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Communications Director's Message

This issue of the **APA Focus** is focused on **Research**, one of our core missions including an update from the Research Committee and the announcement of new research awards. Remember the request for applications to the Young Investigator Awards will come later this summer.



The PAS workshop deadline has just passed but make sure you are on track for abstract submission to the Denver 2011 PAS meeting - **November 17, 2010**. Abstract reviewers will be needed so please volunteer when the call goes out this fall. Better yet, work with a junior faculty member to help promote his or her career, or mentor someone who may not have done much reviewing. Both of you will gain in the process.

The APA thrives because of its members. The Spot Light on the APA website (www.academicpeds.org) features the faces the APA. Just below the Spot Light is the Highlight section. This underscores all the various core programs, SIGs, and other key activities of the APA. Even if it isn't your

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primary interest, see what your colleagues are doing in these great programs.

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President's Message

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Summer is usually a great time to relax. Pictures of beaches, playing in the pool, family vacations and lounging in a hammock while reading a good book come to my mind. But for those of us in academics, the New Year and new trainees make for a busy time. Likewise, the APA leadership and membership have been quite busy over these summer months. As APA President I have been able to attend several fascinating meetings and wanted to update you about some of them. All of these meetings have been important to the vitality of our organization, the APA, and several have served as a mechanism for ensuring your voice is heard.



Announcements

Call for Abstracts for Evidence Based Pediatrics SIG

Call For Systematic Reviews on Health Care Delivery Topics

Julius B. Richard AAP/FAMRI Call for Proposals

The past year has been an exciting time for health care reform. While many important initiatives have been written into the law, successful next steps will require pediatric organizations to lead the implementation and advance the policies both at the national and state levels. Hence, a meeting was convened from the National Public Policy Council in late June and leadership from many of the major pediatric organizations (AMSPDC, AAP, APA, APPD, APS, CoPS, FOPO, NACHRI, and SPR) were invited to attend to discuss reorganization of the Public Policy Council and determine if there is interest in convening a new coalition. The purpose of the coalition would be to determine if there is a need for a unified voice to advocate at the national level for the children we serve. Our APA representatives included **Paul Chung** from our APA Public Policy Committee, **Marge Degnon**, the Executive Director of the APA, and myself. It will be imperative for us to determine what national health related initiatives are important to our

membership and the children and adolescents whom we represent. **Mark Schuster**, the Elected Chair of the APA Public Policy Committee, has polled committee members to come up with important initiatives. Main components of the list include improving reimbursement and availability of pediatric services, ensuring access to care, support for pediatric research, addressing health care disparities and social determinants of care, and support for training in pediatrics (Title VII). I would like to thank Mark and the entire committee for helping to identify key issues. I am thrilled that Mark has agreed to represent the APA in future discussions concerning the formation of a coalition. Please consider joining the APA Public Policy Committee for more in-depth involvement with these issues. A detailed list of priority advocacy issues is available ([link to detailed list](#)).

Another way your voice was heard was in providing your input about the new ACGME duty hour recommendations. The Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO) had asked its members for comments to send to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. **Steve Selbst, Danielle Laraqe** and I developed a web based survey for our membership. I found it remarkable that over 200 of our members responded! These results were shared with FOPO and collated results from the pediatric organizations were sent to the ACGME. The survey outcomes from our APA members are summarized below.

Eighty percent or more of APA respondents endorsed the following resident duty hour recommendations:

- Duty hour limits to 80 hours per week averaged over 4 weeks
- Minimum of one day free per week, averaged over 4 weeks
- Residents may be allowed on site to accomplish transitions but time period should be no longer than 4 hours
- Residents must not attend continuity clinic after 24 hours of continuous in-house duty
- All levels of residents should have 10 hours and must have 8 hours free of duty between scheduled duty hours
- Residents must not be scheduled for more than 6 consecutive nights of night float
- PGY-2 residents on average must be scheduled for in- house call no more frequently than every 3rd night (no averaging)

General comments about these recommendations included concerns that limitations on duty hours may impact residents' ability to see the evolution of disease. There was equal support for the safety aspects to patients these recommendations present. Others felt clarity between the terms "must" and "should" was necessary. Many respondents expressed concern for the need to prepare residents to what will occur in their post residency career. For instance, practitioners may be up all night with a sick patient yet still provide care to patients the next day. Many respondents emphasized the importance of continuity clinic for education and patient care, and that the regulations should allow there to be more than one continuity session per week.

There was near universal endorsement (97%) for:

- Residents may remain beyond their scheduled duty to continue to provide care to a single patient or a severely ill patient or for humanistic reasons.

Comments included that this flexibility embraces the main purpose of the duty hour recommendations, the better care of patients and that professionalism and patient care, on occasion, should override duty hours.

