased less than 60 days prior to departure receive 5% off coach and 10% off first class. Service fees apply to completed reservations booked on-line. Hours of operation are 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM EST.

Travel Dates: 5/11/05 - 5/20/05

● www.atcmeetings.com/pas

Taxi/Shuttle Transportation

There are three major airports in the Capital Region; all are within 35 miles of Washington, DC. Shuttle vans and taxis will take you between downtown Washington and all three airports. Amtrak train service is available between Baltimore-Washington Airport and Washington. Duration times range from 30 minutes to 1 hour and fees range from \$12 to \$35.