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District I Resident Section

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Highlights and Congratulations are in Order

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Congratulations to two of our district members who were awarded International Grants:

Raina Paul from the Boston Combined Residency Program will be going to Africa to the Maluti Hospital in Mapoteng, a small town 70 km north of Maseru, the capital of the Kingdom of Lesotho. Maluti Hospital supports several outreach programs including 10 rural clinics staffed primarily by nurse clinicians. Responsibilities include inpatient and local clinic care as the sole pediatrician, overnight call for pediatric emergencies, leading conferences and teaching permanent staff.

Ron Shiloh from the Harvard Combined Medicine Program will be going to South Africa to

Siyaphila, an AIDS hospice affiliated with McCord Hospital in Durban, South Africa. While there, he will round with the provider team in the morning and go with home health-care workers to visit patients at home.

Congratulations to our CATCH grant winners:

RESIDENT CATCH GRANTS
Suzanne Boxer, Boston, MA, "Adolescent Smoking Cessation: A Community-Based Intervention"

Jennifer Kicker, Uniformed Services-East Chapter, "STEPS to Obesity Awareness"

Michelle Niescierenko, Boston, MA, "STRENGTH: Nutri-



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tion and Exercise for Teen Health"

CATCH IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Robert Nordgren, Manchester, NH, "Teen Clinic Nutrition Services"

Lisa Sylvia, Lee, MA, "School-Based Healthy Weight

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District I Leads the Way

The goals and mission of the AAP is decided by a resolutions process that starts at the National Conference and Exhibition and continues through the year. As the Resident Section we create and vote on resolutions at our National Conference and Exhibition in October. From these, we create a Top Ten. **District I submit-**

ted two of the TOP TEN RESOLUTIONS from the Resident Section. They were:

RESOLVED, that the Academy, via its representation to the Resident Review Committee and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, encourage evaluation of the increasing documentation

required of pediatric residency programs to prove competency.

RESOLVED, that the Academy investigate models of effective, efficient transfer of care communication, taking into consideration the use of electronic medical records.

This Year's Annual Leadership Forum (ALF)

The resident section leadership, along with over 500 chapter officers, committee, council and section chairpersons, attended this year's Annual Leadership Forum, March 29 – April 1st at the Renaissance Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The voting members discussed 95 resolutions covering a wide range of topics, including the Resident Sections Top Ten. At the end, voting members selected the Top Ten resolutions for the entire AAP. They were:

1. Creation of a Formal Home for Obesity within the AAP
2. Equitable Vaccine Payments
3. Payment for Pediatricians Providing Mental Health Services
4. Children's Rights to Receive Health Care Services Under the Medicaid Act
5. Protection of Children's Rights Through Non-traditional Family Parents
6. Pay for Performance (P4P) Programs for Pediatrics
7. Medical Liability Grievance Committee
8. Critical Action to Support the Children and Adolescents of American Military

Families

9. Protection of Children's Rights Through Nondiscriminatory Civil Marriage
10. Transition to Adult Care Settings for Children with Chronic Medical and Surgical Condition

All of the resolutions presented at ALF can be searched online. Go to the membership page, scroll down on the left to the Chapters, Committees, Counsels and Sections and click on "2006/2007 Resolution". Pay particular note to #54 Critical Action to Support the Children and Adolescents of American Military Families. We mention it because our District includes all military pediatric residents and fellows east of the Mississippi.

Next step...**create a resolution or bring an idea to the NCE** in San Francisco this year. If you cannot make the meeting, send your ideas with your Program Delegate. At NCE, we will be coming up with new resolutions and the process will start all over again.

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What Happened To Our Two Resolutions?