However, over 80% DID NOT ENDORSE:

- Duty hours for PGY-1 must not exceed 16 hours in duration.

Many respondents questioned what evidence is available to support a 16 hour time duration, that duty hour duration should be the same for all levels of training, PGY-1 residents are the most carefully supervised and are in a better position to work when they are tired, that incorporation of this change will lead to too many handoffs by the least experienced trainees, and may ultimately create a shift mentality.

Finally, the response was more mixed for this recommendation and only 59% endorsed:

- Duty periods for PGY-2 and above may be scheduled to a maximum of 24 hours of continuity duty, but programs must encourage residents to use alertness management strategies and strategic napping is encouraged.

Most respondents felt that strategic napping would NOT be implemented and expressed the need to have consistency for work hour recommendations throughout the levels of training.

Thanks to all who responded.

Another exciting meeting was the PAS Program Committee meeting which took place July 17 in Chicago. This meeting convenes the PAS partners and affiliated organizations to decide on the invited science portion of the spring PAS meeting. Our PAS Program Committee includes **Danielle Laraque, Benard Dreyer, Glenn Flores, Steve Selbst, Judy Shaw, and myself.** **Marge Degnon** and **Jennifer Padilla** from the APA administration also assisted us. A total of 200 abstracts had been submitted for review to the Invited Science and we were able to participate in the selection of a really exciting program for the 2011 PAS Meeting in Denver! We worked hard to represent the interests of our membership to design the most exciting and innovative program that we could. Thanks to all of you who submitted abstracts. There were many innovative proposals submitted but a limited number of slots for acceptance. So, if your proposal didn't get accepted, please consider whether it would be appropriate for a workshop submission. There were many innovative proposals submitted but a limited number of slots for acceptance. Hope you considered submitting as a workshop or will consider for next year.

Finally, I attended the Pediatric Hospitalist Meeting from July 22-25, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN. This meeting is jointly sponsored by the AAP, APA and SHM (Society for Hospital Medicine). I found it to be a really exciting meeting with presentations about innovation, clinical conundrums, educational workshops and research abstract presentations. This meeting had it all! APA members **Jeff Simmons** and **Jeff Sperring** served on the planning committee. Also, PRIS, the Pediatric Research in Inpatient Settings of the APA, shared their redesign strategies with members. The Executive Committee, consisting of **Raj Srivastava, Pat Conway, Ron Keren, Chris Landrigan, Sanjay Mahant, Samir Shah, Tamara Simon, Joel Tieder and Karen Wilson** gave several presentations regarding PRIS and also conducted an interesting Research 101 Workshop specifically designed for hospitalist members who are interested in gaining more research experience. This is another example of how imperative mentoring is to our APA members to support their future career paths.

So, whew, a busy time. Hope you have a great remainder of the summer. And remember, your voice is represented through your Regional Chairs, the SIGs and committees in which you are involved, along with communication through the membership of the APA Board. Feel free to share your opinions and I always welcome your comments that you can send through my email at jserwint@jhmi.edu. Also, this fall we will be disseminating a survey about the Value of the APA and hope you will respond. Your voice matters.

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Past President's Message

In my last newsletter article I discussed that the APA, in partnership with APPD, will hold its 4th Annual Leadership Conference on September 21-22, 2010. The topic of leadership is one that the APA has championed for several years.

So what is leadership? Can it be learned? Can it be taught? I must admit that I approached the topic of learning and teaching leadership skills with much skepticism. My role models for leadership were in fact, not in academics. They came from the literary and political spheres of life and articulated a clear vision of how the world needed to be and focused on issues of social justice and resisting oppression. They were individuals of action who were fearless in their determination to change the world.



They were courageous and often placed their own lives in the balance. And, while I still hold all of these ideals and ideas, I have come to appreciate the need for involvement and leadership at many levels. I have also grown to understand that it is important to reflect on how we transform our world through collaborative processes and healthy exchange and transfer of ideas. While nothing will ever substitute in my view for broad vision and absolute commitment, I do feel that organizations such as the APA have a role to play in nurturing creative ideas and supporting leadership skills in academics at all levels.

The concepts of leadership training and leadership institutes have also been championed by others. For example, David Satcher, MD, PhD (16th US Surgeon General) spoke to me of purposeful leadership, that is, leadership derived from an inner vision and that benefits others. It is derived from an ethical framework. Dr. Satcher's life experiences guided his passion for change. The Satcher Health Leadership Institute has many components in its fight to eliminate health disparities and driving leadership to make meaningful progress to improving the lives of children and adults. Included in the institute's efforts, for example, is the Office of Behavioral Health, whose mission is to reduce and ultimately eliminate disparities in behavioral health, including mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities. They achieve this through training and development of existing and emerging leaders, empowering and supporting community leadership, and providing leadership to inform meaningful and effective policy and practice in Behavioral Health. Their programs include the Three Dimensional Mental Health and Post-Doctoral Health Policy Leadership Fellowship on Mental Health.

