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Communications Director's Message

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone was able to spend some quality time with friends and family during the Thanksgiving holiday. Speaking of friends, did you know the APA Facebook page has over 1,000 friends who "Like" us! When you go to our Facebook page, you'll find a number of APA-related announcements and postings, including upcoming conferences, the call for abstracts for the [2014 Hospital Medicine Conference](#), deadlines for the APA awards and a recent 'shout-out' to the 25 APA members who are authors in the Nov/Dec 2013 issue of [Academic Pediatrics](#). Over the past 2 years our number of Facebook friends has increased by four-fold! Many of you are probably thinking, "Of course it has! The use of social media in professional organizations is skyrocketing!" Others may be questioning the power of social media as a tool to share ideas and announcements with like-minded colleagues. If you're a skeptic but you're a Facebook member it's never too late to "Like" us. Just log into your account (www.facebook.com) and enter Academic Pediatric Association in the search box at the top of your screen. Click on our site and click "Like"- that's it! As a reminder, liking the APA on Facebook will not allow others to see your personal profile, but you will be able to see which of your Facebook friends also like the APA. Feel free to post a message on the wall and start a dialogue.



In other communications news, we recently held our APA Fall Board meeting. Check out APA President David Keller's column for a summary of the meeting and our plans for the upcoming year.

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In other communications news, as you may have noticed, we are now showcasing a recent 'hot topic' article with a brief commentary written by one of our APA SIG Chairs in the Spotlight section on the [APA homepage](#).

In addition to our Facebook page, the APA has over 300 followers on Twitter (@AcademicPeds). Several APA members have become overnight Twitter sensations with hundreds of followers.

Lastly, as most of you know, our [APA Wiki](#) was launched in August 2013. Currently, 9 SIGs, 4 Regions, 2 APA Committees and the Education Subcommittee of the Childhood Poverty Task Force are using their wiki pages with an average of 39 wiki views per day. Any APA member can post resources, share materials and start a dialogue on any of the SIG, Region, Committee and Task Force wiki pages. Check out the August 2013 newsletter for detailed instructions or go to the '[How to Use the APA Wiki](#)' page. We expect an increase in wiki usage with the many upcoming regional APA meetings over the coming months. Stay safe and warm on your travels during the holiday season!

Have a Happy, Healthy 2014!

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President's Message

The Academic Pediatric Association and the Call of Service

Many years ago, I read Robert Coles' book "The Call of Service". Professor Coles, a child psychiatrist, wrote about the developmental origins of many of the things that make us human. His observations resonated with me, giving me a way to think about something that I had known, but never articulated: people exist in communities, service is the way in which we can make communities happen and that we, as human beings, generally get more out of service than we put into it.



Dr. Coles' observations are clearly exemplified in the work of the APA Board, which just spent two days in a hotel conference room advancing the work of our Association. The Fall Board meeting is the budget meeting, where we try to take our collective vision for the work of the APA and reconcile it with the financial resources at hand. We want to do so much: run meetings ourselves and in collaboration with many others, manage faculty development programs in education and research, fund young investigators on track of promising research careers, facilitate the discussions that will transform the pediatric health care systems and provide leadership in setting the advocacy agenda for our profession in the service of children and families. What is remarkable to me is that we do it with volunteers (and a little bit of money). From the Board to the Committees to the SIGs and Regions, APA members bring their passions and expertise and help us to leverage a very tight budget into a far-reaching program. The Board and I put a lot of energy into that meeting; for me (and, I suspect, for them), the return on investment was well worth it.

What is it that we are trying to build? It's actually pretty exciting: the Strategic Vision that we created in 2012 is coming together nicely. We've strengthened our SIGs, regions and committees by creating and filling a new Board position for SIGs, reorganizing APA staff support for Regions and formalizing the leadership structures within our Committees. We've taken a leadership role within the revitalized Pediatric Policy Council, highlighting the reduction of firearm-related injuries and childhood poverty as key issues in the

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health of children. We've created new programs to develop the next generation of leaders in research, educational scholarship and high value health care delivery and new awards to recognize achievement in those fields. We've begun to adapt our program to the needs of the next generation of academic pediatricians, embracing the emerging field of hospitalist medicine and the needs of our younger members. It is great to watch a plan come together; it's even better when the plan helps so many in our community to move forward.

By the time this hits the presses, we should have finished our 2013 elections, and know the names of our new officers and Board members. Thanks to all who stepped forward to serve. I look forward to working with you to build this community over the coming year. I hope that all our members continue to heed the call of service. It is the essence of our Association.

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Treasurer's Message

The APA board approved the 2014 budget, which is both realistic and responsive to the APA's strategic plan and programmatic direction. The APA's investment portfolio continues to perform well with a positive return on investment. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the APA, which will support new programs that are aligned with the APA's mission.



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NCS and SIGs Chair's Message

New APA Intellectual Property Policy

Over the years, the APA has grown significantly and through the organization members have created everything from leadership curricula to strategies for addressing child poverty. Many of these materials have been distributed as products of the APA and yet our association has never had a formal policy on intellectual property.



At the fall APA board meeting, the Board of Directors approved a new policy on [intellectual property](#). Below is a brief summary. For additional details, please click on the link to review the actual policy. Please refer any questions about this policy to the Board.

The APA intellectual property policy relates to:

- Patentable inventions and copyright protected products which are the result of APA activities, and
- Use of the APA name and logo

Patents

APA ownership of patents is assumed for qualifying products made by APA members. Such 'products' include, but are not limited to, those which:

- Used APA resources for product creation, or
- Resulted from APA activities.

Inventors of such qualifying products should disclose such inventions to the APA Board of Directors and assign to the APA the rights to obtain a patent. The APA Board of Directors will then inform the inventors whether it will move forward with applying for a patent or waive this right.

Copyright

The copyright policy pertains specifically to products created as a part of a member's assigned tasks or activities within the APA. This does not apply to products created as part of APA members' activities outside of the APA. Members are required to disclose in writing to the Board of Directors any product for which the APA may have copyright ownership. The Board of Directors will then consider this disclosure at the next scheduled meeting.

Use of the APA name or logo

The APA Board of Directors has the final right to determine the use of the APA name or logo.

Use of the name by individuals:

- APA members completing official work related to the APA may use the APA name when self-identifying themselves to the general public except in certain circumstances. For example, APA members should not use the APA name for self-identification in a way that could be interpreted to suggest APA endorsement of the sale of an item. When using the APA name for self-identification, members may need to state that the views represented are not ones of the APA.

Use of the name on products or services:

- There may be instances when individuals or entities desire to use the APA name or logo. Anyone wishing to do this must submit a written request to the APA Board of Directors asking for permission to use the name or logo to endorse a product or service. Such requests will be reviewed by the Board on a quarterly basis.

This is a brand new policy for the APA that will work to ensure the APA has a standardized process for reviewing ownership of intellectual property and use of the APA name.

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Workshop Chair's Message

Again this year we had a great response from our APA members to the call for workshops for the PAS meeting. For almost half of all workshops submitted the lead author was from the APA. Workshops have been reviewed and leaders were notified regarding acceptance in November.

We look forward to a great PAS meeting in Vancouver with outstanding workshops led by our APA members.



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APA 2014 Election Results

APA 2014 Election Results

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 election!

