Welcome to the New and Improved POSNA Bulletin!

We hope you enjoy our new e-bulletin, which allows POSNA to include pictures, links and more content to enhance your experience. Let us know what you think by sending feedback to posna@aaos.org.

President’s Message
By: Jim Roach

At the end of August POSNA held the Board of Directors meeting in Chicago. Reports from the committees confirmed substantial accomplishments since our annual meeting. The POSNA committee structure has always been an excellent mechanism for harnessing membership energy and accomplishing significant work and this year was no exception. Several important initiatives came from the Board meeting. A financial contingency plan was proposed by Treasurer Fran Farley. This plan would prepare POSNA to produce a neutral budget if the economy continued to deteriorate or if industry support was reduced. Matt Dobbs, Research Council Chair, outlined a mechanism to enable society-directed research and Bryan Tompkins, Internet Chair, described the progress converting the Study Guide on the POSNA website into a Wiki format. A task force was constructed to consider the POSNA nominating process. This task force will survey other societies, review their nominating procedures, and recommend to the POSNA Board an appropriate process to adequately select the slate of candidates for POSNA elected positions. A second task force will evaluate current POSNA membership categories. A third task force was established to evaluate and recommend changes to our conflict of interest policy. These issues produced excellent discussions and POSNA will see developments in these areas as we move through the year.

The membership was surveyed regarding the proposed 2015 meeting in Paris. A large majority of the membership supported combining our 2015 annual meeting with EPOS and holding it in Paris. Eighteen to 19% of those in the survey believed Paris was too expensive or too far away, and yet many of these individuals still said they would go. After significant discussion the Board voted to move forward with the combined POSNA/EPOS meeting in Paris.

While the funds available for 2011 POSNA research grants are anticipated to remain at the levels of recent years, I encourage each member to carefully consider your support of POSNA research through the OREF Designated Giving program. The ability of industry to financially assist specialty societies continues to be uncertain. The quality of education at our annual meeting and the ability to provide excellent care to our patients require good research. Each POSNA member has the opportunity to support research through the OREF Designated Giving program. To make your donation today, visit http://bit.ly/9hjES.

AWARDS & GRANTS

For information on the 2011 POSNA Research Awards and how to apply, visit http://bit.ly/9VmcIW

New grants are now available for research on early onset scoliosis. For more info, visit http://bit.ly/9VmcIW

To learn about grants from OREF and OMeGA Grant Association, visit: http://bit.ly/9VmcIW

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Ken Noonan and his co-editors have produced another superb Resident Review. This was emailed to each POSNA member. We would appreciate your sharing it with the residents in your program and encourage them to sign up for delivery of further editions directly to their email accounts.

Plans for the 2011 Annual Meeting are well underway. Our local hosts, Francois Fassier and Hubert Labelle, have developed a wonderful social program in Montreal, a beautiful city that offers European charm and fabulous restaurants. The Program Committee, chaired by Jim McCarthy, produced a schedule that has room for 96 papers and a timely Special Topics Session which will explore “The Impact of Healthcare Reform on Pediatric Orthopaedics”. Kaye Wilkins will be the Presidential Guest Speaker and will tell us about his lifetime of work bringing pediatric orthopedic care to underserved areas of the world. Tony Herring will be the Steel Lecturer. One of Tony’s many talents is being a nationally recognized documentary film maker. His Steel Lecture will take us behind the scenes and describe what is involved in making documentary films. The One Day Course, chaired by Jim Sanders, is entitled “Evidence Based Medicine in Pediatric Orthopaedics: What is it, does it matter, and should you do it?” Jim’s choice of speakers assures that the course will be both very informative and very entertaining.

Jack Flynn has moved the IPOS course into a new hotel with larger spaces for the meeting. The scheduled topics for this year promise another extremely successful IPOS educational event. Finally, Susan Scherl has completed the Specialty Day Course which includes speakers from the Foot and Ankle Society who will give us their perspective on the adult sequellae of several pediatric foot conditions.

