

CoPS Update August 2012

A few updates about CoPS recent activities:

ABP Subspecialty Clinical Training and Certification (SCTC) Action Team

The SCTC Action Team recently distributed a copy of Gary Freed's "Pediatric Fellowship Program Director and Thought Leader Perspectives on Fellowship Training" report to the ABP SCTC Task Force via the CoPS listserv. (This is available at <https://www.abp.org/abpwebsite/taskforce/reslib/26.pdf>). Gary has been invited to present the data at the CoPS Fall Meeting. When the Task Force provides their recommendations, input from the pediatric subspecialty community will be solicited. Rob Spicer leads Linda VanMarter and Marilyn Punaro in this endeavor.

Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) Action Team

This Action Team is preparing for the next PEEAC Conference to be held in 2013. Led by Jim Bale, the group includes volunteers Mary Ottolini, Scott Pentiuk and Doug Swanson.

Fellow Readiness Action Team

As discussed at the CoPS meeting at PAS, CoPS will be collaborating with the APPD to examine how residents can be better prepared as they transition to fellowship. This issue arose because many Fellowship Program Directors have concerns about the readiness of resident trainees entering pediatric subspecialty training programs. In addition, changes to the ACGME requirements allow the resident curriculum to be tailored to the career plans of the trainee. This Action Team will determine the specific qualifications or characteristics that make a resident better prepared to enter a pediatric subspecialty training program. The Action Team will also suggest a career-focused curriculum that could be utilized by categorical program directors to better prepare residents planning a subspecialty career. The Action Team Leader is Mel Heyman. Christine Barron, Michael Brook and Debra Boyer were selected by CoPS and Adam Rosenberg and Suzanne Lavoie by the APPD to work on this issue. Thanks to the participants for volunteering.

FOPO Working Group

FOPO is sponsoring a working group to examine the future needs of Pediatric training along the continuum from medical school through graduate medical education and professional development after graduation. Patrick Leavey is serving as the CoPS representative on this endeavor.

CoPS Membership and Dues

Dues notices for the July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013 fiscal year have been sent out. Remember that effective July 1, 2012, payment of dues is required to have representation on CoPS. As of August 7, 2012, CoPS members include:

Sustaining (\$10,000 or more)

- American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
- Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC)
- Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD)

Supporting (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Contributing (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

- Academic Pediatric Association (APA)

Subspecialty Societies (\$500/rep)

- American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI)
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Emergency Medicine
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Critical Care
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Perinatal Pediatrics
- American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO)
- American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)
- Helfer Society
- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN)
- Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES)
- Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees
- Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP)
- Society for Pediatric Dermatology (SPD)

As a reminder, the benefits of CoPS membership include:

- Support the mission of CoPS: to advance child health through communication and collaboration within its network of pediatric subspecialties and allied organizations.
- Support the vision of CoPS: all pediatric subspecialties working together for optimal child health.
- Increase subspecialty visibility in the pediatric community.
- Vet, synthesize, articulate and influence the outcome of shared issues of importance with other leaders of the pediatric community.
- Promote your subspecialty and its work.
- Participate in the CoPS spring and fall meetings.
- Discuss and vote on pertinent issues in the pediatric subspecialty community

CoPS Paper

Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS): The First Five Years is now available in the July 16 version of eFirst pages in *Pediatrics*. The DOI is 10.1542/peds.2011-2979.

Executive Committee meeting

The CoPS Executive Committee will be meeting for two days in August in Chicago. The group will be reviewing the strategic plan and mapping out CoPS' priorities for the next 2 years.

CoPS Annual Meeting

The CoPS Annual Meeting will be held in on **Thursday, Oct 11 from 10am – 6pm and on Friday, Oct 12 from 8 AM – 1:30 PM** in Chicago at the Sheraton near O'Hare Airport. Additional details will be provided later. Please **SAVE THE DATES!**