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Annual Leadership Forum

The Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) was a great opportunity to meet and network with AAP leaders from across the country. As representatives of the Section on Residents (SORE), we appreciated the opportunity to attend and participate in the meeting. We gained further exposure to the resolution process and were able to participate in the voting process through our Section's vote at the ALF. The SORe meeting at the NCE produced 44 resolutions. Following the NCE the top 10 resolutions were selected through each District Coordinator and Assistant District Coordinator submitting a top 10 list. These top 10 resolutions were then submitted to the ALF for consideration. At the ALF all of the submitted resolutions from the AAP's Councils, Sections, Committees and Chapters were assigned to 1 of 3 Reference Committees. During one day at the ALF each resolution was presented with time for public conversation and debate. Each resolution's sponsor or supporter could answer and rebut any questions or suggestions that their resolution should or should not be recommended for adoption. After the Reference Committee meetings all of the submitted resolutions were then presented to

all of the ALF attendees and a second opportunity was presented for conversation and debate. Following this long, but interesting day, which included some passionate debate, each voting member (ex. Section Chairs, Chapter Presidents, etc.) submitted a top 10 list representing their group. The top 10 resolutions from the ALF are meant to represent what is of most importance to the grassroots of the AAP. The resolutions are advisory to the board and not binding, but at next year's ALF the Board will report back to the AAP as to what has happened this year on current top 10 resolutions.

Following the ALF we were notified that one of the resolutions submitted from District VII of the SORe, Thirty Minutes of Physical Activity for All School Children in Grades K-12, was selected as a Top 10 resolution for the ALF, and actually ranked as the 2nd place resolution! The other Top 10 resolutions from the ALF were: Marketing Immunizations to Parents, Health Care for All Children Includes Immigrant Children, Medicaid and SCHIP Payment Rates, Appropriate Payment for Cognitive Services, Reducing Administrative Barriers to Medicaid

and SCHIP Enrollment for Eligible Children, Payment for Developmental Screening, Anticipatory Guidance, Strategic Planning and AAP Taskforce on Early Brain and Child Development, and AAP Policy Development on State Mandated Universal Vaccine Purchase. The SORe Executive Committee lobbied hard for a top 10 resolution addressing the potential change to loan deferment for residents, and we received a lot of support, but the resolution did not make the top 10. Is there something that you feel strongly about that you wish the AAP would address? If so, please consider submitting a resolution at next year's NCE! Resolutions can be submitted via the SORe and they can also be submitted via your state chapters. If the process seems unclear please contact either Mana or Caroline (your DC and ADC) and we can provide you with more details and suggestions!

Annual Advocacy Campaign

Hollywood movies deliver billions of tobacco impressions to young audiences annually, and this poses one of the gravest threats to U.S. teens, says the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). On-screen tobacco recruits 390,000 new teen smokers each year in the U.S. alone, and U.S. films take in 58 percent of movie box office sales globally, so this toxic tobacco content is also causing harm around the world. The AAP joins many other health groups in calling on the movie industry to stop toxic tobacco content in films and make youth-rated movies smoke free.

The Residents' Section annual advocacy campaign this year will be smoke-free movies. If you are interested in becoming involved in helping with the development of this campaign please contact Renee Matos reneedlt@gmail.com.

Resident CATCH Grants

Applications due July 31, 2008

The Community Access To Child Health (CATCH) Resident Funds program supports pediatric residents in the planning of community-based child health initiatives. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis for pediatric residents to address the needs of children in their communities. Resident grant projects must include planning activities, but also may include some implementation activities. Priority is given to projects that will be serving communities with the greatest health disparities. A pediatric resident must lead the project and be involved in the proposal development and project activities. For more information, visit www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm, e-mail catch@aap.org, or call (847)434-7632, Another resource is our district resident CATCH liaison – Christy Yeh cych@mednet.ucla.edu

District IX Resident Projects

1. Media as Advocacy

Violence is a problem affecting our patient population in San Francisco. As a result, we decided to create a documentary film that portrays the stories of youth recovery and re-integration following serious violence related injury. Through a close relationship with our community partners, we realized that a film could have tremendous potential to improve the care of the most at-risk youth. By sharing these stories, we hope our film will be a unique advocacy tool that can reach youth, local community-based organizations, and health care providers.

Our final product will be a short documentary about youth violence in the city of San Francisco. We hope to use this film to create social change at the community level. The working title of the documentary is 'Bullet Proof'. By showing our video to providers we

hope to generate interest in youth violence and foster education for primary care pediatricians. By showing our video to youth, we hope to promote discussion and awareness about violence in the community.