Please join us this December in Orlando for IPOS and next February in San Diego for Specialty Day.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Roach

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POSNA congratulates the 85 new members that were inducted at the Hawaii annual meeting. The success of the organization depends greatly on the enthusiasm and commitment of the new members. To view new members, visit http://bit.ly/bpNB6A

NEW - Your Username is your POSNA member ID without any leading zeroes

POSNA has successfully transitioned to our new association management system. This conversion requires everyone, including all Members and Customers, to go through the ‘Request a new Password’ process for access to the POSNA web site. Please log on to www.posna.org to request your new password.
2010 Annual Meeting
May 4-7, 2010, Waikoloa, Hawaii

Our collaboration with the Asian Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) was a huge success. Members from eleven APOA member countries attended the meeting. Many thanks to In Ho Choi, PQ Chen, Saw Aik, Jack Cheng, Makoto Kamegaya and Ken Kuo for their input, organization and friendship. We look forward to partnering with them again in the future.

The scientific program chaired by Steve Frick was an outstanding success with 107 stimulating papers presented along with 20 paper posters and 75 e-posters. Congratulations to Tony Herring for his paper entitled: “Brace Treatment Controls Progression in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis” selected as Best Clinical Paper. To David Little for his paper entitled; “Muscle Stem Cells are Major Contributions to Open Fracture Repair and Traumatic Bone Formation ” selected as Best Basic Science Paper. To James Hoi Po Hui for his Poster entitled; “Muscle Derived Stem Cell for Limb Lengthening in a Rabbit Model” for Best Poster. To Woody Sankar for his e-poster entitled, “Risk Factors for Failure after Open Reduction for DDH: AS Matched Cohort Analysis” selected as Best E-poster.

The nine Thursday afternoon breakout sessions were extremely popular, evidenced by the overflowing crowds of society members. There was ample time for lively questions and participation from the audience and all of us took home something from the discussion.

Thanks to Eric Wall and his committee for organizing such a stimulating and educational Half Day Course on Pediatric Trauma. The course was well attended with 368 registrants and provided a diversity of case based presentations that will be published in an upcoming special edition of the Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics.

Finally, congratulations go to Stuart Weinstein for receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award, and to Scott Mubarak for delivering an exceptional talk as the Presidential Speaker.

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POSNA 2010 Meeting Instant Archive

The Instant Archives of our Hawaii Annual Meeting including the Half Day Course, Concurrent Session and E-Posters is now available on www.posna.org. This is the fourth year POSNA has had access to Instant Archives. Through this video-recording process, all of the presentations are available to the public for viewing. The “Discussions” sections following the presentations can be found under the members-only section of the website. A special thank you goes out to Peter Armstrong and Shriners for underwriting the cost of this Instant Archives. We hope all our members will take advantage of visiting the website and clicking on the Instant Archives. It is hoped that the Instant Archives will continue and add to the educational experience for our members, fellows, residents and the general public.

Photos from 2010 Annual Meeting

2009-2010 POSNA Board of Directors: (top) David Skaggs, Steve Richards, Hank Chambers, Rick Schwend, Randy Loder, Peter Newton, Jack Flynn, Scott Luhmann, (bottom) Todd Milbrandt, Matt Dobbs, Baxter Willis, Peter Waters, John Dormans, Fran Farley, Jim Roach, Matt Bueche, Paul Sponseller

Tony Herring, Stuart Weinstein, Steve Richards, George Thompson, (bottom) Scott Mubarak, Baxter Willis, John Dormans

APOA Leaders and POSNA President: (top) Makoto Kamegaya, John

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Dormans, In Ho Choi, Saw Aik
(bottom) Ken Kuo, PQ Chen, Toshio Fujii

At the President’s Dinner:
(left to right) Steve Richards, George Thompson, Janice Thompson, Peter Waters, Janet Waters, John Dormans, Nanette Dormans

(left to right) Steve Richards, John Dormans, George Thompson, Peter Waters

2011 Annual Meeting
May 11-14 2011, Montreal, Canada
By Francois Fassier and Hubert Labelle, 2011 Local Hosts
Bienvenue à Montréal for the 2011

View more pictures from the 2010 Annual Meeting:
POSNA Annual Meeting (May 11 to 14) at the
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The Queen Elizabeth is in the heart of downtown,
just steps away from boutiques, art galleries,
bistro’s and historic “Old Montreal”. The fabled
Underground city, a 21-mile climate controlled
network of walkways linking department stores,
shopping malls, restaurants, cinemas and the
subway is also easily accessible from the hotel. The “Queen E” offers a health club
with an indoor pool, a full service spa and is home to the award winning Beaver Club
which is recognized as one of the best restaurants in Canada.

