The monthly APPD Bulletin is one of many member benefits.

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1) **APPD 2015 Annual Spring Meeting**

**APPD 2015 Annual Spring Meeting**  
*Sharing Innovative Strategies for Optimizing Outcomes*  
March 25-28, 2015 in Orlando, FL

*NEW* DEADLINE FOR “TRAINEE - LEAD AUTHOR” POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS:  
February 13, 2015

[https://www.appd.org/WS_Submission/abstract/index.cfm](https://www.appd.org/WS_Submission/abstract/index.cfm)

Trainee poster abstracts may be submitted at any time between now and February 13. We plan to have a quick turn-around on reviews and notifications so that everyone can make travel plans.

**Preliminary Schedule** (includes MPPDA Annual Meeting)

**Registration Fees**

**Hotel Reservations:** The APPD sleeping room block at the Walt Disney Swan and Dolphin Hotel will be opening soon. (APPD attendees will be eligible for discounted Disney tickets, including reduced rates for tickets after 2pm and 4pm.)

2) **APPD LEAD: New Council Member Selected**

The APPD LEAD Council is very pleased to announce the selection of a new Council member—Richard Shugerman, MD. Richard is well known to many as the recent former director of the pediatrics residency training program at the University of Washington, where he served for over 2 decades.
As a PD and very active member of the APPD, Richard led his team successfully through the many changes from the ACGME. In addition, he has held important national roles representing program directors both at the AAP and ABP. Richard is also a recipient of the ACGME Courage to Teach Award. Richard will be an outstanding addition to the Council, bringing his leadership, mentorship, collaboration, and teaching experience to APPD LEAD.

3) **APPD Regional News**

APPD would like to welcome our newly elected Regional Chairs.

*Chair, Council of Regional Chairs*

J. Auxford Burks MD

**Mid-Atlantic Region**

Dewesh Agrawal MD

Janet Barbour

Meredith Carter, MD

**New England Region**

Priya Garg MD

Ann Marie Healy

**New York Region**

Matthew Kapklein MD, MPH

Yakhira Encarnacion-Patterson MPH

**Southwest Region**

Tammy Camp MD

Cindy Jon MD

Yvette Foster

Thank you to our outgoing Regional Chairs (*Jennifer C. Bishop, Kelly Bradley-Dodds, MD, Anna Marie Carr, MD, Jon Courand, MD, FAAP, Beth Payne, MAEd, C-TAGME, Kelley Pike, Elizabeth Sanchez-Rocca, C-TAGME, Teri L. Turner, MD, MPH, MEd, Edwin L. Zalneraitis, MD*). Your service is appreciated.
4) **APPD Coordinators’ Section Newsletter: November coorCOMM**

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5) **FOPO: St. Geme Leadership Award - Call for Nominations**

Call for Nominations for the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr. Leadership Award
*Nominations accepted from individual members*
Forward the name of the nominee, a letter of support, and an updated CV to Ethan Jewett (*eiejewett@aap.org*)
Deadline: December 15

[Click for more details.](#)

6) **Pediatrics: Diagnostic Dilemmas and Clinical Reasoning (DDCR)**

In January 2015, *Pediatrics* will be debuting a new feature in the journal, “Diagnostic Dilemmas and Clinical Reasoning (DDCR).” In DDCR, clinical cases that are diagnostic dilemmas and that involve the input of both generalists and specialists will be presented. The goal is to generate a dialogue about unusual or complicated disease processes and to stimulate discussion about clinical reasoning. The author guidelines for this new feature are at this link: [https://www.appd.org/pdf/Author instructions-DDCR 050914.pdf](https://www.appd.org/pdf/Author instructions-DDCR 050914.pdf).

Potential cases for this new feature are being solicited. Residents and fellows are often involved in the “interesting cases” in your institution, and this is a great opportunity for them to potentially gain experience in manuscript writing and submission. Please consider sharing with your pediatric resident and subspecialty fellow! Questions: contact Rachel Y. Moon, MD at the address/phone/email below.

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7) **Breaking News from Affiliated Organizations**

**APA**

Attention, Program Directors: *Let your residents know about the APA!*

Please let your residents (and appropriate fellows) going into general pediatrics, child abuse, emergency medicine, hospital medicine, and behavioral/developmental pediatrics know about the Academic Pediatric
APA New Century Scholars Program

Opening for Senior Editor for Education for Academic Pediatrics

NRMP Call for Nominations

8) "Positions Available" Postings on Website

Since the last APPD Bulletin, *EIGHT* new positions have been posted. To view all job descriptions, go to:  [http://www.appd.org/communications/positions.cfm](http://www.appd.org/communications/positions.cfm). Simply click on a job header to read more about the position.

If you have posted a position available in the past which has been filled, please remember to inform the APPD office ([info@appd.org](mailto:info@appd.org)) so that the posting may be removed. It is our policy to remove positions from the page after three months unless a request to extend is received.

[www.appd.org](http://www.appd.org)