President Elect

Maryellen Gusic

Secretary

Judy Shaw

Treasurer

Suzette Oyeku

Communications Director

Ivor Horn

Healthcare Delivery Committee Chair

Jon Finkelstein

Public Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair

Shale Wong

Nominating Committee

Cheryl Kodjo

Jen Maniscalco

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APA New Members

Welcome to all of the new APA Members!

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| Jinan Banna | Sigmund Norr | Margaret Samuels-Kalow |
| Breanna Barger-Kamate | Chinyelu Nwobu | Christine SanGiovanni |
| Eliza Blanchette | Pierpaolo Palmieri | Christine Schuler |
| Luisa Cala Cala | Amy Peasley | Julia Sharp |
| Aimee Grace | Elza Pollak | Meredith Snook |
| Elizabeth Halvorson | Joni Rabiner | Mark Welles |
| Kathi Huddleston | Jennifer Rosenthal | Jennifer Woo Baidal |
| Alisa Khan | Heather Saavedra | |
| Lyvia Larish | John Morehous | |

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Upcoming Conferences

APA Regional Meetings

[Region I](#)

April 7, 2014
Amherst, MA

[Region II & III](#)

March 7, 2014
Weill Cornell Medical College
New York, NY

[Region IV](#)

February 22 and 23, 2014
Charlottesville, VA

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[Region V](#)

March 14-15, 2014
Dayton, OH

[Region VII & VIII](#)

February 20-22, 2014
New Orleans, LA

[Region IX & X](#)

January 25-26, 2014
Monterey, CA

Quality Improvement 2014

4th Annual Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare Research

*APA Conference for Pediatric Quality Improvement
Methods, Research and Evaluation*

May 2nd, 2014, Vancouver, Canada

[Quality Improvement 2014](#)

May 2, 2014
Vancouver, Canada

[Call for Abstracts](#)

[Click here for submission form](#)

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 5:00pm ET

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Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2014



[Pediatric Academic Societies 2014](#)

May 3-6, 2014

Vancouver, Canada

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Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) 2014



July 24-27, 2014

Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts

Lake Buena Vista, FL

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Call for Conundrums

Due: Friday, January 17, 2014 at Noon EST

[For more information and to submit your proposal click here](#)

Call for Abstracts

Due: Friday, January 17, 2014 at 5 pm EST

[For more information and to submit your proposal click here](#)

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Committees

Health Care Delivery

Healthcare Delivery Committee Gets a Facelift

Mission Accomplished

Recently the Healthcare Delivery Committee Task Force completed a three month plan to develop a mission statement, vision statement, values statement and goals for the committee. The task force also tackled the question of whether the committee's name should be changed. The process was challenging but, rewarding

and we present the new mission, vision, and values statements along with the committee goals in this issue of the newsletter. When all was said and done the task force was comfortable with the current committee name. Many SIGs were represented in the process and as the chair I'd like to thank all of the task force members for their service to the APA. Participants included: Patrick Burke, Doug Thompson, Barb Bayldon, Tumaini Coker, David Link, Dan Rauch, Kristin Voos, Iris-Mabry Hernandez, Jon Finkelstein, Scott Krugman, Carl Tapia, Rich Antonelli and Tom Klitzner.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Health Care Delivery Committee is to improve the health and well-being of all children, adolescents and young adults by promoting APA member professional development in research, education and quality improvement to create innovative, effective and cost conscious healthcare delivery systems.

Values

Family-Centered - Effective health care delivery systems must be designed around the needs of children and their families.

Multidisciplinary approach - Innovation and change management is a team effort that requires the work and support of everyone in the care delivery system, including those not directly involved in innovation or quality improvement work.

Community-based - Health care delivery exists within a local context and requires that care delivery systems are designed with this in mind.

Equity - Effective healthcare delivery systems must confront disparities in health outcomes.

Advocacy - Some changes in healthcare delivery systems will require changes to public policy and social consciousness.

Vision Statement

The Health Care Delivery Committee is committed to a future in which the health care delivery system in the United States provides quality care that is accessible, coordinated, culturally effective, comprehensive, family-centered, compassionate and affordable for all children, adolescents and young adults.

Goals of the HCD Committee

The following goals for the committee were developed and prioritized by the Task Force

1. Conduct a needs assessment of APA members to determine how the HCD Committee can best serve their professional needs.
2. Form a Task Force to plan and develop the Quality Scholars Program (QSP) for the APA.
3. Define the points of intersection between the HCD Committee and regions, SIGs, other committees and Task Forces to improve communication, collaboration and optimal use of resources.
4. Develop strategies to educate the APA membership on the emerging disciplines that relate to improving systems of health care delivery, including quality improvement science, implementation science and others.
5. Build collaborative partnerships with other professional organizations around common ground goals in health care delivery.
6. Develop strategies for determining quality measures that are specific to the unique health care aspects of pediatric health care delivery.

The new mission, vision and values statement and the goals were approved by the APA Board at the fall meeting. You can comment on our new look on the HCD wiki page on the APA website.

It's That Time of Year

The entries are in for this year's HCD Committee Award. This year's award will be presented at the APA Presidential platform session in Vancouver. If you are interested in participating in the selection process contact Jane Knapp at jknapp@cmh.edu. You must be available to review and score the applications in early January 2014.

Planning is well underway for the APA Quality Improvement pre-conference in Vancouver just prior to PAS. This promises to be another outstanding conference focused on gaining research skills in quality. If you haven't attended in the past, this is the year to register and see what this highly rated conference is all about.

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Research

The APA Research Committee is in full swing with reviews of the Young Investigator, Resident Investigator, and Research in Academic Pediatrics Initiative on Diversity (RAPID) proposals in progress.

The Research Executive Committee meets monthly by conference call and includes representation from each of the APA regions. During these meetings, we have been excited to learn about the phenomenal successes and progress of the 3 APA sponsored research networks (CORNET, PRIS and BORN). During the fall, we also heard about the exciting work of recent APA Young Investigators, Kandyce Larson (previously UCLA, currently American Academy of Pediatrics) and Chén Kenyon (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia).

In October, we held the 5th annual meeting of the Young Investigators supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)/American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Reach Out and Read (ROR). Each of the Young Investigators provided stimulating updates on their research projects and also joined APA faculty and AAP Senior Staff in skills building exercises and a leadership panel. We greatly appreciate the generosity of AAP in hosting this event in Elk Grove Village and our funders for providing support for the awardees to participate. [see photo]



Congratulations to the 2013 Bright Futures/AAP, CDC and Reach Out and Read Young Investigators who recently convened at the American Academy of Pediatrics for a meeting to hone research skills and present their exciting, preliminary study findings. Participants included Vicky Chen, Bill Heerman, Susie Martinez,

Anne Palaia, Alison Riese, Christina Sakai, Emily Gregory, Adriana Weisleder as well as Michele Decker and Reena Oza-Frank (not shown). They were joined by APA faculty Judy Shaw, Cynthia Minkovitz, Benard Dreyer and Alex Kemper and AAP Staff Jane Bassewitz, Heather Fitzpatrick, Jon Klein, Lynn Olson, Darcy Steinberg-Hastings, and Fan Tait.

