

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite everyone to participate in the May 2008, Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Hawaii. Treat yourself to the amazing mix of State of the Art, Hot topic, Topic symposium, Workshop and new science sessions.

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 translational research studies of global child health and community-based investigations. Relevant ethical issues and important educational components that are critical to the future of junior colleagues and trainees are also featured. 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 your energy in science.

Representatives of the five sponsoring organizations, the American Pediatric Society (APS), the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR), the Ambulatory Pediatric Association (APA), the Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) have worked with representatives from the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, Association of Pediatric Program Directors, Child Neurology Society, International Pediatric Hypertension Association, Japan Pediatric Society, Japan Society for Pediatric Nephrology, Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, Programme for Global Paediatric Research, Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, and the Society for Adolescent Medicine to construct a stimulating meeting. This meeting will include original science, symposia, hot topics, mini courses, basic science and educational workshops, and special interest groups. All these highly interactive sessions which have proven so popular will provide a setting that engages the participants.

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, Executive Committee and Operating Committee for volunteering their time and effort to develop the final program.

The PAS is an important venue for academic pediatrics, is the result of wide collaboration and continues to provide focus for exchange of ideas that propel the future of child health. 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.

Sincerely,

Bill Keenan, MD
PAS Program Committee Chair, 2008

