

AAP DISTRICT II RESIDENT NEWSLETTER July 2004
AN UPDATE ON DISTRICT 2 RESIDENT ACTIVITIES:

Greetings to all New York State pediatric housestaff and welcome new interns! This past year, we have focused on establishing active contacts within every residency program in our District. So far, we have achieved the following:

- Identified an enthusiastic program delegate to the AAP from seven of the 30 NY programs. This person will be our primary contact and responsible for disseminating information to residents in their respective programs.
- Collected contact information for chief residents and/or program directors at most programs which will be used for continuity of contact.
- Established three new positions: one resident will act as Chapter Representative for each of the three Chapters in the District.
- Developed a powerpoint presentation introducing the AAP and outlining the benefits for residents that come with membership. Several of the active program delegates have given this presentation to incoming interns and their fellow residents.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the AAP, please volunteer to become a Program Delegate or Chapter Representative.

The benefits and responsibilities of a **PROGRAM DELEGATE** include the following:

- Each PD receives a \$300 travel grant supported by the AAP to defer costs of attending the National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) in San Francisco October 9-13, 2004.
- Prior to the NCE, we will hold a conference call for all PDs on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 7pm EST. The goal of the conference call will be to identify issues pertinent to Residents and patients in our District that can be brought to the attention of the Resident Section at the NCE in the form of resolutions.
- After the NCE, each PD should disseminate information and enthusiasm gained from the conference to residents in his or her program.
- Throughout the year, the PD will be our primary contact and will be responsible for reminding residents in each program about deadlines for grants, upcoming events, and important policy issues.
- The PDs are welcome to attend quarterly Chapter dinner meetings with the CR.

Benefits and responsibilities of a **CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE** are as follows:

- Attend the quarterly Chapter dinner meetings and update the Chapter about the Resident Section's activities, concerns, and needs.
- Disseminate information back to the PDs in his or her Chapter who will in turn inform the residents at their institutions.
- We are working with the Chapters to sponsor the CR's travel expenses to the NCE. If this benefit becomes available, we will inform the CRs.

Ongoing issues being addressed by the Resident Section include:

- Standardizing Fellowship applications across specialties.
- Collecting data on maternity leave, retirement plans, and other benefits for residents across programs.
- Researching a proposal to study resident employee status: student vs. employee

REMINDER! CATCH GRANTS due July 30, 2004. Community Access to Children's Health grants support pediatricians in the initial and/or pilot stage of developing and implementing a community-based child health initiative. The next cycle of grants are due in January 2005 so there is plenty of time to plan ahead. For applications and information visit the following:

www.aap.org/visit/catchgrants.htm OR e-mail: catch@aap.org

CATCH FACILITATORS are essential to the success of grants! Please contact:

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Chapter 1: Rajram Rao, MD, 607-257-5958, rajraomd@aol.com

Chapter 2: Ron Marino, MD, 516-663-4424, rmarino@winthrop.org

Chapter 3: Carmen Ramos-Bonoan, MD, 212-676-2478, cbonoan@health.nyc.gov

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

WEBSITES RECENTLY UPDATED! Check them out.

Resident Section: <http://www.aap.org/resident>

District II: <http://www.aapdistrictii.org/>

Chapter 1: <http://www.ny1aap.org/>

Chapter 2: <http://www.ny2aap.org/>

Chapter 3: <http://www.ny3aap.org/>

ANNE E. DYSON AWARD for CHILD ADVOCACY due August 6, 2004.

Awardees receive travel funds to the NCE for award presentation.

<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/chadvaward.htm>

CAREER PLANNING AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT seminars for your residency program, contact Anne B. Francis, MD, FAAP, the Chair of the Section on Administration and Practice Management: afranci2@rochester.rr.com

IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION seminars for your NYC residency program, contact Sheila Palevsky, MD, MPH of the NYC Department of Health: spalevsk@health.nyc.gov

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS, apply November of each year

<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/intertravel.htm>

JOB SEARCH: <http://www.pedjobs.org/pedjobs/>

OTHER AAP RESIDENT SECTION RESOURCES ONLINE: Career planning, resources for med students, job descriptions, women in pediatrics, AMSA, Med-Peds, ACGME, child advocacy, career planning.

RESIDENT RESEARCH GRANTS, apply January of each year

<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/resresearchgrant.htm>

RESIDENT NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS, apply January of each year

<http://www.aap.org/sections/resident/resscholarship.htm>

CALENDAR

CHAPTER I (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and Upstate Counties)

CHAPTER II (Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island)

CHAPTER III (Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties)

September 9 - Chapter 2 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm - Uniondale Marriott, Long Island, NY

September 13, 7pm: AAP Program Delegates, Chapter Representatives, District Coordinators conference call.

October 9-13: AAP National Conference & Exhibition, San Francisco, CA, Moscone Convention Center-Come to next year's conference: write resident resolutions and apply for leadership positions including committee liaison positions to the AAP!

For the NY Chapter 1 meetings, please contact their Chapter Executive Director, Nancy Adams, at (585) 244-3773 or nadams@mcms.org.

We hope this has been helpful to you. If you have any questions or issues that need to be addressed, we look forward to hearing from you. Have a great year!

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