This is an appropriate time of year to express our gratitude to the more than 80 folks who serve as reviewers for these awards and are committed to promoting the next generation of child health researchers. At the risk of leaving anyone off the list, out thanks are extended to:

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| Marilyn Augustyn | Jim Guevara | Rafael Perez-Escamilla |
| Shari Barkin | Donna Halloran | Kathy Poehling |
| Bill Basco | Jan Hanson | Martin Pusic |
| Greg Blaschke | Sandra Hassink | Cynthia Rand |
| Debra Bogen | Amy Houtrow | Daniel Rauch |
| Sue Bostwick | Robert Jacobson | Janet Serwint |
| Georgine "Gigi" Burke | Manuel Jimenez | Samir Shah |
| Benjamin Caballero | Alex Kemper | Judith Shaw |
| Deepa Camenga | Hans Kersten | Rashmi Shetgiri |
| Kecia Carroll | Tracy King | Laura Shone |
| Paul Chung | Perri Klass | Tamara Simon |
| Jean Ciborowski-Fahey | Melissa Klein | Barry Solomon |
| Bill Cooper | Karen Kuhlthau | Adam Spanier |
| Joanne Cox | Alice Kuo | Adiaha Spinkp-Franklin |
| Debroah Davis | Dennis Kuo | Chris Stille |
| Michael DeBaun | Kandyce Larson | Peter Szilagyi |
| Amanda Dempsey | Michael Leu | Elsie Taveras |
| Denise Dougherty | Iris Mabry-Hernandez | Darcy Thompson |
| Benard Dreyer | Rita Mangione-Smith | Joel Tieder |
| Arthur Fierman | Marie McCormick | Jeffery Tom |
| Alex Fiks | Alan Mendelsohn | Megan Tschudy |
| John Finkelstein | Fernando Mendoza | Jason Wang |
| Glenn Flores | Elizabeth Miller | Karen Wilson |
| Todd Florin | Robert Needlman | Hsiang Yin |
| Tanya Froehlich | Heather O'Donnell | Paul Young |
| Elena Fuentes-Afflick | Heather Paradis | Joe Zorc |
| Cori Green | Ian Paul | |

Wishing you happy and healthy winter holidays-

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Core Activities

CORNET



Warm regards to all our members during the holiday season! Here are the highlights of CORNET projects for the new year:

CURRENT PROJECTS

National Partnership for Adolescent Immunization (NPAI)

This grant, awarded to APA CORNET in collaboration with the University of Rochester and Children's Mercy Hospital, focuses on three objectives:

- Strengthening provider recommendations for adolescent immunization delivery (AID)
- Enhancing AID through the implementation of quality improvement (QI) activities in primary care and pediatric residency training programs
- Disseminating widely best practice tools for improving AID and the adoption of best practices, especially for vulnerable, low-income populations, through their medical home

CORNET is excited to announce it has recruited and selected 14 practices to participate in the implementation of the QI portion of this project. The number of programs interested in participating was more than double the original 12 spaces we had allotted in the budget! We were so delighted with this enthusiasm, and only wish we could include everyone. The success of CORNET rests on the dedication and volunteerism of our members, so we would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to be in this project.

The intervention stage should be underway by the beginning of 2014. Studies such as these test strategies to improve the health outcomes of the children we serve, and we look forward to working closely with our members to improve the quality of immunization delivery at their practices.

PROS-CORNET Collaboration

Several ideas were developed for a collaborative project with the Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS) network of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The WE CARE project, which addresses unmet basic social needs of families, was selected and presented at the PROS meeting in October. The study proposal was well received, with an approval rating of over 90% from the PROS committee members! Updates to come as this project develops.

PUBLICATIONS

We are proud to have been contributors to 2 recent publications. The first is "[Integrating mental health services in primary care continuity clinics: A national CORNET study](#)". Authors were Maya Bunik, Ayelet Talmi, Brian Stafford, Brenda Beaty, Allison Kempe, Nui Dhepyasuwan and Janet Serwint. This was from the PRISM-PC study and was published in *Academic Pediatrics*, Nov-Dec 2013.

The 2nd paper comes from our AIM-HI study. "[Increasing adolescent immunization rates in primary care: Strategies physicians use and would consider implementing](#)" is authored by Sharon Humiston, Janet Serwint, Peter Szilagyi, Phyllis Vincelli, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Cynthia Rand, Stanley Schaffer, Aaron Blumkin and C.

Robinette Curtis. This was published in August 2013 in *Clinical Pediatrics*.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to these efforts!

If you served as a site co-investigator for either PRISM-PC or AIMHI, be on the lookout for a post on the listserv demonstrating how to add these projects to your CV.

MANUSCRIPTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Bright Futures Oral Health

Two additional manuscripts are being developed from this study. Thanks to all the CORNET members who agreed to be authors, and for all their hard work thus far:

- How well do pediatric residents incorporate Bright Futures concepts? - *Sandy Sanguino, Sharon Dabrow, Annamaria Church, Janet Serwint, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Henry Bernstein, Kara Connors*
- Bright Futures Oral Health concepts for pediatric residents - *Rani Gereige, Karla Garcia, Rukmani Vasan, Janet Serwint, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Henry Bernstein, Kara Connors*

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Educational Scholars Program

THE APA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Calling all educators!

The Educational Scholars Program (ESP) will be recruiting a new cohort of 24 scholars next summer. Cohort 7 will begin in May 2015. Scholars who successfully complete this 3-year faculty development program will receive a Certificate of Excellence in Educational Scholarship.

What is the Educational Scholars Program all about?

The ESP was created in 2006. Sixty scholars have graduated, and we currently have 40 active scholars and 41 faculty. The ESP aims to help developing faculty educators to build careers around scholarly activities related to teaching, learner assessment, curriculum development, and educational administration and leadership. Methods in educational evaluation and research are a special focus of our curriculum. Each scholar chooses a home mentor; in addition, ESP faculty advisors offer career planning advice and help scholars develop a well-crafted educator portfolio to support their future applications for promotion and advancement. The ESP is an ideal way for academic pediatricians to gain additional training to succeed as an educator and join a community of other dedicated educators. For questions about the program, contact Connie Baldwin: constance_baldwin@urmc.rochester.edu

How do I apply?

The ESP application website will open on July 1, 2014 ***, and the deadline for online submissions will be

October 1. Scholars complete an application, including a 2-page project proposal, and undergo a rigorous selection process. ***For those interested in applying, get ready now by choosing your mentor and beginning to plan a project for inclusion in your application.***

Applicants must submit a letter of support from their mentor, and also a letter from their supervisor that commits to payment of an enrollment fee of \$5000 and permission for the scholar to devote 10% FTE to the program over 3 years (May 2015 - May 2018). All scholars are expected to be or become members of the Academic Pediatric Association. For more information about applications, contact Christen Brown: christen@academicpeds.org.

What will I learn?

Briefly, our program includes 3 full-day teaching sessions that scholars attend over 3 years at consecutive PAS meetings. In addition, scholars complete 2 self-directed and interactive intersession modules per year between PAS meetings. This curriculum is summarized below.

| Year | PAS Teaching Sessions | Intersession Modules |
|------|---|--|
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Educational Scholarship and Scholarly Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refining and Evaluating an Educational ProjectUsing a Scholarly Approach to Build an Educator Portfolio |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nuts and Bolts of Educational Research | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewing and Referencing the LiteratureTechnology for Education |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scholarly DisseminationLeadership and Networking | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Author DevelopmentReviewing Manuscripts |

In addition to these formal educational activities, all scholars develop an educator portfolio and receive expert feedback to help them plan their careers and maximize their chances for promotion. Finally, scholars plan and conduct a mentored, scholarly project in education, which they discuss regularly with a small group of peers. To receive a Certificate of Excellence in Educational Scholarship, each scholar must provide evidence of a successfully peer reviewed publication or presentation related to the project. All program requirements have been selected with an eye to career advancement of young educators.

