



Dear Colleagues:

Exciting things are in store for Baltimore that you won't want to miss. I invite each of you to participate in the 2009 PAS Annual Meeting, May 2-5, 2009. This year's meeting opens with interactive, informative Workshops and concludes with controversial sparked Hot Topic presentations. The days are intricately laced with a generous mix of invited and original science presentations, special interest group, club and public policy discussions that impact all children.

The PAS Annual Meeting is a unique forum for pediatrics because it provides an opportunity for representatives from almost all pediatric subspecialty areas to collaborate, exchange findings and share ideas that propel the future of child health.

The PAS is comprised of four sponsoring organizations—the American Pediatric Society, the Society for Pediatric Research, the Academic Pediatric Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Organizations that align with the PAS and add further depth to this unique **collaboration** are the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology; Asian Society for Pediatric Research; Association of Pediatric Program Directors; Child Neurology Society; Clinical and Translational Science Awards-Pediatrics Oversight Committee; Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics; International Pediatric Hypertension Society; Japan Pediatric Society; Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society; North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition; Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society; Programme for Global Paediatric Research; Society for Adolescent Medicine; and the Society for Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. Together these dedicated organizations have constructed a comprehensive, invigorating meeting that promises to benefit everyone involved.

Please join us as we celebrate the offerings of science and experience exchanges that will linger long after the end of the meetings in the form of renewed excitement and energy. Your attendance is important and provides added value and strength to the participating societies by augmenting the research agenda for children, supporting the scientific quality and policy initiatives important for children, and furthering the well being of children everywhere.

On behalf of the PAS leadership and staff, we extend our sincere gratitude to those who have contributed to this exciting program and look forward to experiencing the fruits of your labor in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

William J. Keenan, M.D.
PAS Program Committee Chair, 2009