Springtime in Montreal “circus capital of the world” is the perfect time to visit and
explore this city that offers a unique combination of European flair, French joie de vivre
and North American lifestyle. The second largest francophone city in the world after
Paris, Montreal is a vibrant city renowned for its charming cobblestone streets, lively
squares, outdoor cafes and ethnic neighborhoods. Several museums, close to the
Queen Elizabeth will provide an opportunity to discover Inuit art and the history of our
bilingual country

We have decided to forgo an organized optional event on Thursday evening (May 12).
We invite you to plan your fellowship reunions in the fantastic restaurants and unique
venues (lots of them at walking distance from the Hotel) that night. Plan to experience
delicious cuisine from many countries, including the French fare of course!

The program committee, chaired by Jim McCarthy is organizing a fantastic program,
including eight breakout sessions on Thursday afternoon. You will also be invited to
attend the One Day Course on “Evidence Based Medicine in Pediatric Orthopaedics –
What is it? Why does it matter? And, how should you do it?” chaired by Dr. Jim
Sanders.

Montreal, nicknamed “Hollywood North” is a movie industry favorite. The Curious Case
of Benjamin Button, the Notebook and several of the Batman and Robin films have
been shot here. Join us at the opening ceremony as Dr. Tony Herring, The Howard
Steel Guest Speaker, reveals the secrets behind filming medical documentaries.

We look forward to welcoming you to our city.
Call for Abstracts:

2011 Annual Meeting

The website is now open for submission of abstracts for consideration for the 2011 Annual meeting of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America. To submit your abstract, visit http://bit.ly/aDhbWb. On behalf of the program committee, we look forward to receiving your submissions, allowing us to construct a program of the latest research and advances in our field. As in past years, we will have blinded grading of abstracts by the program committee and invited readers, and every paper will be reviewed by a minimum of 8 readers.

In an effort to be a leader amongst professional medical societies in addressing potential financial conflicts of interest we will again ask authors to report financial conflicts of interest using threshold ranges. We ask you to report any relationships you or your co-authors have had in the past 12 months with companies or institutions that are directly or indirectly related to your research. We also ask authors to disclose any funding source(s), if applicable, for their research. This will let us be compliant with the requirements for accreditation for CME credits, and more importantly will allow the program committee, and then our annual meeting audience, to consider this information in assessing the research.

See you in Montreal, May 2011.

James J. McCarthy, MD
2011 Annual Meeting Program Chair

POPS National Conference
Montreal, Canada
May 11, 2011
(held in conjunction with POSNA)

Call for abstracts will open September 15, 2010
Please refer to the POPS website at www.popsociety.org for details on the conference and information regarding Abstract Submissions.

Contact Conference Co-Chair Jill Ariagno at jariagno@cmh.edu with any questions or concerns.
Specialty Day Program

The Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America is excited to announce the 2011 AAOS-POSNA Specialty Day. This year’s program features seven symposia covering a wide range of topics of interest to both the general and pediatric orthopaedist.

The highlight of the morning session will be a combined POSNA/AOFAS symposium on the management of pediatric foot deformity and the adult sequelae of pediatric foot disorders. This will be a great opportunity to learn from and interact with our adult foot and ankle colleagues. The rest of the morning will be symposia on complex pediatric hip disease, orthopaedic oncology, and pediatric trauma, as well as the return of “Click and Clunk”.

The afternoon session will feature debates on a range of controversial topics and symposia on neurofibromatosis, pediatric orthopaedic aspects of childhood obesity, and issues in practice management. The program includes around 40 dynamic speakers, including Drs. Roach, Alman, Schoenecker, Dormans, Mubarak, Mosca, Richards, Stevens, and many others. See you in San Diego! For full schedule, visit http://bit.ly/cOpae2

To register, visit http://bit.ly/XE2U

Support POSNA Through OREF Today

Through the generosity shown by many of you, POSNA has been able to fund a number of excellent research projects in 2010. We hope to be able to continue this trend next year. Doing so requires your support. Peter Waters, Peter Newton, John Dormans, and I are asking those of you who made contributions to fund research last year to do so again this year and for those who have not contributed in the past to consider this very worthwhile initiative.