Sure, we didn't make the AAP's Top Ten, but both resolutions were passed without contest and will be taken forward. How? Read this email about the two resolutions:

"Hello everybody,

This is Aparna your AAP liaison to the American Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section (AMA RFS). I just returned from a very stimulating AMA-RFS conference... [W]e had submitted two resolutions from the AAP residents section to the AMA-RFS. The resolutions included:

- 1) Excessive documentation demands on residency programs and the issues with competency based versus knowledge based changes in education.*
- 2) Making standardized patient sign outs taking into consideration electronic medical records.*

The resolutions were very well received by the AMA-RFS. I had a number of residents approach

me about these resolutions and congratulated us for them as the concerns with regards to excessive paperwork etc are shared by all residents alike. Both the resolutions were accepted by the reference committee as well as voted by other residents without much debate about them. Minor changes were made in the resolutions the details of which I will elaborate in my report. I was really excited about the resolutions and hence thought will share the same with everybody...

Sincerely

Aparna Kamath

AAP Liaison to the AMA-RFS

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Internal Medicine/ Pediatrics

MetroHealth Medical Center, CWRU

Cleveland, Ohio."

District I's two resolutions were presented to The American Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section.

Advocacy in Action

The AAP has chosen six areas to focus their advocacy projects on this year: **Special Health Care Needs (especially for children in foster care), Oral Health, Disaster Preparation, Mental Health, Immunizations, and Obesity.**

Our most pressing federal legislative initiative is the **State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)**. Started in 1997, SCHIP currently provides health insurance coverage to 6 million children. Of the 9 million uninsured children in America, two-thirds are eligible for SCHIP or Medicaid but not enrolled. If SCHIP renewal legislation is done right, 6 million of the eligible but unenrolled children could gain access to health care coverage through SCHIP or Medicaid. Renewing and fully funding SCHIP is the Academy's number one legislative priority in 2007. Congress must renew SCHIP before it expires on Sept.

30, 2007. Want to get involved?

1. Federal Affairs website - <http://aap.grassroots.com/>
2. Sign up to be a key contact (FAAN) - <http://aap.grassroots.com/keycontact/>
3. SCHIP Reauthorization -- Background and Resources <http://aap.grassroots.com/SCHIPsignon/>
4. TELL CONGRESS: Fund SCHIP and Medicaid - <http://aap.grassroots.com/fundSCHIP/>
5. General information on Medicaid and SCHIP - <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/staccess.htm>
6. Division of State Govt Affairs website - <http://www.aap.org/moc/statelegislation/>
7. Medicaid fact sheets by state - http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/elections/med_factsheet_pub.htm
8. Campaign for Children's Health Care - <http://www.childrenshealthcampaign.org/>

*In addition to supporting the AAP's advocacy initiatives, the Resident Section has chosen our own advocacy project: **Access to Mental Health.***

The Federal Advocacy Action Network (FAAN)

A great way to be involved with advocacy is to participate in **FAAN**. The Federal Advocacy Action Network (FAAN) is a quick and easy way to get involved in an AAP federal legislative issue. You don't even have to sign up. You will automatically receive FAAN email alerts if the Academy already has an email address for you in its member database. As of March 2007, FAAN email alerts are sent to approximately 53,000 of its 60,000 members. The AAP Washington Office uses

FAAN alerts when the issue affects a large number of pediatricians and/or volume counts (i.e. we need to overwhelm Congress with calls and emails to inform a vote). AAP members may only get 2 or 3 FAAN email alerts in a given year, but they are urgent, action-oriented and usually deal with an issue that impacts a large number of our membership, like Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

To sign up to be an AAP Key Contact, log on to Member Center and click on "Federal Affairs." or contact Priscilla Ring, AAP Department of Federal Affairs, 800-336-5475, ext. 3304, or pring@aap.org.

Taking Advocacy Further

We encourage residents to join the **AAP Key Contact program**. Key Contacts have an interest in developing a stronger working relationship with their congressional delegation, and usually work on several AAP legislative issues. Key Contacts are contacted on a regular basis (approximately once a month when Congress is in session). They receive all the latest information and news, advocacy tips and tools, suggestions for improving relationships with members of Congress and more sophisticated advocacy assignments, such as

media work and congressional visits. For those who want to take advocacy even one more step, consider the **advocacy internship elective**. It is a one month elective in Washington, DC at the AAP Federal Affairs Office. The program is designed for those interested in learning about child health issues, the legislative process, and public affairs activities. To find more information, visit <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/intern.html>.