For more information, go to: http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education_scholars_program.cfm

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Liaisons

Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) of AAMC

The APA belongs to the Association for American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS). This Council is part of the AAMC Governance and represents the 150,000 faculty members at AAMC schools through the appointment of 2 representatives from each school, one senior and one faculty member with <10 years on faculty; and academic societies through the appointment of 2 representatives each. Representing the APA, I have been the senior representative to CFAS and also

serve as Past-Chair of this Council.

The Council hopes to be a voice of faculty in the AAMC and to especially bring suggested policies and practices to the AAMC for consideration or dissemination. Some of the areas that have been highlighted as having considerable importance to faculty include the emphasis on clinical productivity over education and research in many schools; the effects of sequestration on the academic mission of medical schools; defining the value of a faculty member; work-life balance and mentoring. It is likely that the schools and societies will become increasingly engaged in the CFAS efforts to better serve faculty.

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AAP Section on International Child Health (SOICH)

The AAP Section on International Child Health (SOICH) and the AAP International Office are the leading force for AAP global health initiatives.

Following are some of the SOICH activities:

The SOICH H Program with the 2nd Annual Global Child Health Symposium at the October AAP National Conference and Exhibition, in Orlando, featured platform presentations of GCH research, followed by presentations on "Hot Topics in Global Child Health" and "Health and Human Rights of Underserved Populations". Keynote speaker Zulfiqar Bhutta addressed "Beyond 2015: Priorities for Global Child Health". In addition to the traditional poster display, "SOICH pix" were added this year, displaying a selection of members' photographs depicting themes in global child health. SOICH also sponsored sessions on ethics pertaining to GH work ("First Do No Harm", Cliff O'Callahan and Tracy Rabin) and the care of immigrant and refugee patients ("When Nowhere is Home", Anna Banerjee and Kate Yun). This year's Hillman Award for Lasting Contributions to Global Child Health was presented to Karen Olness. [Click here](#) for complete program.

The ICATCH Program is one of the section's signature programs. ICATCH empowers local health care providers in resource limited settings by offering funding, mentoring and technical support to implement original projects designed to improve access to healthcare services. To date, ICATCH has funded 41 projects in 26 countries. Six additional projects have been selected for funding starting in 2014. At the 27th International Congress of Pediatrics in Melbourne, Australia in August, the ICATCH Committee organized a well-attended workshop entitled "ALL ABOUT ICATCH - International Community Access to Child Health: How to Turn Your Healthcare Idea into an ICATCH Grant Proposal". More information about the ICATCH Program, including a complete list of awarded projects, is available at http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/i_catch.htm

The AAP International Elective Award (IEA) was established in 1998 to offset the costs of elective rotations abroad. Since then, over 1,000 residents and fellows have applied for the award, and 137 residents from 56 different residency programs in 26 US states and 3 Canadian provinces have received it - helping to fund electives in more than 40 different countries. Recipients of the IEA regularly contribute articles for the SOICH Newsletter, describing their life- and career-changing experiences.

SOICH Newsletter is published every 2 months. Issues that offer reviews of articles relevant to global child health alternate with issues focused on section news and activities. The newsletters can be accessed under the "Publication" tab at section website <http://www2.aap.org/sections/ich/>.

The collaboration between the AAP SOICH and the APA has been, and will continue to be, directed toward enhancement and promotion of activities related to global child health, including APA global health programs, such as the Global Health SIG, the APA Global Health Research Award, and the APA Global Health Task Force (GHTF). The GHTF is finalizing a document defining global health faculty competencies, which will be submitted to SOICH Executive Committee for review and endorsement.

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Region 1 members have been very busy and productive! Some news from Connecticut-- Dr. Paul Dworkin has stepped aside as the Chair of Pediatrics at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, a position that he held for 15 years! He is now directing the new Office for Community Child Health-integrating more than 12 community-oriented programs under the OCCH with the goals of strengthening their effectiveness, promoting synergy across programs, and encouraging new innovations in response to critical contemporary issues. Since the formal launch in March 2013, the program has strengthened programs' funding, strategic planning, and performance metrics; has promoted synergies across programs, such as a collaboration among our Title V care coordination entity, the Green and Healthy Homes initiative, and the Injury Prevention Center to make homes safer for children with autism; and have encouraged such innovations as the Hartford Care Coordination Collaborative, Mid-level developmental Assessment, and Pay for Success/Social Impact Bonds as a sustainability strategy for the OCCH and its programs. We believe OCCH to be a model for enabling institutions like children's hospitals to enhance their status as critical community resources.

Planning is in full swing for our region meeting this spring. It will take place on April 7, 2014 in Amherst, Massachusetts at the lovely Lord Jeffrey Inn. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Marianne Felice, Professor and former Chair of Pediatrics from the University of Massachusetts. We will also have a faculty development workshop from Dr. Joanna Leyenaar from Tufts Floating Hospital for Children. Please start thinking about trainees who could have abstracts ready to present this spring. The call for abstracts will come out next month and the due date will be February 14, 2014.

In a final note, the co-chairs are still hard at work on maintaining and expanding APA membership in our region. If you have been a member in good standing for some time, we may solicit your help in retention and recruitment efforts in your home divisions and departments.

Hope to see you this spring at our meeting in Amherst, Mass which will be held on April 7, 2014!

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Region IV

We are happy to announce that the 2014 Region IV Meeting website is now open for registration and submission of abstracts at: <https://www.degnon.org/secure/apa/region4meeting/>. We had a great turnout last year, our highest yet, and we hope even more members join us in 2014! The meeting will be Saturday, February 22 to Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, VA.

A few highlights of the meeting line up:

- Day 1 Keynote Speaker: David Keller, President of the APA
- Day 2 Keynote Speaker: Bob Hall, Associate Director, AAP Dept. of Federal Affairs.
- Original research and advocacy presentations: Open to all but especially good for junior faculty, fellows and residents. Practicing for PAS is fine and "works-in-progress" can also be submitted.
- Time for Special Interest Group (SIG)-based working group/workshops: We received enthusiastic feedback from our SIG meetings last year, so we've decided to expand to 2 sessions this year to allow for participation in multiple group meetings. On the registration form we ask that you select the top three APA special interest groups you might be interested in participating in. We will offer a selection of the top-ranked SIGs at the meeting.
- Breakfast with the Professors: Great opportunity for informal mentoring on a variety of topics important to consider early on in an academic pediatric career.

Looking forward to seeing you there; Saturday, February 22 to Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, VA. Please email us with any questions or suggestions you may have to make this meeting the best one yet!

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Region V

Happy Holidays Region V!

We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting 2014 for Region V. Our next quarterly webinar will be held on Thursday January 16 at 1:00 pm Eastern Time. Patrick Conway, Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service is going to give an update on the Affordable Care Act and what is new from CMS. Look for more details soon.

We are busy planning for the annual Region V meeting. This year's meeting will be held March 14-15, 2013 in Dayton, Ohio. Topics confirmed so far include "The Surgical Treatment of Obesity" and "Dermatoses in Children of Color". We have received over 25 trainee abstracts for the Trainee Abstract Competition! Look for the announcement of the winners in early 2014. Registration information will be available soon. Hope to see all of you in Dayton!

Speaking of trainee presentations, if you are planning on attending PAS in Vancouver, we hope you will consider participating in our trainee poster mentoring program. We will be asking you this coming spring for volunteers to support our trainees and provide them feedback on their posters.