The best and most immediate way to help POSNA maintain our level of research support is for each member to make a direct contribution to POSNA through the Designated Giving Program of OREF. A gift of $1,000 or more (Order of Merit) will mean that POSNA will be able to provide $500 or more directly to fund worthy research by one of our members. Last year we had 138 donors at the Order of Merit level and we hope to increase that this year.

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POSNA funded research projects have an exceptional track record of publication over the past 10-15 years and have enabled many of our members to launch their research careers. Noteworthy examples include Michael Vitale, Matthew Dobbs, Harry Kim, Ben Alman and Tracy Ballock.

Please join with the Board of Directors in contributing $1,000 or more to the OREF Annual Campaign and designating $500 or more to POSNA to support our continued strategic direction. For those POSNA members who have already contributed this year, a sincere thank you for your donation. For the remainder, we are asking you to make this commitment before December 31, 2010.

Please send your $1,000 check to OREF, 6300 N. River Rd. Ste 700, Rosemont, IL 60018. Remember to designate POSNA as the recipient of a portion of your contribution. Alternatively you can easily make your gift to OREF and POSNA by logging on to the secure POSNA contribution page at www.oref.org/posna. This will allow you to make your gift using your credit card. Thank you for your continued support of this vital mission.

Sincerely,

James W. Roach, MD  
President

Peter O. Newton, MD  
Vice President

Peter M. Waters  
President Elect

John P. Dormans, MD  
Immediate Past President
News from Our Committees

Practice Management Committee
By Brian Smith, MD and James McCarthy, MD

The Practice Management Committee of POSNA is organizing two sessions at the upcoming 2011 Annual Meeting in Montreal that will be of interest to all Pediatric Orthopaedists. The first is a Special Topics session on “The Impact of Healthcare Reform on Pediatric Orthopaedics,” and will feature presentations on topics including the current status of Healthcare Reform in Massachusetts, which some have indicated is a model for the future of the new national health care reform. Dr. James Kasser from Children’s Hospital will be presenting this update. In addition, the Canadian model of healthcare will be examined from the perspective of a pediatric orthopaedist from Canada: is this our future in the United States? Dr. Ben Alman from Sick Kids will discuss the Canadian model. Finally a senior member of POSNA will make some suggestions on his thoughts on the implementation of healthcare changes and how these changes will impact our practices.

In addition, an afternoon Symposium is planned on “Financial Survival in the New Era of Health Care Reform.” The goal of this Symposium is to offer insight and guidance to the practicing Pediatric Orthopaedist on how to successfully manage practice in this era of constant change in the healthcare landscape. Topics will include how to effectively use RN's, PA's and even Pediatricians to augment your practice and increase productivity. There will be presentations on the impact of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) on outpatient practice. Both the future of Private Practice and the growing Hospitalist trend will be discussed. If you hope to stay ahead of the curve and be ready for the coming changes in Healthcare, please be sure to attend this Symposium at the Annual POSNA meeting in 2011 in Montreal.

Media and Public Relations Committee
In 2008 the AAOS and AAP joined forces to help battle childhood obesity. The PSA, which included the headline “Once, kids played like their lives depended on it. If only kids still did” depicts a modern-day, overweight child sitting on the low end of a see-saw. On the high end are three healthy, active children from an earlier generation that had a positive attitude about food and physical activity. The AAOS and AAP have added the POSNA logo to these posters/postcard and they are now available to download and print for your offices. Please visit the home page of POSNA www.posna.org for further information.
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POSNA Advocacy Committee
By Dan Green, MD