Another example of leadership training is the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM®) Program for Women, the nation's only in-depth program focusing on preparing senior women faculty at schools of medicine, dentistry and public health for institutional leadership position to effect positive change. There are many other examples of our profession's quest to better support future leaders and recruit a diversity of leaders.

So this brings me back to the 4th APA-APPD Leadership Conference to be held in September. The faculty for this leadership conference includes in alphabetical order: **Susan B. Bostwick, Tina Cheng, Denice Cora-Bramble, H. Dele Davies, Laura Degnon, Thomas G. Dewitt, George Dover, Patty Hicks, Renee Jenkins, Danielle Laraque, Robert S. McGregor, Kenneth B. Roberts, Theodore C. Sectish, Janet R. Serwint, Ken Slaw, Nancy Spector, Bonnie Stanton, and F. Bruder Stapleton.** The planning for this conference has been truly collaborative, reflective, and diverse. We hope to inspire and learn from each other. We have integrated facilitated peer mentoring throughout the program. And at the core of our leadership training, we will hold onto our passion for substantive improvement in the lives of children.

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New APA Members

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Welcome to Our New APA Members

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Jessica Foster
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Joshua Honaker
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Eric Shelov
Kristin Sohl
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Andrea Vandeven
Laurie Wilkie

Upcoming Conferences

APA-APPD Leadership Meeting

The 4th Annual Leadership Conference

Hyatt Regency, Reston, VA
September 21-22

[Preliminary Program](#)
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Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting



PAS-ASPR Meeting 2011

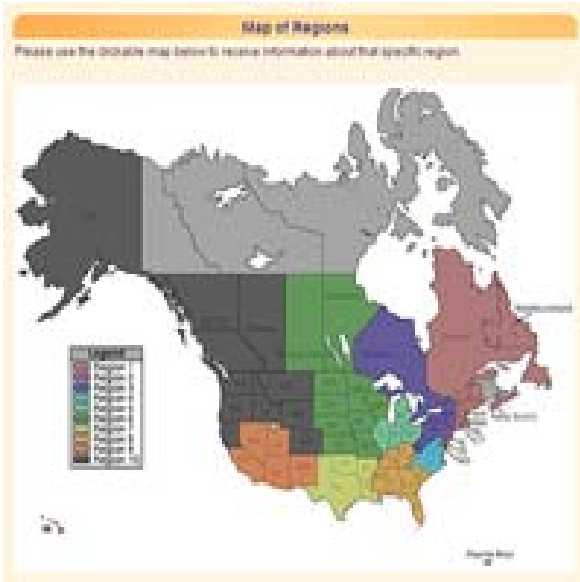
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Regional Meetings



Region 6
Friday October 22nd , 2010
Grand Geneva Resort
Lake Geneva, WI
[Abstract Submission Form](#)
[Workshop Submission Form](#)
[More Info](#)

Region 7 and 8
February 24-26, 2011
New Orleans, Louisiana
[More Info](#)

Region 9 and 10
January 24-26, 2011
Monterey, California
[More Info](#)

Committee Reports

Research

New! APA Research Awards for Best Abstracts by Students, Residents, and Fellows

The APA is excited to announce new Research Awards for Best Abstracts by Students, Residents, and Fellows. The goal of these awards is to recognize research excellence by students, residents, and fellows in the fields of general pediatrics (including public health, epidemiology, health policy, and underserved populations, health services research, education, adolescent medicine, child abuse, developmental/behavioral pediatrics, emergency medicine, and hospitalist medicine). Awardees will be selected based on the quality of their submitted PAS abstract. Additional features include:

- **Designation for consideration** via clicking on option during abstract submission
- **Selected by** a specially appointed subcommittee consisting of members of the Executive Committee of the APA Research Committee
- **APA website and Newsletter announcements** of winners and mentors
- **Plaques** will be presented to honoree and honoree's mentor
- **Photos** of awardees will be published in front of PAS Program Guide (along with primary mentor's name)
- **Monetary award** of \$500 to award recipient (must be first author of PAS abstract)

Detailed information on each award category and specific submission requirements and instructions will be available on the 2011 PAS abstract submission screen.

Young Investigator Award (YIA) Recipients in the News

Kudos to YIA recipients **Grace E. Lee** and **Matthew P. Kronman** and their mentor and APA Research Committee member, **Samir Shah** from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of

Pennsylvania School of Medicine, for their article published in the July issue of *Pediatrics* (2010;126:204–213) entitled, “National Hospitalization Trends for Pediatric Pneumonia and Associated Complications,” which reports study findings from research supported by the YIA program.

