



Welcome



Dear Colleagues,

I come to you with exciting news regarding the preliminary program for the May PAS 2007 Meeting to be held in Toronto, Canada. The theme reflects our endeavors to raise the bar for scientific content of the program and highlights the Global Priorities of Child Health.

An outstanding group of experts have accepted invitations to share their latest research that promises to have an impact on the present and future of child health. We will also bring a translational arm, which will address applications to the bedside, community-based investigations, outcomes of interventions, relevant ethical issues and important educational

components that are critical to the future of junior colleagues and trainees. Whether your interest is in hypothesis-driven or discovery-based research, career development or advocacy, the meeting this year will provide fertile ground to network and will generate novel ideas and renew our energy in science.

The American Pediatric Society (APS), the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR), the Ambulatory Pediatric Association (APA), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) are the principal sponsors. Representatives from these four societies have worked with representatives from the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, Association of Pediatric Program Directors, Child Neurology Society, International Pediatric Hypertension Association, Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and the Society for Adolescent Medicine to put together a stimulating meeting that encompasses original science, symposia, hot topics, mini courses, basic science and educational workshops, and special interest groups. These highly interactive sessions will provide a setting that promotes networking.

On behalf of the leadership and staff of the PAS, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of the PAS program Committee, Workshop Committee, Affiliate Committee and Operating Committee for volunteering their time and effort to develop the final program.

The PAS is a big tent for academic pediatrics and continues to provide focused venues for exchange of ideas that ignite collaborations. The meetings will provide an opportunity for all of us to celebrate science and the exchanges will linger long after the end of the meetings in the form of renewed excitement and vigor.

I have been privileged to serve as your program chair and I look forward to seeing all of you at the PAS 2007 in Toronto, Canada.


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