The Advocacy Committee will continue to monitor and engage U.S. Federal officials who are responsible for disaster management in children. Despite the fact that many communities where a disaster strikes can consist of 30% children, most federal emergency medical teams currently deploy to a disaster situation with less than 5% of the team members trained in pediatrics. A recent report to the President and Congress from the National Commission on Children and Disasters has highlighted these deficiencies and made dozens of recommendations to improve Federal disaster response in children. One of the recommendations is that “Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense should enhance the pediatric capabilities of their disaster medical response teams through the integration of pediatric-specific training, guidance, exercises, supplies, and personnel.” The full Commission report can be found here: http://bit.ly/1xNlix

POSNA members who would like to volunteer for future U.S Federal Disaster Response should consider signing up before a disaster strikes with the Medical Reserve Corp, and the National Disaster Management System. For more info, visit http://bit.ly/boMKiC and http://bit.ly/bWhyjW.

The recently passed Federal “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” included provisions that raise Medicaid payments to family medicine physicians, general internists and pediatricians for evaluation and management services to at least Medicare (not Medicaid) rates in 2013 and 2014. POSNA leaders are working with the AAOS, AAP, and U.S. Federal Officials to determine if or how this provision could be used to improve access and reimbursement to Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons.

COUR Committee
We are now accepting scholar applications for the 2011 POSNA Annual meeting and 2011 IPOS course. All potential scholars require a POSNA member sponsor. There are very specific sponsor responsibilities, which should be reviewed before nominating an applicant. The application is available on line here. Deadline for applications is November 1, 2010. 2011 scholars will be selected by December 15. For more information and the application, visit http://bit.ly/dr9e8P.

HVO and POSNA – A Partnership
POSNA members in good standing who provide clinical education, training and service in developing countries may be able under certain circumstances to have their expenses acknowledged by HVO as a charitable contribution.
News From Our Committees continued...

Clinical Trials Committee
By Unni Narayanan

One of the mandates of the Clinical Trials Committee is to educate the members of POSNA about clinical trials and to promote these by encouraging members to be supportive of, and active participants in such trials. Well designed and conducted clinical trials generate the highest quality of evidence to support or refute the effectiveness of various pediatric orthopaedic interventions. In this issue of the POSNA bulletin, we have provided a “Glossary of Terms” pertinent to clinical trials. In future issues, our committee will provide additional material. This information will also be available online in the Clinical Trials Section under Research, on the POSNA website.

**Trial:** The term “trial” is usually reserved for **experimental (intervention) studies**, in which the study subjects are allocated (see below for methods of allocation) by the investigator to one treatment or another and their outcomes are measured using a pre-defined protocol. By definition a trial must be prospective. (It is therefore redundant to state “prospective trial”)

**Prospective:** implies that the primary study question/s, design and outcomes are pre-specified before recruitment, and collection of data occurs during a specified study period, based on a specific protocol.

**(Controlled) Clinical Trial:** is defined as a **prospective** study of the efficacy or effectiveness of one (or more) interventions compared with a **control** group which could be

a. the natural history (no intervention), and/or
b. some other intervention/s

**Methods of Allocation of Subjects to Treatment & Comparison Groups:**

1. **Randomized Clinical Trial:** If the allocation of subjects to each group is randomized using a method of randomization that is **blinded** (no reliable way to predict if the patient being recruited will be allocated to the treatment or control group), the trial is labeled as a randomized clinical trial. This is the most effective way to ensure that the groups being compared are similar (balanced) in all respects except for the treatments being compared, thereby ensuring that any differences in outcomes are attributable to the difference in treatments rather than some other known or unknown prognostic factors.
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2. **Non-Randomized Trials:** Subjects can also be allocated by *quasi-randomized* methods (e.g., date of admission; medical record numbers; etc). The allocation is therefore not blinded, because the investigators know to which group a subject will be allocated (if recruited), potentially creating an opportunity for selection bias in recruitment (or non-recruitment).

Subjects may be recruited to treatment and control groups by surgical site or surgeon preference, etc. These non-randomized controlled clinical trials are more likely to be associated with imbalance in prognostic factors at baseline between the groups which are being compared, including the effect of surgeon experience/expertise, etc.

**Observational studies:** are those in which individuals are observed and their outcomes are measured by the investigators. The study subjects were not allocated by the investigator to the treatment or control groups. Observational studies can be performed prospectively (study question/protocol is pre-defined) or retrospectively.