A special thank you to Tara Williams, who presented an update on breastfeeding medicine, during our October webinar. Be sure to visit the Region V Wiki Page where you can view her presentation.

As always, we are interested in hearing your input for topics for future webinars and the Region V meeting in March. You can forward ideas to Merrilee or Chris.

Enjoy the holidays and stay warm!!

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Region VI

As we head into winter time, we can reflect on the successful Region VI fall meeting, all of the workshops submitted and accepted, and the abstracts waiting to be reviewed for next spring's PAS meeting. It's been busy and will continue to be a busy time for everyone in the region.

There are always volunteer opportunities available in the APA. We are looking for another region co-chair to begin in May 2014. It is a great position with the opportunity to be mentored by the co-leaders, to network with people regionally and nationally and to develop leadership skills. Anyone who is interested should send a letter of interest by January 31, 2014, to Anita Moonjely at anita-moonjely@uiowa.edu. Depending on the interest level, a spring election may be held.

The APA has a new mentoring program where regional faculty members are paired with a regional trainee to give feedback on the trainee's poster at the PAS meeting. We will be looking for mentors in the February/March timeframe so please consider this opportunity.

Plans are being worked on for another face-to-face fall 2014 regional meeting. The place and time will be determined, but keep this in mind as you start to think about your own professional development for next fall.

This month we are reinstating a newsletter section for highlighting more regional or institutional news. You'll see below some of the great work our members have been doing in the last few months. So don't be shy to contribute your own information or look around and see who else at your institution you can shine the spotlight on. Information can be submitted at any time for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The Region Spotlight

Matthew Broom, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Saint Louis University, has successfully renewed his *Happy Mothers, Healthy Families!* grant from the Maternal, Child and Family Health Coalition of Metropolitan St. Louis. As principal investigator on this award, Dr. Broom has overseen the recruitment of over 40 mothers with mild to moderate postpartum depression and their treatment through social support services, motivational interviewing (including text messages!), and psychological counseling.

Dr. Broom also received funding on a two-year project as co-principal investigator (with Stuart Slavin) via the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, Institute on Medicine as a Profession program entitled *An Integrated Approach to Enhancing Resident and Medical Student Professionalism at Saint Louis University School of Medicine*. The program involves development of a diverse curriculum to be used as an educational intervention focusing on professionalism, mindfulness and avoiding burn-out in graduate medical education.

Donna Halloran, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Saint Louis University, was awarded the Dr. Terry Leet Researcher Award by the Maternal, Child and Family Health Coalition for her significant contributions to maternal and child health.

Danis Pediatrics is the clinical home for all of the APA members at Saint Louis University. In addition to seeing their own patients in this academic setting, they also supervise all of their pediatric residents with their continuity clinics in Danis Pediatrics. This summer, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center held the first annual Glennon Gallop - A Wine, Dine, and Divot Affair! The St. Louis Polo Club, Fifth Third Bank, Nieman Marcus and A. Bommarito Wines hosted a fundraiser for Danis Pediatrics - THEIR CLINIC! They combined a polo event with a fabulous wine auction and delicious cuisine. They even sold out the VIP tent! All proceeds will directly benefit the children and families who receive services at Danis Pediatrics. They can't wait to start spending the money - new otoscopes, new patient tables... They are happy to offer advice to any other clinics wanting to hold a similar fundraiser. It was a huge success!

During the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in early November, Oxford University Press released Ruth Etzel, and Philip Landrigan's new *Textbook of Children's Environmental Health*. This 569 page book contains 60 chapters by authors from every continent except Antarctica. For more information and a list of chapters: <http://global.oup.com/academic/product/textbook-of-childrens-environmental-health-9780199929573>

Iowa Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Steering Committee held its second summit to which over 600 professionals attended in Des Moines Iowa in October. The results of the first population based screening of ACEs in Iowa were reported and can be found at <http://www.iowaaces360.org/iowa-aces-research.html>. As a result of the findings reported, which are very consistent with the findings of the original ACEs study and other studies, Resmiye Oral, a member of the Iowa Steering Committee, has started collaborating with the University of Iowa Institute of Clinical Translational Sciences to expand this research to screening for ACEs at clinical settings across Iowa in multiple specialties' clinic. This approach will enable practitioners provide trauma-informed care to their clients of all ages and has the potential to prevent multiple preventable diseases and negative life-style choices. For further reading <http://www.cdc.gov/ace/>

These are wonderful examples of the hard work and success our Region VI members do on behalf of the children and families. Congratulations to all of you.

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Special Interest Groups

Continuity

Dear co-conti colleagues:

The Continuity SIG steering committee met in Oklahoma City to plan May's meeting in Vancouver. It will be both exciting and useful. Details to be revealed in the next newsletter, but meanwhile:

***Please hold TUESDAY MAY 6 from 8:30 - 11:30am. We know this is late in the conference, but we don't really have a choice in our timing. On the other hand, we are telling you now so that you can plan your flights so as not to miss the meeting

IN OTHER NEWS:

The APA "Wiki" is now ready for live use. Things to know:

- It works a lot like a discussion board - you can post a question and get answers, or post resources (like the slides from last year's SIG meeting)
- Members-only - what you post is private; you need to know your APA login and password
- You need to subscribe to it separately; it isn't attached to the listserv
- You can subscribe to any of the wikis that you see - there are subsites for each SIG, Region, Committee, and more
- It will mail you a digest of the wikis that you are subscribed to

With that in mind, the next time you have a question to throw out to the group, try this:

- Post the question to the Wiki in the Conti Clinic SIG folder (see pic below for how to get to it in the first place)
- Post the question on the Listserv - we recommend this step because most people aren't on the Wiki yet - tell people to answer you ON the Wiki
- Wait for the answers to roll in.

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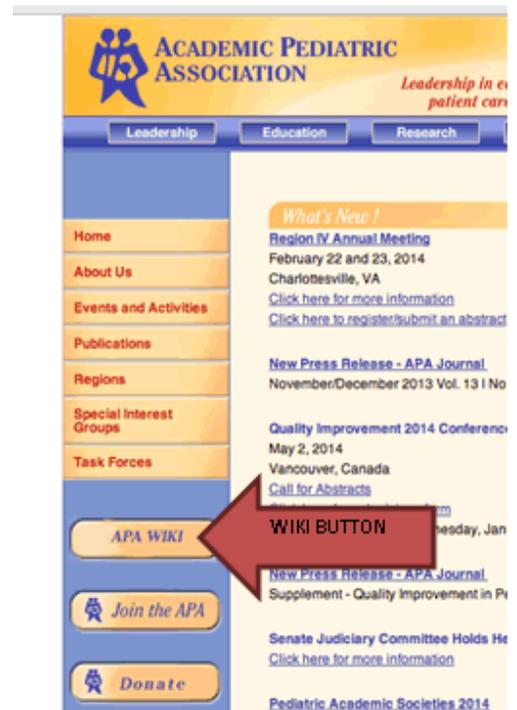
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Happy Holidays! It is time to celebrate the joy and warmth of the season. We cannot believe we are almost at the end of 2013. In the last issue of this year's e-Learning SIG newsletter, we would like to provide a timely forum for educational opportunities that will help enhance learning through collaborative expertise and leadership in technology integrated learning. As we look forward to the New Year, let us announce the following events.