2011 Young Investigator Awards

Later this summer, a request for applications (RFA) will be announced for the 2011 award cycle of the Academic Pediatric Association Young Investigator Awards (YIAs) Program. The program provides awards of up to \$10,000 or \$15,000 (depending upon the specific program) for research by fellows or junior faculty related to child health promotion, health services research, teaching, or patient care. Projects must be consistent with the goals of the APA; preference is given to projects that have the potential to lead to further studies.

Projects supported by the YIA Program, as well as the start dates, numbers of awards available, and funding amounts, vary according to the specific program (more details will be available in the forthcoming RFA). The four award categories are:

- The **APA Young Investigator Program** broadly funds projects in health services research, medical education, adolescent medicine, public health, epidemiology, emergency medicine, child maltreatment, hospitalist medicine, developmental/behavioral pediatrics, and other general pediatric clinical research domains.
- The **APA Young Investigator Program supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** funds either (a) studies that involve quality improvement, or (b) analysis of existing datasets (e.g., the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, HCUP KID, SED and related products, or CAHPS), without collection of new data.
- The **APA Young Investigator Program supported by the Commonwealth Fund** supports studies focused on improving preventive and developmental services for young children 0-5 years old.
- The **APA-Administered Bright Futures Young Investigator Program (supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in Cooperation with the American Academy of Pediatrics)** funds projects aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of and research base for health supervision in primary care. “Stay tuned” for further details.

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Core Activities

Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Accreditation Program Announcing 3 Newly Accredited Programs In 2010

The APA’s Academic General Pediatric Accreditation Committee (AGPAC) is pleased to report that there are three newly accredited fellowship programs in 2010.

The newly accredited programs are:

- The Children’s National Medical Center’s Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship
- The Johns Hopkins University Pediatric Primary Care Research Fellowship Program
- The University of Pittsburgh Primary Care Physician Faculty Development Fellowship Program

The accreditation started July 1, 2010. Recall that there were six program accredited in 2009. *These were:*

- The Baylor College of Medicine's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Training Program
- The Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Hospitalist Fellowship Program

- New York University's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Program
- UC Davis Primary Care Outcomes Research Fellowship
- University of Rochester's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship program
- SUNY Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship Program @ Stony Brook

The nine accredited fellowship programs include two hospital medicine fellowships and seven academic general pediatric fellowship programs. There are more applications in the pipeline and expected before the end of 2010.

As an APA core activity, the program is designed to strengthen fellowship training in Academic General Pediatrics (AGP) by establishing an accreditation process which has curriculum guidelines and program standards. Through the process of accreditation we hope to enhance education and thereby attract the “best and the brightest” residents to AGP.

Importantly, AGP fellowship training comes in many stripes and colors and includes programs focused on health services research, clinical effectiveness, quality and safety, community pediatrics, environmental health, and hospital medicine.

Applications will be accepted throughout the coming year. Information concerning the accreditation process and all documents required for an application can be found on the website (www.academicpeds.org) under the ‘Education’ section. Any questions please contact **Louis M. Bell**, MD (215-590-1964 or bell@email.chop.ed) or any of the committee members.

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Educational Scholars Program

The Educational Scholars Program (ESP) is starting its fifth year with a new cohort of scholars, bringing our total number of active scholars to forty one. The current group includes twenty five hospitalists, as well as general and emergency medicine pediatricians, and a variety of subspecialists. The ESP is a three year faculty development program that includes didactic and interactive activities, and experiential learning through completion of a mentored educational research or evaluation project. All participants who complete the required activities, including a peer reviewed publication or presentation on a completed project, receive a Certificate of Excellence in Educational Scholarship. As of May 2010, thirty scholars have earned certificates.

The key theme of scholarship in education is interwoven through all our activities. We model teaching in accord with the principles of adult learning, building the curriculum around real world tasks of the educator, such as doing a project around a core educational responsibility, and creating an educator portfolio for future use in the promotions process. Teaching in the program emphasizes didactics balanced by active practice of skills learned, as well as peer learning and feedback that promotes active networking within the ESP group. The ESP curriculum is dynamic, continually responding to evaluation and feedback from participants and faculty. Scholars spend three years in the ESP, but new cohorts enter in different years, so we have worked hard to create a workable, cyclic curriculum. We teach a full-day session at the PAS meeting each year. These sessions are presented to all scholars, regardless of their program year, so they cover topics which need not be learned in a particular sequence. We also have self-directed modules that are specific for each year of enrollment. Year one, scholars learn to plan and evaluate their educational project. Year two, scholars learn about technology for education and qualitative research. Year three, scholars complete modules on scientific writing and reviewing articles.