**Prospective observational studies:** which compare two or more groups are referred to as *cohort studies*. The intervention and control groups (cohorts) are followed prospectively with planned assessment of specific outcomes.

**Retrospective:** (looking back) comparisons are always *observational studies*. Retrospective implies that the study question/protocol was not pre-defined, but occurred after the subjects received their treatments, and when the outcome of interest has already occurred at the time the study is initiated. The quality of retrospective studies is compromised by the quality of the data collected and recorded, making it difficult to adequately control for numerous sources of bias.

**Blinding:**

1. **Blinded allocation:** Subjects are allocated randomly (e.g., by computer generated random number). Once eligibility for recruitment has been established and the subject has consented to be recruited, neither the subject nor investigators are able to predict which group the subject will be allocated to.

After a subject has been allocated to one treatment group or the other, this information can remain concealed (or not) from the subject, the treating surgeon and the outcomes assessor.

2. **Blinded Subjects:** Not only are subjects blinded to what treatment group they will be allocated to (prior to randomization), but the subjects are also kept blinded...
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to the actual treatment they receive. While this is feasible with medications and placebos as controls, this is not always feasible with surgical trials, especially if there are external signs that reveal what type of treatment was done. Sham surgery (the equivalent of a placebo) as control is not always ethical or feasible.

3. **Blinded Surgeons:** Not only are the surgeons/investigators blinded to what treatment group a subject will be allocated to (prior to randomization), but is also kept blinded about the actual intervention that the surgeon is performing. This is only possible with a few interventions (e.g. botulinum toxin injection vs saline placebo) and practically impossible for most surgical procedures.

4. **Blinded Outcomes Assessors:** Regardless of whether the subjects and surgeons were blinded, every effort should be made to blind the individuals who are assessing the outcomes in order to minimize the risk of bias at the time of outcome assessment. This is possible even with many surgical trials by creative masking of the external evidence of the treatment received.

**Single or Multi-Centre Trials:**
Clinical trials can be conducted at a single centre or at multiple centres. Trials that include a large number of subjects, with the participation of many surgeons at many different sites, have the advantage of generating evidence that is most likely to be generalizable. Single centre/single surgeon trials may be well designed (but contrary to popular belief) the evidence generated from such single surgeon studied often have limited applicability to other surgeons/sites, but can provide the justification for larger trials to corroborate the findings of the single centre trial.


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Bob Campbell Recognized by the House of Representatives

On July 28th the House of Representatives recognized Dr. Campbell’s work on the titanium rib. To view the YouTube link that shows the C-SPAN segment on the vote, visit [http://bit.ly/aO9tcg](http://bit.ly/aO9tcg)

Congratulations to Dr. Campbell on a well deserved honor.
SLAOTI/POSNA Conference Summary

By Perry Schoenecker, MD

A few years ago at the invitation of SLAOTI members, Dalia Sepulveda, Patricia Fucs and Patricio Gonzales, the POSNA Board was asked to provide the assistance in organizing and conducting a didactic interactive conference at a to-be-determined sight in South America. After initial discussion as to the logistics and specifically the personnel to be involved from POSNA in doing so the Board along with the COUR Committee recommended accepting an invitation to hold the first combined SLAOTI/POSNA conference in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of Brazil. POSNA members selected for the same included Baxter Willis, Steve Richards, John Dormans, Matt Dobbs, Eric Gordon, Norman Ramirez, Alex Arkader and Perry Schoenecker. The scope of the course and organization was arranged by Perry Schoenecker in coordination with Patricia Fucs and Gilberto Weisberg, the local host for the Brazilian meeting. Our hope was that we would have 150 or more registrants (for our pre-meeting) in attendance.

The course was designed as a 1½ day program with several didactic lectures followed by interactive panel and audience discussions and night time interactive workshops. The POSNA faculty paid their own international transportation, and our local hosts picked up the cost of our ground transportation and room and board. As to EPOS members, Andre Kaelin and Alain DiMeglio had previously been invited as guests to the annual meeting of the Brazilian Pediatric Orthopedic Society were also included as faculty members of the POSNA/SLAOTI “pre-meeting meeting itself and we integrated them into our faculty. Thirteen additional SLAOTI members actively participated in various aspects of the 1½ day pre-meeting.