Agenda for 2014 e-Learning SIG

The 2014 PAS meeting is not far away. We have already started working on our SIG agenda planning educational activities, including selecting the presenters. Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. We will continue to feature a variety of speakers and topics which offer enrichment opportunities across all spectrums of the e-Learning field. Here is the preview of the e-Learning SIG sponsored workshop that will take place in Vancouver in 2014:

Kadriye O. Lewis (SIG Co-Chair) from Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO and Michal J. Cidon (SIG Co-Chair) from Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, Palo Alto, CA will present a workshop about the approach to evaluate the pedagogical affordances of Web 2.0 Technologies. The objectives and the description of their presentation are below:

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify the pedagogical benefits, affordances, and opportunities for enhancing learning through the use of appropriately-selected Web 2.0 technologies
- Assess the pedagogical properties and capabilities of Web 2.0 tools to support authentic, interactive assessments
- Develop a plan/strategy for applying best practices of Web 2.0 to medical education

Description: Web 2.0 technologies (free or open source) have evolved over the last decade and provide a wealth of opportunities for learners to engage in content creation thereby supporting high-order, authentic learning and assessment techniques. To support this generation of proficient Web 2.0 users, medical educators need to carefully assess the pedagogical affordances of Web 2.0 tools. In the context of technology integrated teaching, it is important for educators to create opportunities for interaction, engagement, and individualized learning or risk losing learners to apathy. Such increased emphasis on collaborative and social learning has special pedagogical connection to the Web 2.0 platforms such as blogs, RSS (Really Simple Syndication), wikis, podcasts, and virtual worlds. Thus, a synthesis of understanding the pedagogical framework for the use of Web 2.0 technologies is crucial. This workshop is designed to help medical educators assess the following pedagogical affordances of Web 2.0 technologies:

- Availability
- Utility
- Connectivity
- Collaboration
- Content creation and editing
- Information sharing

This workshop will give participants hands-on experiences with various popular applications (e.g., Twitter, wikis, blogs, VoiceThread, Edmodo) to assess and evaluate the pedagogical properties of those tools. The

workshop will provide materials and a screening tool that help pre-assess pedagogical properties of Web 2.0 tools before implementation or adoption in educational projects.

A Closer Look at Great Resources about E-Learning in Medical Education

There are a number of journals which focus on eLearning such as *International Journal of ePortfolio* (<http://www.theijep.com/>), *Journal of Medical Internet Research* (<http://www.jmir.org/>), and *JMIR Research Protocols* (<http://www.researchprotocols.org/>). Here are samples of current instructional articles related to eLearning:

The new issue of the *International Journal of ePortfolio (IJeP)* discusses the effectiveness of ePortfolios in higher education, providing a framework to understand their use in educational research. View the article at <http://www.theijep.com/pdf/IJEP108.pdf>

Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) is a leading journal that focuses on ehealth. View the following current articles at <http://www.jmir.org/>.

- Use of sentiment analysis for capturing patient experience from free-text comments posted online by Greaves et al.
- The role of social media in online weight management: systematic review by Chang et al.
- The virtual skeleton database: an open access repository for biomedical research and collaboration by Kistler et al.

JMIR Research Protocols publishes protocols and grant proposals in medicine as well as early reports of ongoing studies. View these current articles about funded proposals at <http://www.researchprotocols.org/>.

- Exploring eHealth Ethics and Multi-Morbidity: Protocol for an Interview and Focus Group Study of Patient and Health Care Provider Views and Experiences of Using Digital Media for Health Purposes by Townsend et al.
- The Onset of Type 2 Diabetes: Proposal for a Multi-Scale Model by Castiglione et al.

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops - 2014

- Association of American Colleges and Universities' ePortfolio Symposium at Washington DC. January 22-25, 2014
<http://www.aacu.org/meetings/annualmeeting/AM14/symposium.cfm>
- eLearning2014 at Orlando, Florida. February 15-18, 2014
<http://www.itcnetwork.org/elearning-conference/registration-information.html>
- Doctors 2.0 & You at Paris, France. June 5-6, 2014
<http://www.doctors20.com/register>
- Association for Authentic Experiential Evidence-Based Learning (AAEEL) Annual Conference at Boston, MA. July 28-31, 2014.
<https://aaebl.site-ym.com/?page=2014annualconference>
- Medicine 2.0 '13 Summit/7th World Congress at Maui, Hawaii. Nov 13-14, 2014.
<http://www.medicine20congress.com/>

To learn further about conferences about education and technology, visit

<http://www.elearnhub.org/education-technology-conferences-january-june-2014/>

Call for Presentations about e-Learning:

Please note the following deadlines in your calendar.

- AAEEBL's 2014 Annual ePortfolio Conference (*Deadline for proposals*: February 14, 2014) -
<http://www.aaebl.org/?page=2014annualconference>
- Medicine 2.0 2014 (*Abstract deadline*: March 12, 2014) -
<http://www.medicine20congress.com/ocs/index.php/med/med2014>

Our e-Learning SIG mission is to create a supportive network for medical professionals with an interest in e-learning and exploring hands-on practical ways to implement e-learning in their own institutions. We are inviting all of you to share your knowledge and experiences on trends, ideas and best practices in e-learning in pediatrics.

Again, have a joyous holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness.

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Ethics

Dear Ethics SIG members,

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

As the year goes along we have been working on our next Ethics SIG Meeting at PAS in Vancouver. [Our session is scheduled on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 8:30-11:30 am.](#)

We are very excited about this year's meeting. We are planning a workshop to help foster those interested in doing research in ethics.

The goals of the workshop:

- Defining "What is bioethics research?" using examples from the literature and experiences.
- Discovering ways to collaborate with other disciplines in bioethics research.
- Employing different methods in research in ethics--Quantitative, qualitative methods, etc.
- Exploring the challenges of finding mentorship.

Our speakers are John Lantos, Annie Janvier, and William Meadow. After the initial presentations by each speaker we will have small group discussions where each group will discuss a research project that has been submitted by the attendees. During this discussion participants will brainstorm as groups looking at the question, method, and implementation. Our speakers will be assisting in the small groups sharing their expertise and knowledge with you. Each group then will share their discussion points with the whole group. Finally, the session will end with the final remarks from our speakers on how to be successful in ethics research and future directions.

We now ask you to submit your ethics research proposals (please see the e-mail addresses below) that you would like to be discussed during the session. This will be a great opportunity for you to receive feedback from national and international colleagues and experts in ethics research.

We look forward to a very interactive and informative session!

Ethics SIG-essay contest:

We are also proud to announce the third APA Ethics SIG Essay Contest.

The contest is open to all pediatric residents and pediatric subspecialty fellows (including pediatric surgical fellows). Essays should focus on the ethical issues that residents and fellows face in patient care. Topics may include but not limited to personal narratives of ethical dilemmas faced in training or practice or scholarly presentations of issues related to organizational, interprofessional or global health ethics.

Essays should be between 800 to 1600 words. Essays longer than 1700 words will be disqualified without review. Essays must be original and unpublished works. If there are multiple authors, the award will be shared. All co-authors should provide demographic information (training status) and role in manuscript preparation.

Two awards will be offered:

1st Place - \$200

2nd Place - \$100

The winning essays will be read at the PAS meeting in Vancouver and will be published on the APA website as part of Ethics SIG Newsletter in June 2014. If the resident or fellow will be attending PAS in Vancouver they may present their paper themselves.

Deadline: March 10, 2014

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We wish you all the best in your writings in ethics!

