

*Sent on behalf of Dr. Patrick Brophy, PAS 2021 Program Chair*



Dear 2021 PAS Program Committee Member,

Welcome! Whether you are a new or a continuing member of the PAS Program Committee, we appreciate your active participation more than ever in shaping the PAS Meeting, especially during these unprecedented times.

With the recent announcement that PAS 2021 will be 100% virtual, we are excited to work with you in planning how to provide the great content participants expect from PAS to a digital and global audience. While the delivery mode will be different, the strengths of our meeting—top-notch science and learning combined with collaboration with colleagues—stay the same and, with your input, we are confident that PAS 2021 will make a valuable contribution to advancing child health.

The PAS Program Committee is responsible for the overall organization, construction, and evaluation of the PAS Meeting scientific program. Nearly [30 organizations](#) come together to build a program that reflects the broad-based interests of the faculty, researchers, educators, trainees, and others who attend the PAS Meeting.

The Committee includes representatives from PAS Partner, Alliance, and Affiliate societies that meet in conjunction with the PAS Meeting. Representatives of pediatric specialties and subspecialties are also included to ensure a well-rounded program.

Because each Committee member plays a vital role in the success of the PAS Meeting, we ask that you block time for our Committee meetings and planning tasks. Please take a moment to review the PAS 2021 Program Planning Timeline and ensure your calendar reflects invitations to the Committee's primary meetings:

- Wednesday, **Oct. 28, 2020**, 2-4 pm CT, by **teleconference** – to finalize selection and scheduling of Scholarly Sessions
- Saturday, **Feb. 10, 2021**, 2-4 pm CT, by **teleconference** – to finalize original science selections and scheduling (Platforms, Poster Symposia, Poster Sessions)

Also, please note the following **review periods**:

- Scholarly Session review: **Oct. 9-21, 2020** – in preparation for selection
- Scholarly Session selection: **Oct. 22-26, 2020** - random draw order will be announced soon
- Abstract review: **Jan. 12-25, 2021**
- Abstract selection and sessioning: **Jan. 27-Feb. 9, 2021**

If you have any schedule conflicts, [please contact us](#). Additional information will be provided over the next few months with more details, including the Program Committee web page, which presents further information on the Committee and will be updated as planning progresses.

Thank you again for your involvement. We look forward to your input and active participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PAS Meeting Director, [Glenda Minshev](#), or PAS Program Director, [Belinda Thomas](#).

Sincerely,



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