Community Access to Child Health Grants

Have a great idea for an advocacy project for your hospital or area? The 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 800/433-9016, ext 7632. Note: Only

online submissions will be accepted. You can also e-mail our resident liaison directly, Scott Welak at swelak@ccmckids.org. **If you act fast, you could even make the 2008 Cycle 1 CATCH Resident Funds Grants. Applications are due July 31, 2007.**

Residents Receive a FREE Subscription to AAP Grand Rounds

To assist in residency training the AAP is offering residents a free subscription to the online edition of AAP Grand Rounds. This literature review journal provides the latest evidence-based, research, reviews and commentaries. Residents can activate their subscription at www.aapgrandrounds.org.

International Travel and Research Grants

Want to experience international medicine, but worried you cannot afford it? Look in to the International Travel Grants. The AAP has set aside 10 to 12 five-hundred dollar (\$500.00) grants to be awarded in the year 2008 to categorical pediatric or combined-training pediatric residents who wish to complete a clinical pediatric elective in the developing world during residency. The deadlines for this application are usually in September, so stay tuned via http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/tr/funding_awards/international_travel.html.

Do you have a great research idea? In an effort to enhance the development of research skills among physicians in training, the American Academy of Pediatrics administers the Resident Research Grant Program. Grant applications require a statement of purpose, a research plan, and a proposed budget. Applicants must also identify a project advisor who has an appropriate research background. Grants of up to \$2,000 will be available. Applications will begin to be accepted in December. Go to http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/tr/funding_awards/

[research_grants.html](http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/tr/funding_awards/research_grants.html) for the application and any further updates.

Previous winners of grants are now searchable. Log onto the Member Center with your AAP ID and password at <http://www.aap.org/moc/indexEntry.cfm>. Under "Member Community", click on "More". When you get to the next page, click on "Grant/Project Search" under "Resources". Conduct searches for projects and receive brief descriptions about the projects that match your search criteria.

You can now get educational information on your iPod via PREP Audio. To assist resident education training, Mead Johnson has sponsored subscriptions for all pediatrics residents to PREP Audio: Critical Conversations with Experts, a new education program developed by the AAP. This monthly audio journal is the latest addition to the Academy's PREP family of products. Please go to www.prepaudio.org to register.



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(this could be you next year)

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We Need You!

COME TO THE NATION CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION
October 27-30 in San Francisco
The Resident Section Annual Meeting is on October 27th during the NCE. Go to <http://www.aap.org/nce/> to learn more.

All program delegates have a \$300 travel grant available to them to attend the NCE. If you have questions about the travel grants, please contact Kimberley VandenBrook or call 800/433-9016 ext 6023.

We are looking for...

- District coordinator (beginning October 2007)
10 positions open, 1 representing each district of the AAP (1-year term)
- Assistant district coordinator (beginning October 2007)
10 positions open, 1 representing each district of the AAP (1-year term)
- Section secretary (beginning October 2007)
(1-year term)
- Section vice chairperson (beginning October 2007)
(3-year term: 1 as vice chair, 1 as chair, and 1 as immediate past chair)
- Section liaisons (beginning January 2008) for:
AMA/Resident Fellow Section
Committee on Federal Government Affairs
Committee on Residency Scholarships

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH)
Council on Clinical Information Technology
Council on Community Pediatrics
Council on School Health
Section on Adolescent Health
Section on Child Abuse and Neglect
Section on Home Care
Section on International Child Health
Subcommittee on Resident Research Grants (Committee on Pediatric Research)

Each resident member of the AAP was sent a leadership interest form, which must be completed to apply for any of these positions. If you need another copy of the form, please get the form online at www.aap.org/ypn/r/leadinterestform.pdf. The deadline for most applications is September 30, 2007.