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2. Global Pediatric Rotation in Ghana

Diana Rickard and Rebecca Dudovitz, two senior pediatric residents from the UCLA Community Health and Advocacy Training Program designed and implemented a Global Pediatric Rotation in rural Ghana. The rotation is through a partnership with the Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI) a Ghanaian non-governmental organization (NGO) that Dr. Rickard founded in 2001. The rotation includes a pre-departure seminar series and residents receive a reader and manual to help put their experiences into a broader context. While in Ghana, residents participate in a rural clinic, learn about community development and work with local partners on a community health project. This year, the community health project was focused on malaria prevention. Residents helped train community health workers to do in-home malaria prevention education and distribute and hang free insecticide treated bed nets throughout a nearby village. Nearly 500 bed nets were distributed. Six pediatric residents completed the rotation in the 2007-2008 year and the rotation will continue to be offered to interested residents on an annual basis.

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3. Advocacy at Stanford

- MyMy Buu (R2) has become a voice in the Vietnamese newspaper and on local Vietnamese radio discussing early child health issues.
- John Peoples (R2) received a grant to develop health kits and assess the needs of adolescent migrant farmers working in Gilroy.
- Arti Desai (R2) has funding to develop a national coalition of residents interested in advocating for improved health coverage for kids, an idea sparked by the “Stand Up for SCHIP” event organized by Stanford advocates in response to the SCHIP reauthorization debate.
- Monica Eneriz-Wiemer (R2) has a grant to develop a project with a hospital in Malawi, and is currently there conducting her needs assessment with some help from Noel Salyer (R2) who is there doing clinical work.

4. International Work in Guatemala

Our former chief resident (2006-2007), Dr. Kate Leonard, has spent the last year as part of Dr. Paul Wise's team in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. Bronwyn Baz (R3) returned for her fourth time this year to provide medical care through a traveling clinic and pharmacy while also working to train village health promoters to triage patients and treat when appropriate. She also started a can/bottle recycling initiative at LPCH to generate revenue for the Guatemalan Health Fund in an effort to contribute to sustainable improvements in care. Ann Ming Yeh (R2), Ritu Chitkara (R2), Mary Bussey (R2), and Lindsey Yeats (R1) have all joined Kate in Guatemala to help contribute to this mission.

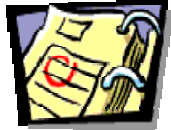
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5. International Work in Haiti

With help from Dr. Dan Imler, one of our former residents who is now a hospitalist at LPCH, rural Haiti has become another area in need to attract Stanford residents. Sylvia Yoo (R1) joined Dan and members from his Ohio community to accomplish an impressive feat: 700 patients seen and treated in 4 days!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



National Convention and Exhibition

Oct 11-14th, 2008
Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA

District IX –

District Meeting
July 17-20th, 2008
Marina Del Rey, CA

AAP Pediatric Updates
May 24-26, 2008
Portola Plaza Hotel, Monterey, CA

30th Annual Las Vegas Seminars
November 20-23, 2008
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada

See the district and chapter websites for more information about the above events.

RESOURCES

Resident AAP Website:
www.aap.org/ypn

District IX Resident Website:

www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/resident/districts/districtix.html



District IX Chapter Websites:

Chapter 1 (Northern CA)

www.aapca1.org

Chapter 2 (Southern CA)

www.aapca2.org

Chapter 3 (San Diego)

www.aapca3.org

Chapter 4 (Orange County)

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Children's Hospital Oakland – Wanny Tam
Children's Hospital OC – Alice Brinkman
Kaiser North – Molly Spiller
Kaiser South – Myra Bastidas
Loma Linda – David Bailly
LA County-Harbor-UCLA MC – Grant Christman
Naval Medical Center San Diego – Alexandra Smith
Stanford – Eva Delgado
UCLA Medical Center – Ryan Collier
UC Davis – Brenna Yard & Fatemah Lakhani
UC Irvine – Rebecca Hicks
UC San Diego – Helen Harvey & Liz Yu
UC San Francisco – Raul Gutierrez
UCSF/Fresno – Shannon Schneider

USC – Michele Evans & Aaron Nayfack
White Memorial – Michael Aguinaldo

(If your program has elected a new delegate, please let
Mana or Caroline or know)

**Submissions wanted!! We are always
looking for new information from you for
our newsletters. Please contact us with
updates!**

Thanks,
Mana and Caroline

The Resident Section Mission:
The AAP Section on Residents will
advocate for residents, training
fellows and medical students,
develop leadership within the
Section, and educate section
members on how to advocate for
the infants, children, adolescents,
and young adults.