

**Eastern Society for Pediatric Research
(ESPR)**



The 21st Annual Meeting of the ESPR was held on March 13-15, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza, Philadelphia, PA.

Over 280 abstracts were submitted and 221 were chosen for presentation. Attendees enjoyed 3 outstanding plenary sessions from Drs. Ivan D. Frantz, III, (Floating Hospital for Children; Tufts University), Norman Rosenblum (Hospital for Sick Children; University of Toronto), Nina Schor (Golisano Children's Hospital; University of Rochester), a Lunch with the Professor program with Dr. Edward E. Lawson (Johns Hopkins; Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Perinatology) as well as Faculty and Trainee Young Investigator Award competitions, subspecialty platform sessions and two poster sessions.

The ESPR would like to thank staff in the APS/SPR office for their continued help and support. Their efforts and help have fully integrated the ESPR with the PAS.

We particularly wish to thank our Academic and Corporate Sponsors for making the Annual Meeting possible. Their contributions are acknowledged on the ESPR website at <https://www.aps-spr.org/ESPR/default.htm>.

ESPR welcomes investigators in all pediatric disciplines from within our region to apply for membership! As a young investigator engaged in clinical or laboratory research in pediatrics, you will have the opportunity to join an organization whose mission is to encourage your research endeavors. Through our annual meeting, we provide a forum for the presentation and dissemination of your innovative ideas and research, an opportunity to network with more senior investigators, and special topics of particular interest to those early in their investigative careers. The Eastern region spans from New England south to Northern Virginia and the D.C. suburbs, west through New York State, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as well as including Toronto and Eastern Canada. Please see our website for details on applying for membership.

Visit the PAS Resource Center at the 2010 PAS Annual Meeting or the ESPR website for information on programs and activities of the ESPR.

2010 ESPR Annual Meeting

March 26 – 28, 2010 ~ Doubletree Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

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**Midwest Society for Pediatric Research
(MWSPR)**



The 2008 MWSPR Annual Meeting was held October 16-17 in Cleveland, OH. Sixty-seven abstracts were presented in oral or poster presentations and the following award recipients were honored:

Outstanding Abstract Presentations

Undergraduate or Medical Student
Christine Pittner, University of Wisconsin
Student Research Award

Resident or Fellow Trainee
Melissa Agoudemos MD, University of Iowa
Frederick M. Kenny Memorial Award

Sundan Rajan MD, University of Michigan
Jack Metcalf Award

Junior Faculty Member
Alex Huang MD, Case Western Reserve University
Marie Becker MD, University of Missouri-Kansas City
James Sutherland Award

Career Contributions Award
William Truog MD, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Founder's Award

2009 MWSPR Annual Meeting

October 8-9, 2009 ~ Chicago, IL

2010 MWSPR Annual Meeting

October 14 - 15, 2009 ~ Iowa City, IA

Abstract Deadline June 2010

Nominations for membership in the MWSPR are strongly encouraged. To be eligible, an individual should be pursuing an active full-time career in academic pediatrics as a faculty member at a teaching institution in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Western Pennsylvania (including Pittsburgh), Manitoba, or Saskatchewan. The nominee must have made a scientific contribution, as documented by first authorship of at least one published paper in a refereed scientific journal. Case reports and review articles are not generally considered to satisfy this requirement. Members in the SPR in the Midwest are automatically accepted. Membership deadline Sept 1, 2010

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Southern Society for Pediatric Research (SSPR)



The 2009 SSPR Annual Meeting took place in New Orleans at the InterContinental Hotel on February 12-14, 2009. 443 abstracts were submitted and presented by poster or oral presentation. Workshops in manuscript preparation and review, grant writing, statistical genetics, and patient-centered medical homes were sponsored. The joint plenary session explored the development of patient-specific therapeutics, and the AAP District VII Perinatal Section's Red Hot "Chili" Symposium focused on pulmonary responses to infection. Among the awardees, the following were honored:

2009 Clinical Science Young Investigator Award

James Moore, Emory University

2009 Basic Science Young Investigator Award

Shilpa Vyas-Read, Emory University

2009 Young Faculty Awards

Donna Halloran, Saint Louis University

Dennis Kuo, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Akhil Maheshwari, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Anna-Kathryn Rye, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Thitnart Sithisarn, University of Kentucky

Andrea Willeitner, Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center

2009 Ross Pediatric Educator Award

Jon Tyson, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

2009 Founder's Award

Marilyn Escobedo, Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center

2010 SSPR Annual Meeting

February 25-27, 2010 ~ New Orleans, LA

Abstract Deadline: October 16, 2009

Membership Information

Background—The Southern Society for Pediatric Research (SSPR) was organized in 1960 to provide a forum for pediatric investigators from the South to present their work and includes approximately 400 active members.

Membership Categories—

- Active members hold M.D. or Ph.D. degree and have an interest in pediatric research.
- Honorary members are individuals who lack a doctoral degree but who have made significant contributions to pediatrics.

How To Apply—All applications must be proposed and seconded by **2 members of SSPR with accompanying letters supporting your application.** Complete the Membership Application, attach accompanying letters, and mail, along with check for \$65 to the address on the application.

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Western Society for Pediatric Research (WSPR)



The 2009 WSPR Annual Meeting was held January 28 – 31, 2009 in Carmel, CA. The following award recipients were honored:

2009 Abbott Nutritionals Young Investigator Award

David A. Stevenson, MD, University of Utah

2009 David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award

Bonnie Tam, MD, USC Keck School of Medicine

2009 Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award

Based on most outstanding abstract submitted to WSPR meeting by a student Patrick Yang, University of British Columbia

Joseph W. St. Geme Jr. Education Award

David K. Stevenson, MD, Stanford University

2010 WSPR Annual Meeting

January 27– January 30, 2010 ~ Carmel, CA

Abstract Deadline: October 1, 2009 <http://wrm2010.abstractcentral.com>

The Western Society for Pediatric Research (WSPR) welcomes investigators from all nations and at all levels of career to apply for membership! As a young investigator engaged in clinical or laboratory research in pediatrics, you will have the opportunity to join an organization whose mission is to encourage your research endeavors. Through our co-sponsorship of the Pediatric Academic Societies' (PAS) Annual Meeting, we provide a forum for the presentation and dissemination of your innovative ideas and research. In addition, the Society actively supports the development of future pediatric scientists by our sponsorship of trainee and young faculty travel awards, and recognizes outstanding research achievements in pediatrics through sponsored awards.

The WSPR welcomes all investigators from all nations and all pediatric disciplines to join the Society as we bridge basic science, clinical and translational research for the advancement of the health and well being of children worldwide.

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