



Dear Colleagues:

Vancouver, having just hosted the XXI Winter Olympic Games, will provide a fabulously scenic location for the 2010 PAS Annual Meeting. I invite each of you to join us there from May 1-4. The 2010 meeting includes a new Opening Session on Saturday afternoon with keynote addresses and awards and the celebration of the 50th anniversary for the Academic Pediatric Association. These busy four days are filled with a broad array of invited and original science presentations, special interest groups, clubs and public policy discussions that impact all children.

The PAS Annual Meeting is a unique scientific forum because it provides an opportunity for representatives from almost all areas of pediatrics 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; Federation of Pediatric Organizations; 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 learn from one another, both through formal scientific presentations and informal interactions. Your attendance is important as each one of us provides added value and strength to the participating societies by augmenting the research agenda for children, supporting our scientific quality and policy initiatives, and furthering the well being of children throughout the world. The benefits of joining your colleagues at the meeting will persist long after its end in the form of renewed excitement and energy.

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 Vancouver.

Sincerely,

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