



District IV AAP Resident Newsletter

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Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

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Please take advantage of this

2005 National Conference and Exhibition Update

The upcoming 2005 Annual National Conference and Exhibition (NCE), along with our continuing celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the AAP, will be held in our nation's capital October 8-11. The purpose of this meeting is to "expand knowledge, enhance skills and techniques, and provide the most up-to-date information" in the field of pediatrics.

At the Section on Residents portion of the NCE, we analyze, debate, and provide solutions for problems and controversial issues facing pediatric residents. We also promote childhood advocacy and share ways residents can get involved with different advocacy programs locally and nationally. As always, we would love to have even more of you there to voice your concerns, write resolutions, and learn more about opportunities available to you within the AAP.

The AAP provides a NCE Travel Grant available to those residents (one per program) who attend and participate in Resident Section meetings at the NCE.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Washington DC

OCTOBER 8-11, 2005

opportunity!

AAP.NET email address

Tired of changing email addresses every time you move? Go to the Members Only Channel on www.aap.org to get an aap.net forwarding address to use for a lifetime- and it's free for AAP members!

Please check the AAP website at www.aap.org for updates and more information regarding the NCE that



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provides wonderful lectures and an opportunity to meet the current and future leaders of pediatrics!

serves in a consulting capacity to the AAP Board of Directors and makes recommendations regarding policy statements related to pediatric residency training, and other matters relating to the

What is the Resident Section?

(www.aap.org/sections/resident)

The AAP Section on Residents was founded in 1989 and enables residents, fellows, and medical students to work together to improve the care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The resident section is by far the largest of the AAP's Sections with over 9,000 members. Resident and fellow members of the AAP are automatically members of the Section.

In addition to working on child advocacy, we also provide a forum for issues specifically dealing with residency and fellowship training such as the work hour rules and the fellowship application process.

The Section provides educational programming at the National Conference and Exhibition of the AAP. The programs consist of a keynote address, two education breakout sessions, district meetings, and elections. One of our subcommittees deals specifically with education and fosters more ways for residents to take advantage of the many educational opportunities already offered by the AAP. The Resident Section

education and well being of pediatric residents.

The Residents' Section also provides information regarding grants and scholarships for child advocacy projects, research, and international child health.

Our section is governed by an Executive Council comprised of two resident representatives from each of the AAP's ten geographic districts. There is a national chair, vice-chair and secretary. Your district, District IV, is represented by **David Sas, DO, MPH**, Chief Resident from Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children in Virginia, and **Elizabeth Mack, MD**, a PGY-2 from Palmetto Richland in South Carolina. The Section leadership is your voice to the AAP Board of Directors, as Executive Council members attend various Board meetings. The Resident Section is sought out by many Academy higher-ups who want to be resident advocates, and who want our opinions on many facets of what takes place in the AAP.

For further information, please see the Resident Section web page at www.aap.org/sections/resident



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Happy Birthday!

The AAP is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year!!!

Important Dates and Deadlines for Conferences and Grant Applications:

Resident Research Grant:

\$2000-\$3000 research grants awarded to resident members to initiate and complete research projects related to their professional interests.
DEADLINE: February 2006

Resident Section Scholarship:

\$1000, \$1500, \$3000, and \$5000 scholarships awarded to resident members based on financial need/hardship. DEADLINE: Feb 2006

Resident CATCH grants: Up to \$3000 for pediatric residents to develop or implement proposals for innovative, community-based proposals to increase children's access to health care.
DEADLINE: Jan 2006

Resident Section Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award: \$300 award to a resident-run project to improve the lives of children. Winners receive a \$300 check usable toward the project, along with travel and lodging expenses for two residents to attend the AAP National Conference and Exposition (NCE) and receive the Advocacy Award plaque

during the Resident Section assembly meeting. DEADLINE: August 5, 2005.

Resident Clinical Case Presentation:

10 selected clinical cases from clinical care abstracts that focus on relatively unique diagnostic and/or therapeutic characteristics and that are of significant educational value. Selected abstracts will be displayed as posters at the NCE and award recipients will have their registration fees (~\$200) for the NCE covered by the Resident Section. The first-place winner's case is published in *Pediatrics in Review's* "Index of Suspicion." DEADLINE: April 2006

Resident Section International

Rotation Travel Grant: \$500 grants awarded to resident members who wish to complete a clinical pediatric elective in the developing world during their residency. Four grants are awarded annually. DEADLINE: November 25, 2005.

Legislative Conference for the AAP:

This three day conference in Washington, D.C. focuses on teaching the pediatrician how to understand the federal and state legislative process, acquiring skills to successfully impact Congress and state legislatures, and develop strategies to effectively utilize the media. Participants visit with their members of Congress, have hands-on work sessions, and start building relationships with peers, politicians, and the press. DEADLINE for registration: February 2006



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**** Any further information for grant applications and descriptions can be found on the www.aap.org/residents webpage. ****



Some of you may already be familiar with PediaLink (www.pedialink.org) as a source of Board review questions and clinical images. Right now, a committee is giving PediaLink a complete overhaul, including an improved “Resident Center” section that will cater to the needs of pediatric residents. It will include an improved bank of Board review questions and discussion, as well as a user-friendly way to track your progress and target areas to focus your studies on. We are also developing a centralized Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) to help residents and program directors track their educational progress. Ideally, this website will evolve into a central educational home for residents to use as a resource for Board review, clinical images, fellowship and career information, self-evaluation and other useful information.

Advocacy Work Among Residents in District IV:

- MUSC pediatric residents volunteered at the Convoy of Hope, a program held by

the city of Charleston to provide benefits to the homeless. The residents had a booth in the health section of the fair.

- Deborah Archer, MD at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children in Northern Virginia is teaching her fellow residents about ongoing child advocacy opportunities in Northern Virginia and Washington, DC.
- Palmetto Richland residents in Columbia participate in several events regularly, including annual Festival of Trees fundraiser, CMN telethon, First Lady’s Easter egg hunt, ROAR, adopt-a-family, writing legislators, SC advocacy day at the statehouse, mentoring project with local schools, healthy lifestyles clinic, writing column in hospital newsletter, safety PSAs on radio, and others.
- Vanderbilt residents are starting an advocacy group. They are also planning a noon conference to display the AAP Resident Section Powerpoint presentation. Michael Warren and Cat Snipe will be attending the Legislative Advocacy conference in DC.
- Jeff Anderson and Jessica Fu are improving the advocacy curriculum at UNC by designing an advocacy elective, improving the interns’ “outreach month,” and planning an educational outreach program in local schools. They are very excited about this and would love to hear what other programs are doing with regards to their advocacy curriculum and experiences.



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- **TC Thompson CMC / UT Chattanooga** reports that their continuity clinic is setting up weekly visits to local schools for short subject presentations on health.

Please send us a brief update of what's going on at your program so we can spread the word!



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Calendar of Meetings:

Chapter Representatives should contact their Chapter leaders and attend state meetings.

AAP National Meeting (NCE):

October 8-11, 2005
Washington, D.C.

Chapter Meetings:

Tennessee

Fall meeting TBA

Virginia

July 23-25, 2005
Annual Meeting
(Board Meeting on July 22)
Location: Virginia Beach

North Carolina

2005 NCPS Annual Meeting
August 26-28
Location: Asheville, NC

Kentucky

TBA

South Carolina

July 28 - 31, 2005
SCAAP Annual Meeting
Asheville, NC

Please send any suggestions, comments, wishes, hopes, dreams, or desires to
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