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Evidence-Based Pediatrics

The Evidence Based Pediatrics SIG is calling for suggestions for invited speakers for its annual meeting at the Vancouver PAS this coming year. Our SIG meeting takes place Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., May 5, 2014.

Please nominate yourself for presentations as well as make recommendations for both topics and speakers. Please contact the co-chairs Hans Kersten at hans.kersten@drexelmed.edu or Bob Jacobson at jacobson.robert@mayo.edu for more information.

Please visit our SIG's web pages at

http://www.academicpediatrics.org/specialInterestGroups/sig_evidence_based_medicine.cfm to access the latest resources for EBM teaching and practice.

Particularly useful resources for educators and clinicians alike include our collection of EBM online resources including the following:

- EBM MedEdPortal publications of note
- EBM web sites of note
- EBM calculators
- Free Access Sources to EBM reviews
- Search engines and indexed medical literature
- Pediatric EBM CAT sites

In addition, the SIG has used its wiki pages at <http://www.academicpediatrics.org/APAWiki/Wiki.cfm> to organize board-exam style questions concerning EBM. You do not have to be a member of our SIG to utilize these

resources. Furthermore, we would love to get your opinion as to how we can make these web pages a better resource to you.

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Faculty Development

The Faculty Development SIG will be meeting on Saturday May 3, 2014 from 8:30-11:30 am. Our program this year will feature Jennifer O'Toole from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She will be providing us training on how to use the IPASS tool for transitions of care and more importantly how to engage our faculty in using the methodology. Please join us for this important session that will be stimulating, educational and practical. We hope to see you in Vancouver.

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Family Centered Care

Dear APA FCC SIG members,

Thank you for your email responses and support regarding a formal name change of the APA Family Centered Care SIG to the more appropriate "*Patient and Family Centered Care*" SIG. The reason for this change is to emphasize the obvious importance of the patient in their own health care and national standards/literature such as the policy statement from the AAP regarding "Patient and Family Centered Care and the Pediatrician's Role" published in 2012

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/129/2/394>. If you have any further comments or questions, please let us know via the email addresses below.

We continue to plan for the upcoming Family Centered-Care (FCC) special interest group (SIG) at PAS 2014 in Vancouver this year: "Keep It in the Family: Using Family as Educators in Patient and Family-Centered Care" with special guest, Janice L. Hanson, with extensive experience in working with Family Faculty to promote medical student education. If you are interested in joining this exciting panel and discussion to generate new research ideas, please let us know. In addition, we welcome your thoughts and questions!

Please email us anytime: Snezana Nena Osorio snm2001@med.cornell.edu, Mike Weisgerber mweisger@mcw.edu or Heather Toth hthoth@mcw.edu. We look forward to our upcoming meeting and view this forum as a way to exchange experiences and ideas to establish a network that enables further research in FCC!

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Hospital Medicine

Joint Committee on Pediatric Hospital Medicine - JCPHM

The JCPHM has officially added a voting member—a representative from VIP-QuINN—to join existing membership which consists of two voting members from each society (AAP, APA, SHM), a voting member from the PRIS network, and the two elected, at-large members (one of which is dedicated to hospitalists practicing predominately in community hospitals). Erin Stucky-Fisher is the non-voting chair of JCPHM.

Three key efforts have defined JCPHM work so far this year: organizing a strategic planning meeting—it has been five years since the initial Pediatric Round Table, continuing negotiations among our three core societies about possible adjustments to the way the annual PHM meeting is administered and planned, and organizing the efforts to submit a proposal to the American Board of Pediatrics seeking subspecialty status.

PAS SIG Agenda

Over the past two years at PAS, the SIG has featured panel discussions of journal editors and fellowship directors. This year we are excited to feature another panel—this time we have invited representatives of various funding agencies, including NIH institutes, but also those from foundations and smaller entities, including the APA Young Investigator Award. The focus of the panel will be on young investigator and early career options, and include expertise across many PHM relevant types of research such as quality improvement, patient safety, medical education and health services.

In addition, we will hear updates from the various PHM work groups, including the JCPHM, and the chance for you to network with leaders and participants in those groups to take advantage of many national leadership opportunities.

Finally, as in the past two years, PAS will mark the opening of the election to SIG Co-Chair. With this year's election, all of your APA SIG Co-Chairs will each have been elected by peers. Given the prominent role SIG Co-Chairs now play on the Planning Committee for the annual meeting and the JCPHM, having such a transparent, participatory process is key. Look for information about nominations and materials via email in late January and in the February newsletter.

Key Events Coming up:

2014 Pediatric Academic Society Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada - May 3-6, 2014.

The APA PHM SIG meeting will highlight promoting and supporting research in pediatric hospital medicine.

Pediatric Hospital Medicine 2014 in Orlando, Florida - July 24-27, 2014.

Key Deadlines:

PHM research abstracts: Friday, January 17, 2014, 5pm EST, site is open

<https://www.degnon.org/secure/apa/PHM/>

PHM clinical conundrums: Friday, January 17, 2014, Noon EST, site is open

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Newborn Nursery

We hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and well, and ready for the holiday season! Thanks to those of you who have worked hard to submit and review abstracts for the upcoming annual meeting!!

As you are planning your trip to Vancouver, please save the date: Sunday, May 4, Noon - 3 pm, the time of our Newborn Nursery SIG meeting. The Newborn Nursery SIG provides an opportunity for healthcare professionals working in newborn settings to discuss various approaches to care. Our Hot Topics speaker is Karen Puopolo, Attending Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard. Dr. Puopolo will speak about the latest approaches to neonatal sepsis. Abhay Dandekar, Director of Pediatric Residency Training at Kaiser Permanente and Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at UCSF, will speak about the newborn curriculum at Kaiser for residents and medical students. The business and poster viewing portions of this session allow for networking and discussion.

Be sure to check out the APA website and the new Wiki. Brief instructions for the Wiki site can be found at <http://www.academicpediatrics.org/APAWiki/WikiHow.cfm>. You will need to log onto the website, and to then go to the SIG Wiki tab, and then the Newborn Nursery Wiki. We have created four major sections to get us started: Clinical, Quality Improvement, Education and Research. Two major ways to use the Wiki are: 1) To have shared documents created by the SIG collectively and collaboratively, and 2) To post protocols or algorithms. For example, if your hospital were moving toward Baby Friendly, you could post successes and challenges so that others could learn from your experience.

Please keep in mind that it is time to elect a new Co-Chair since Beth Simpson will be finishing her term. Beth has done an outstanding job, and it will be difficult to replace her! Please consider running for Co-Chair or nominating a colleague or friend. It is a great way to build leadership skills and to get more involved in the Academic Pediatric Association!!

Happy Holidays!

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Pediatric Tobacco Issues

Welcome to the Pediatric Tobacco Issues Special Interest Group (cigSIG) from the newly elected co-chairs, Kevin Nelson and Deepa Camenga.

Kevin Nelson is a Pediatric Hospitalist at Primary Children's Hospital at the University of Utah. He recently finished a hospitalist fellowship at the University of Utah and quality improvement training with Intermountain Healthcare. He studies parent smoking cessation interventions and cotinine testing in hospitalized children with severe asthma. He also chairs the Utah Tobacco Prevention Task Force with the Utah Department of Health and helped pass legislation that added e-cigarettes and hookah to Utah's Indoor Clean Air Act and banned smoking in cars when children are present.

