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Dear Program Committee Members,

On behalf of the PAS Program Committee Leadership Team and Staff, thank you for your continued engagement, and dedication to the success of PAS 2021. Your support has led to a wonderful response to our 2021 Scholarly Session, Workshop and Abstract calls – important milestones in our development of a strong scholarly program.

When the Abstract call closed yesterday, final submissions totaled 3,395, which is 745 more than we had conservatively projected. In 2020, 5058 Abstracts were submitted. The 2021 submission outcome is extraordinary in light of the many extra demands the academic pediatrics community faces in the ongoing pandemic. The community's strong desire to participate in PAS reminds us again of the importance of the program you are working so hard to plan. Thank you!

Be on the lookout for a detailed communication coming from the PAS Program Department with your next steps for Abstract review and selection as we build the first-ever PAS 2021 Virtual program. The PAS team is busy beginning to create a draft schedule to place Scholarly Sessions during PAS 2021 Phase I (April 29 - May 4). As we do each year, we will gather your feedback to ensure we create as balanced a schedule as is possible. We anticipate sharing this draft with you by the end of January. Later we will follow a similar process to gather your feedback on the draft schedule for PAS 2021 Phase II (May 10 - June 4).

We look forward to the February 10th Program Committee Meeting (2 pm CT) and to receiving your continued feedback and recommendations. If you have questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me. As your PAS Meeting Director, your feedback is very important to me!

Best Regards,

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