

DISTRICT I RESIDENT SECTION

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT NEW ORLEANS 2003 NCE

A new District Coordinator and Assistant District Coordinator were elected for the 2003-2004 academic year along with a host of new program representatives throughout District I. Welcome to **Kelli McDermott, MD**. Kelli is a second year resident at the National Capital Consortium Pediatric Program in Washington, DC, a program of Uniform Services East. Kelli is elected as the new Assistant Coordinator. She will be joining **Christine Aune, MD** and will be acting as a liaison between the resident section of the AAP, the District section and the individual residency programs of District I. Christine was elected the new District Coordinator this year after serving as Assistant Coordinator last year. She is a third year resident at the National Capital Consortium program and will be a Neonatology fellow in the upcoming academic year. Together we will be

representing all the residency programs of District I at both local and national meetings. Several new program representatives were elected this year and present at our National Meeting in New Orleans. The program representative serves as a liaison between the resident section of the AAP and the individual program. They are responsible for communicating with the District Coordinator and Assistant District Coordinator on a regular basis to give updates on their program and find out what is ongoing in the Academy. Welcome to all our new program representatives for this year and we look forward to seeing you again at the next NCE meeting in San Francisco (fall 2004). Please keep in contact with us throughout the year. Christine can be reached at ChristineAune@yahoo.com and Kelli can be reached at KelliMac91@hotmail.com.

Just a reminder.....District I includes:

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Uniformed Services East, Vermont, Atlantic Provinces, and Quebec, Canada.

WORK HOURS CONTINUE

TO BE TOPIC OF

DISCUSSION.....

This year is the first academic year in which the new ACGME work hour guidelines have taken effect and residents throughout the country are working with their individual programs to develop systems in order to comply. This remains a hot topic of discussion among the residency programs in District I and a good majority of our time at the District Luncheon was devoted to this subject. Each program is experiencing their own difficulties in complying with the new guidelines and almost all are searching for new and creative ways to redevelop their program structure. The majority of programs in District I are developing night float systems, hiring nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and developing a shift work plan. While the work hour guidelines have been looked upon as overall favorable, many residents in our district feel as if education is being sacrificed in order to meet the guidelines and that many educational morning and noon conferences are being cancelled secondary to work hour restrictions. Another concern that many programs are struggling with in relation to the new systems developed to comply with the 80 hour week, is a lack of patient continuity of care and true ownership of patients. These were some of the concerns expressed by program representatives in our district. The Resident Section of the AAP remains very interested in helping with and following the new guidelines. A web site from the resident section has been

created to be a forum for finding solutions to these challenges at <http://aap.org/section/resident/rwsolutions.htm>. Please check out the website and add what is working for your program and please contact Christine or Kelli with your ideas.

VISIT THE AAP RESIDENT SECTION WEBSITE AT www.AAP.org/sections/resident

DISCUSSION OF FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS....

Another hot topic of conversation at this past year's luncheon included the application process for fellowship. Currently many fellowships require the application process to begin in the first half of the second year of residency. Many residents felt that it was almost impossible to know whether or not they wanted to apply for fellowship by the beginning or middle of their second year because they hadn't been exposed to many of the subspecialties. This has only been complicated by the new work hours and lack of exposure to electives in the 2nd year. Some residents proposed moving the application process to the third year of residency, therefore enabling more residents to have a broader exposure to the subspecialties throughout their second and beginning of third years. Please contact us with any further thoughts you might have on this subject.

Reminder of Grant and Award Opportunities

- Resident Section Research Grant: Due Feb 2004
- Resident Section Scholarship: Due Feb 2004
- Resident Catch Planning Funds Grant: Due Jan 2004

- Resident Section Annie Dyson Child Advocacy Award: Due Aug 2004
- Resident Travel Grant for NCE San Francisco 2004: Due Sept 2004
- Resident Section International Rotation Travel Grant: Due Nov 2004

CONGRATULATIONS.....

There are some wonderful things going on in District I and several acknowledgements need to be made. There were 3 case studies from our district submitted this past year to the Resident Research Grant and Case Presentation. Congratulations to **Jason Caboot** from National Capital Consortium on selection of his case as a poster presentation at the very first Resident Research and Case Studies Reception. Jason's case was entitled "Severe Hypoglycemia in a 22 month old Child". Congratulations also to **Ami Bhatt** from Massachusetts General who submitted a case entitled, "Isolated Gastrointestinal Tuberculosis in an

Infant" and to **Vincent Mukkado** from Brown University who submitted a case entitled, "A 13 year old girl with Bilateral Pulmonary Hemorrhage." Our district did extremely well and we look forward to next year's proposals. Keep up the good work. We would also like to congratulate Dan Hale from Maine Medical Center Residency Program who will be completing his 2003 CATCH grant this spring. Dan's project was entitled Homeless Teen Health Assessment Survey. Please feel free to contact him or Christine or Kellie with any questions you might have on applying for a CATCH grant.

KEEP US INFORMED.....A Reminder to program representatives.

It is your responsibility to keep in touch with both Christine and Kelli via email on a semi-quarterly basis with what is going on in your program in regards to work hours, Research/Grant applications, and any other concerns. We are here to help you in any way.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!! CONTACT YOUR PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE.

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