Deepa Camenga is an Instructor of Adolescent Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. She recently completed a fellowship in health services research through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program. She is interested in improving primary care practices around the identification and treatment of tobacco use disorders in adolescents and young adults and in improving public health communication around existing and emerging tobacco products. She also precepts residents in the Yale Adolescent Clinic and teaches medical students and residents.

We are excited to announce our guest speaker for Pediatric Tobacco Issues SIG at PAS 2014 in Vancouver this year. Beverly May is the Director of the Western Region and Ohio from the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and has assisted with successful efforts to raise the age to purchase tobacco to 21 (Tobacco 21) in New York and Hawaii. She will speak on successful strategies and the important role of child health providers and researchers in Tobacco 21. We will also discuss Alternative Tobacco Products such as electronic cigarettes and provide a Clinical Update. Look out for email updates during the winter and spring! We welcome your ideas and suggestions and look forward to seeing you in Vancouver.

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Qualitative Research

May is just 6 months away, and we are actively planning for the Qualitative Research Special Interest Group. We are thrilled that those submitting abstracts to PAS can now choose to submit under the qualitative research theme. We will be very interested to see how many qualitative research abstracts are submitted and imagine there may be an assortment of qualitative research presented at the meeting in Vancouver.

We are also pleased to announce that we know of at least one qualitative research workshop that has been accepted. It is called Delving Deeper into Qualitative Research Methods: Philosophical Frameworks and Qualitative Analysis. We encourage you to attend on May 3rd from 2:45-4:45. We plan to have the agenda at the SIG complement this workshop.

Please let us know if you have any thoughts about the SIG agenda. We look forward to hearing from you via email or our Wiki: <http://apaqualitativeresearchsig.pbworks.com>

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Simulation-based Medical Education

Free Pediatric Simulation Webinars

The International Pediatric Simulation Society (IPSS) is the only organization dedicated entirely to pediatric, perinatal and associated health care providers utilizing simulation-based education to improve care and safety for children. The mission of IPSS is to promote and support multi-disciplinary simulation-based education, training and research among all subspecialties focused on the unique nature and needs of caring for the pediatric and perinatal patient and family. IPSS has close ties to the APA SBME SIG and is a regular presenter at the annual SIG meeting at IPSS.

For over past three years IPSS has conducted free monthly webinars for pediatric simulation-based educators and researchers from around the globe. The webinars aim to promote learning, community and advancement of pediatric simulation. They are regularly attended by individuals from over 30 countries that represent over 10 pediatric subspecialties. The sessions are multidisciplinary and interprofessional. The focus is on important topics to pediatric educators and researchers who utilize simulation. They also provide the pediatric simulation community the opportunity to present academic material between national and international academic meetings. In the first year of the IPSS webinar series experts presented key information related to a specific simulation based research project. Over the last two years, the webinars have expanded in scope to include educational sessions and research in progress sessions for young investigators.

The IPSS webinar series leverages information technology to conduct this virtual conference throughout the world. The webinars use an online teleconference tool with live audio, video and slide presentations. Each webinar is recorded and later posted to the IPSS website for asynchronous viewing by individuals who are not available to attend the live session. Each webinar includes a 20 minute presentation, followed by a 20 minute question and answer session with the speaker. This interactive element fosters active discussion between the presenter and attendees.

For more information on how to attend an IPSS webinars please check out the IPSS webinar page at: <http://www.ipedsim.com/innovate/ipedsim-webinar>

If you would like to present your work during an IPSS webinar please send an email to the APA SBME SIG Co-Chairs. Topics of interest include: learner assessment and evaluation, debriefing, human factors/crisis resource management, faculty development, inter-professional education, needs assessment, and curriculum design.

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Announcements

APHA Policy Statement

New Nature, Health and Wellness Policy Statement

A new policy statement has been adopted by the American Public Health Association (APHA) on Nature, Health and Wellness. In order to aid in promoting healthy and active lifestyles, the new policy statement encourages land use decisions that prioritize access to natural areas and green spaces for residents of all ages, abilities and income levels; calls on public health, medical and other health professionals to raise awareness among patients and the public at-large about the health benefits of spending time in nature and of nature-based play and recreation; urges such professionals to form partnerships with relevant stakeholders, such as parks departments, school districts and nature centers; and calls for promoting natural landscaping.

The new policy statement was developed by the American Public Health Association Environment Section's Nature and Health Committee, co-chaired by the National Environmental Education Foundation's Senior Director of Health & Environment, Leyla Erk McCurdy, and was adopted by the APHA Governing Council on November 5. To learn more about NEEF's efforts toward promoting nature, health and wellness, please visit http://www.neefusa.org/health/children_nature.htm.

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Global Health Task Force

The APA Global Health Task Force is launching a qualitative study to identify the characteristics (strengths and weaknesses) of successful pediatric global health researchers. We intend to send a survey to colleagues based in developing countries inviting them to participate. Do you know someone who might want to share their experiences and insights? Please send name(s) and e-mail address(es) to one of our research team members listed below:

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Maternal and Child Health Bureau(MCHB)

Maternal Child Health Bureau at Health Resources and Services Administration
Landscape of Youth Violence Prevention at the Bureau

HRSA funds the Children's Safety Network to support state Maternal Child Health programs' injury and violence prevention activities. Epidemiologic data continues to demonstrate the burden of violence on children and families. With the increase public awareness and need for resources, the Children's Safety network has developed many new resources that include webinars on cross-cutting initiatives, info-graphics that tell the story of firearm-related fatalities among children and youth, fact sheets on the cost of violence and resource guides for the field.

The topic of violence prevention is vast and complex with many Federal and non-federal organizations providing issues. The resources cited below are tailored for the maternal child health community and represent only a sample of available resources.

Youth Violence Prevention Webinar Series

The CSN webinar series began in May with a session on *Law and Policy Issues in Reducing Firearm Violence among Children and Teens: The Role of Public Health*, which was co-sponsored by the Network for Public Health Law. It continued in September with a session on *The UNITY Road Map: A Framework for Preventing Youth Violence*, featuring the Prevention Institute's comprehensive strategy for creating safe and thriving communities. To listen to the archived recordings of these webinars, go to:

<http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/webinars>

The next installment in the webinar series called *Leveraging Hospitals to Stop the Cycle of Violence*, took place on December 11th, 2013. The session focused on the work of the National Network on Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (NNHVIP) and provide specific examples of strategies, challenges, and successes from three of NNHVIP's affiliates, Project Ujima of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, The Violence Intervention Program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Healing Hurt People program at Drexel University. The archive of the webinar can be found at www.childrenssafetynetwork.org.

Firearm Resources

CSN's *Prevention of Firearm-Related Injuries & Death: Resource Guide 2013* at

<http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/sites/childrenssafetynetwork.org/files/FirearmResourceGuide2013.pdf>

and *The Cost of Firearm Violence Fact Sheet* at

<http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/publications/cost-firearm-violence> were developed in January 2013.

Earlier this month, CSN distributed the first info-graphic in its new series on firearm fatalities in children and youth, which highlights key data related to these deaths. The first info-graphic is called *Firearm-Related Fatalities in U.S. Children and Youth: Homicide, Suicide, and Unintentional*, and it can be found on CSN's website at: <http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/publications/firearms-intent-infographic>. Two more info-graphics will be released as part of this same series. *The Magnitude of Firearm-Related Fatalities in Children and Youth* will be released in December and *Child Access to Firearms in the U.S.* in January. Both will be posted on CSN's website at: <http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/>

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