Our hard working Executive Committee includes: **Connie Baldwin**, ESP Director; **Maryellen Gusic**, Co-director for Research; **Latha Chandran**, Co-director for Curriculum and Evaluation; **Elisa Zenni**, Chair of the Faculty Advisor Committee; **David Keller**, Cohort Two Leader; **Mary Ottolini**, Cohort Three Leader; and **Teri Turner**, Cohort Four Leader. These volunteers devote many hours to the ongoing success of this program. The next cohort of scholars will be recruited for the ESP in Summer 2011. To learn more about the Educational Scholars Program please go to:

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March 29, 2010 Meeting Report

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Region Reports

Region V

Hope everyone in Region V is having a great summer and is not too inundated with back-to-school clinic visits! We wanted to remind everyone about a few things that are coming up in the fall.

The next Regional Teleconference will be in September. We are still working to confirm a date and subject, but it will either be about Electronic Medical Records or National Health Insurance. Remember that the teleconferences are recorded and the last one can be accessed via [this link](#). The Region V Trainee Abstract Competition will be starting up again soon. We will be looking for fellow, resident and medical student participation in the competition. The submission deadline will be the same as PAS this year, which is November 17th, 2010.

The Regional Meeting is back! We are planning on reviving the regional meeting this coming spring. It will be in Grand Rapids in March 2011. We will be looking for trainees and faculty to present at this meeting as well.

We have been spending some time trying to improve communication with the members of Region V. To that end, we have been cleaning up the Institutional Liaison list on the [Region V page](#) on the APA's website. Please check out the list and if your institution does not have a liaison yet, we would love to have you volunteer. The main purpose is to be an institutional contact so that APA recruitment efforts and other messages can more reliably get out to the members. While you are at the APA website, please check your [listserv settings](#) to make sure that you are on the Region V listserv.

Finally, Bill's time as co-chair is soon due to be completed. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming one of the Region V co-chairs, please have them email Bill (william.stratbucker@devoschildrens.org) or myself (mpmckenn@iupui.edu). Remember to stay in touch with the news of the region as well as interact with other members by becoming a member of the Region V group on Facebook.

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Region VI

The Region 6 Co-chairs wish all our members well this unseasonably warm summer. We would like to remind everyone that we will be holding our Regional meeting this fall on Friday October 22nd in Lake Geneva, WI. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Children's Hospital of WI/Children's Specialty Group's Free CME Conference: Best Practices in Pediatrics. The Best Practices will be held on October 22 and 23rd. We will have our meeting on Friday during the Best Practices Board Review for the ABP Recertification exam. On Saturday October 23 Region 6 members can take advantage of the free and high quality general pediatric CME that the Best Practices in Pediatrics provides.

We are currently accepting abstracts and workshop submissions until August 13th. We welcome all current Region 6 members and those who would like to join as well as trainees interested in a positive learning environment and pediatric research.

We anticipate the cost to be \$20 for trainees and \$90 for attendees, and this cost will cover a meal at breakfast and lunch. Registration will be available on the APA website this month.

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Region VII & VIII

The midsummer heat in Regions VII and VIII has been forcing a lot of us indoors. All of us have been busy getting our new residents off to a running start. Well now it's time to slow down, stay cool and work on your abstract submissions for the Regional meeting. The meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 24-26, 2011. **More importantly, the abstract deadline is October 16th.** We had a good turn out last year and hope many of you will make plans to attend and represent your institutions at the upcoming meeting.

Other educational opportunities coming up include the General Pediatric National Leadership Conference on September 21-22 in Reston, VA, and the Regional Faculty and Educator Development Symposium held on September 24-25, just north of Region VIII at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

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Region IX & X

Happy Summer to Region IX and X members!! Just some quick updates on our plans for this academic year. Our Joint Region IX and X Meeting, the **Pediatric CARE (Community, Advocacy, Research and Education) Conference**, will be held on January 29-30, 2011 in Monterey, California at the Naval Post Graduate School. We are extremely pleased to announce that **Paul Wise** has agreed to be our keynote speaker! Dr. Wise is the Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society and Senior Fellow in the Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. He is also the Director of the Center for Policy, Outcomes and Prevention at Stanford University.

The call for abstracts will be going out in September. The due date for abstracts (oral presentations and works in progress) will be due at the same time as the abstract deadline for the Pediatric Academic Societies' meeting (November 17th). Please stay tuned to next month's newsletter for updates on the meeting and abstract submissions. We really look forward to seeing many of you in Monterey!

If you are not already on our regional listserv, please join. We hope to use the listserv more this year to provide updates on regional happenings. Please go to "Administer Listserv Preferences" on the APA website and check to be included in the Region IX/X listserv.

We will also have our annual Region Breakfast at the PAS meeting in Denver in May 2nd, 2011 (just in case you want to calendar that now!).

We welcome any feedback or ideas for APA regional activities, either locally or at the national meeting. Please feel free to contact in Region IX: **Christine Johnson** (christine.johnson@med.navy.mil) or **Wendy Hobson-Rohrer** (wendy.hobson@hsc.utah.edu) and in Region X: **Anda Kuo** (akuo@sfgHPeds.ucsf.edu) or **Elizabeth Miller** (elizabeth.miller@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).

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Special Interest Group Reports

Division Directors in General Pediatrics

2010 PAS Meeting in Vancouver

The Division Directors and Faculty Development SIG collaborated to present a workshop on Individual Faculty Development Plans (IFDP) at the 2010 PAS Annual Meeting in Vancouver. The workshop leaders were **Susan Bostwick, Juan Parra, Joe Lopreiato, Miriam Bar-on, Nancy Spector and John Meurer**. The workshop was well attended with participants receiving presentations on IFDP from academic institutions as well a literature review on faculty development.

The workshop participants engaged in small group discussions to critique the IFDP presented and discuss how the IFDP could be used at their own institutions or develop a hybrid IFDP to meet their needs. The majority of workshop participants chose to use one of the existing IFDP. The workshop leaders collected the workshop participants' comments and developed a summary handout on IFDP. All of the workshop materials are available on the Division Directors and Faculty Development SIG APA webpage by clicking on the Creating Individual Faculty Development Plan icon.

The meeting concluded with separate SIG business meetings. The Division Directors in General Pediatrics SIG discussed work RVU's in academic general pediatric practice. **Daniel Neuspiel** presented data from an e-mail survey on the topic.

Special Activities

The annual APA Leadership Meeting started from efforts of this SIG to fulfill the needs of Division Directors. Under the leadership of **Tina Cheng**, based on data from a national survey of Division Directors, the meeting was planned four years ago and has had three very successful meetings. This year we are collaborating with the APPD and the meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Reston, Virginia on September 21-22, 2010. Visit the APA website for meeting details and to register.

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E-Learning in Medical Education

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. We have a few updates for you. As you recall from our previous newsletter, we announced that the e-Learning SIG Co-Chair, **Raymond C. Baker** retired on July 1, 2010 after a long successful career in teaching and research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Since our last PAS meeting in Vancouver we were looking for a new co-chair who is active and enthusiastic about technology-based learning. **Heidi Saliba** kindly accepted to fill this position. She, along with **Lindsay Thompson** and **Erik Black**, is co-author of the social media workshop presented at this year's PAS for our e-Learning SIG meeting. Ms. Saliba serves as Research Coordinator for General Pediatrics and the Ped-I-Care program at the University of Florida. She is also Founding Editor of *ON PAR* magazine (*Organizational News in Pediatrics and Research*), a quarterly public relations and informational source for pediatricians, researchers, and those whose interests include helping children. She has a background in media and public communication and a solid base of professional writing and research experience. She has contributed to numerous publications and presentations within the fields of both pediatrics and mass communication.

Ms. Saliba's research interests include health communication, e-learning in higher education, environmental health, and cultural competency within and across the spectrum of health care delivery systems. She will begin graduate coursework in the spring to pursue a Master of International Communication degree.

Let's all welcome Ms. Saliba as the new co-chair!

We are still looking for individuals who would like to serve actively in our four eTeams (e.g., Workshop Planning, Newsletter, Website, and Research). All the roles and responsibilities of these teams are available on our Wiki site (<http://elearningsig.pbworks.com/>).

We encourage the e-Learning SIG and APA members to foster collaboration and networking that increases our success and academic productivity. Let's start our group communications to create new avenues for networking and producing collaborative projects as well as to create new venues for residents' and fellows' education by implementing e-Learning methods of instruction.

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Hospital Medicine

We are delighted to report that **Jeff Simmons** has agreed to take on the challenge of replacing **Jeff Sperring** as a Hospitalist SIG Co-Chair. Jeff, we truly appreciate your years of dedicated service, and the fact that you always have a smile. We'll miss your delightful contributions!

We are just back from a truly terrific and invigorating Pediatric Hospital Medicine meeting themed "Innovation from Bedside to Boardroom" from July 22-25, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Kudos to Jennifer Daru and the entire planning committee for an outstanding program with quality content in Clinical, Education, Practice

Management/Leadership, Quality/Safety, and Research tracks. It was a great way to see old friends and make many new ones as well!

A special thanks to **Jeff Simmons** in addition to **Jeff Sperring** who spearheaded efforts on the PHM planning committee to ensure and promote strong academic content in workshops offered in Quality/Safety and Research. A very special thanks to **Ron Teufel** and **Karen Wilson**, as leaders of the AAP SOHM Research Subcommittee, who spearheaded the abstract selection process in its inaugural year for the Pediatric Hospital Medicine meeting with help from **Jeff Simmons**. The end result was an outstanding plenary session with plenary presentations of the top ranked work in health services research, quality improvement, clinical research, education, and practice management by Patrick Brady, **Christine White**, Angela Barrier, **Benjamin Bauer**, and Laurie Pane. These were followed by excellent platform sessions as well on Saturday, and many outstanding posters on Friday and Saturday.

Our very own APA President **Janet Serwint** gave a great talk in a Town Hall meeting, and was joined by AAP President **Judy Palfrey** and SHM President Jeff Wiese. In addition, a formal update on the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Roundtable activities was provided. The PHM Roundtable group has been working on several items. First, the Governance group, led by **Erin Stucky**, has drafted documents which outline ongoing work with each of the three societies that contribute to Pediatric Hospital Medicine: APA, AAP, and SHM to develop a Joint Council for pediatric hospitalists.

Second, the Workforce group, led by **Doug Carlson** and Jen Daru, is developing a dashboard.

Third, the Education group, led by **Mary Ottolini** and **Jennifer Maniscalco**, are pleased to report the PHM Core Competencies are now available. In addition, a central repository of materials for curriculum development is being developed, and includes a night float curriculum.

The QI group, led by Steve Narang, has three collaboratives underway including the VIP network. The Research group, led by **Raj Srivastava**, reported on PRIS network activities, including recent funding support. Please see the APA newsletter section on PRIS for more detailed information about PRIS activities and how you can participate!

Finally, **Dan Rauch** presented an update on discussions with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) about how to petition the American Board of Pediatrics, which was a hot topic of conversation! A work group will be convened to consider how we should move forward as a field in defining ourselves as a subspecialty.

Please think about submissions you'd be interested in seeing to promote our emerging academic field for the **2011 Pediatric Academic Societies'** meeting in Denver, Colorado. We have received feedback from hospitalists interested in developing QI material at PAS, and this is a great forum to do so. Proposals should be submitted electronically using the web-based 2011 Official PAS Program Submission program found at www.pas-meeting.org. Questions about proposals can be directed to **Jennifer Padilla** at PLS LIST THE NEW WORKSHOP EMAIL. The PAS abstract site will be open September 1 and the **abstract deadline will be November 17, 2010 this year**.

We continue to consider ways to standardize selection and terms of SIG chairs. We are leaning toward instituting term limits for the SIG chair, probably in three year increments, to coordinate with the three other organizations as PHM restructures. We are also considering ways to institute a nomination and election process, probably through a dormant APA Hospitalist SIG Listserv. If you have ideas or suggestions about this process, please contact any of the three of us. So keep your ears open for more information in the near future.

For any other information or questions about the Hospital Medicine SIG, please contact **Jeff Simmons**

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Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Meetings!

- **APA-APPD Combined Leadership and Peer Mentoring (4th annual National Leadership Conference), September 21-22, 2010, Reston, Virginia**
- **American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, October 2-5, 2010, San Francisco, California**
- **Pediatric Academic Societies, April 30- May 3, 2011, Denver, Colorado**
- **Society of Hospital Medicine, May 10-13, 2011, Dallas, Texas**

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Medical Informatics

Big news this month from the world of Health IT! On July 13th, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have released the Stage 1 rules for meaningful use. Don't have any idea what I am talking about? In financial terms, these rules define the specific criteria that must be met by healthcare professionals and hospitals to receive incentive funding under the HITECH Act (part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). More broadly, the rules are there to help ensure that providers are not only implementing IT changes, such as Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Clinician Decision Support (CDS), but are doing so in ways that improve the safety and quality of care being delivered to patients.

For those who do not have time to read all 556 pages of the incentive rule, below are a few summary points from the US government and some links to more information, including some commentaries, FAQs, and a recent article in the *New England Journal* about the rule by Dr. David Blumenthal, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

For pediatricians, the incentives will be provided through the Medicaid EHR incentive program, which stipulates:

- Eligible professionals and hospitals may qualify for incentive payments for the adoption, implementation, upgrade or the demonstration of meaningful use in their first year of participation. They must successfully demonstrate meaningful use for the remaining years they participate in the program.

What is meaningful use? The Recovery Act specifies three main components:

- The use of a certified EHR in a meaningful manner (e.g.: e-Prescribing);

- The use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care; and
- The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures.

More information:

The official website for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs (includes links to a PDF of the full rule: <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>)

NEJM Article by David Blumenthal:

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1006114>

Commentaries:

Dr. John Halamka, CIO at Beth Israel Deaconess and Harvard Medical School:

<http://geekdoctor.blogspot.com/2010/07/meaningful-use-and-standards-are.html>

His FAQ: <http://geekdoctor.blogspot.com/2010/07/meaningful-use-and-standards-rule-faq.html>

A succinct overview from HIS Talk, an anonymous Health IT news and opinion site with a discussion forum:

<http://histalk2.com/2009/12/30/onchit-releases-preliminary-definition-of-meaningful-use/>

It is certainly a lot of information, but these incentives and rules are the foundation of modernizing the way we provide safer, more effective care to our patients.

The APA Medical Informatics SIG goals are to:

- Provide a forum for APA members to discuss all aspects of pediatric medical informatics and present their scholarly work in the field
- Offer opportunity to network with other pediatric professionals interested in pediatric medical informatics.
- Introduce other pediatric professionals to the field of medical informatics

We encourage anyone who is interested in using computers in medicine in any form to join the SIG. You don't have to be a technical person to be a member; many of us aren't! If you have ideas, suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the SIG Leaders: Emily Chui Webber (emwebber@iupui.edu), Ed Sepe (esepe@cnmc.org), and Eric Shelov (SHELOV@email.chop.edu).

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Serving the Underserved

The Serving the Underserved SIG has created three new working groups. These groups are in their infancy so we are looking for exciting new ideas to get them off the ground. We hope that these groups will serve as venue for sharing successes, new ideas, and potential partnership in research, advocacy and scholarship. Please contact one of the co-chairs if you are interested in participating. We are looking for and need participants from all levels in order to make these groups a success so don't hesitate; community pediatricians, junior and senior faculty alike--send us an email!

The groups:

- Access for uninsured children who fall through the system
- Linkages and partnerships between pediatric primary care and community partners to assist families' social needs
- Enhancing the practice of serving the underserved by identifying challenges and innovative solutions for the delivery of care and career advancement

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Announcements

Call for Abstracts for Evidence-Based Pediatrics

In anticipation of PAS 2011 in Denver April 30-May 3, the Evidence-Based Pediatrics SIG of the APA is calling for abstracts for two types of presentations:

- 1) Presentations describing successful programs of teaching EBM to medical students, pediatric trainees, or faculty
- 2) Presentations of studies of EBM teaching methodologies

To respond, please email to both jacobson.robert@mayo.edu and hans.kersten@drexelmed.edu, a descriptive summary in 250 words or less. Please include in your 250 words the title of your presentation, the submitters' names, the submitters' departments and institutions. Please indicate to which call you are submitting. Submitters may submit an abstract to each. All submissions will be considered solely on their merit. Submissions are due October 1, and submitters will be notified November 1, 2010.

Presentations will take place during the Evidence-Based Pediatrics SIG Session at PAS 2011. The date, time, and location are yet not available. Submission to this session does not preclude its submission to the general scientific sessions of the PAS 2011 meeting.

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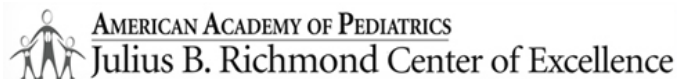
Call for Systematic Reviews on Health Care Delivery

The APA's journal, *Academic Pediatrics*, is announcing a new, recurring section entitled "Systematic Reviews" and is calling for submissions of systematic reviews concerning topic-areas pertinent to academic pediatrics. These include topics in research, education/professional development, health care delivery, and public policy. These four topic areas form the four pillars of the journal and our organization. The new section creates a home for this form of scientific investigation.

We expect submissions to be highly structured, rigorous reviews that follow the latest methodology for systematic reviews. Nonetheless, junior investigators can master the methods of systematic review and use a systematic review to launch longitudinal efforts in a direction of inquiry. Those interested in pursuing such an investigation with the intention to publish in *Academic Pediatrics* may contact the section editor, Robert M Jacobson, Mayo Clinic, ph: 507-266-4598, fax: 507-284-0160, and email: jacobson.robert@mayo.edu.

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The Julius B. Richmond AAP/FAMRI Visiting Lectureships Program 2010/2010 Call for Proposals



The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center is dedicated to eliminating children's exposure to tobacco and secondhand smoke (SHS).

The Richmond Center, supported by a grant from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI), provides child health clinicians with education, training, and tools needed to effectively intervene to protect children from the harmful effects of tobacco/secondhand smoke.

The Richmond Center's Visiting Lectureships Program provides pediatric trainees, child advocates, and academic or community pediatricians the opportunity to interact with leading academic pediatricians on topics related to children and SHS. These visits have resulted in development of tobacco control curricula, research program development, collaborations, increased awareness of careers in tobacco control, and have increased tobacco control interventions.

Four awards of up to \$3,000 each, fund 2-day programs.

2010 proposal deadline is Friday, September 3, 2010 at 5:00pm EST. Visit <http://www.aap.org/richmondcenter/fundingOpportunities.html> for applications/guidelines. Technical assistance is available to applicants; contact Tracy Sesselberg at richmondcenter@aap.org.

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