The meeting was held in Brasilia De Campos on June 16-18, 2010. In the end there were 398 attendees and a total of 34 hours of instruction with 42 different lectures and 8 interactive workshops. The meeting was felt to be extremely successful from all perspectives. It was very well received by our South American colleagues. The meeting room was filled late in the afternoon and the workshops (clubfoot, lower extremity deformity analysis, fractures, hip pathology, IM rodding technique to name a few) at night were extremely well attended. The POSNA faculty appreciated how highly effective the program was in the international exchange of information with all in attendance.

The commitment of the POSNA faculty is what made this work and I believe our South American colleagues so indicated their appreciation for that. At this point we still need to review the evaluation sheets and proceed forward accordingly. Since the Brazil meeting there have been numerous requests from South America to consider presenting this program again in the future. As it stands now we are working with Dalia Sepulveda to repeat a similar educational program in the Fall of 2011 in Chile. The educational exchange certainly enhances our relationship with our South American colleagues. We hope to further build on this as we consider next co-SLAOTI/POSNA educational program in South America.
IPOS addresses unique challenges of pediatric orthopaedic care in a hands-on way

Now in its 7th year, the International Pediatric Orthopaedic Symposium presented by AAOS and POSNA is a popular premier meeting offering lectures, breakout sessions and hands-on workshops. This year the event takes place at the Walt Disney World Swan Resort in Orlando, FL, December 1-4, 2010.

Led by Course Director John M. Flynn, MD, the four-day IPOS program is dedicated to the treatment of orthopaedic conditions in children and young adults from frequently-seen problems to rare conditions that demand specialized care. Recognizing the diversity and subspecialty interests within pediatric orthopaedics, the IPOS educational approach allows participants to customize their experience by choosing from a selection of over 45 breakout sessions, demonstrations, high-level hands-on technical workshops, and industry-sponsored sessions. From the popular advanced Ponseti casting and hands-on pelvic osteotomy workshops, to challenging sports cases and selection of fusion levels in idiopathic scoliosis the variety of sessions are sure to include topics to peak your interest.

View the full schedule of lectures and breakout sessions at www.aaos.org/IPOS.

Dr. Flynn notes that the international faculty is among the special attractions of IPOS. “The visiting faculty members bring a unique perspective of care from their countries. They often bring cutting-edge ideas not yet popular in the U.S and actively debate with the U.S. faculty on the optimal care for different problems,” he says.

Applications for poster submissions are due by November 1, 2010. The forms are available on the course webpage at www.aaos.org/IPOS, where you will also find faculty details, the workshop session schedule, and registration information. For those interested in attending, we encourage you to complete your breakout session selection early, as the sessions do fill up quickly. See you in Orlando!
News from Our Alliance Societies

Annual report of the German Association of Paediatric Orthopaedics (Vereinigung für Kinderorthopädie)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the German association of Paediatric Orthopaedics was held from 4th to 6th of March 2010 in the City of Hamburg. It was chaired by the local host, PD Dr. Ralf Stücker, head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Altona Children's Hospital, Hamburg. The meeting had a very good attendance with 360 participants interested. For the first time hands-on-courses covering hip ultrasound, paediatric traumatology, botulinum toxine and Ponseti clubfoot treatment, gait analysis and pelvic osteotomies were offered prior to the official meeting with 120 participating young colleagues. The traditional opening ward round at the Orthopaedic Department was followed by several very interesting scientific sessions dealing basically with all aspects of paediatric orthopaedics. Like in all previous meetings the case presentations in the how-to-treat-sections provoked lively discussions amongst the participants. The guest lecture was given by Prof. Dr. Dan Atar from Soroka Medical Center, Ben Gurion University, Beer-Sheva, Israel. He presented an outstanding paper on the actual treatment strategies for elbow trauma.

The beautiful scenery of the world-famous Hamburg harbour served as background for a spectacular social event on Friday night held at the top of the well-known Hamburg harbour hotel. Snowfall and freezing temperatures could not interfere with the warm and charming atmosphere at this place.

Three other upcoming events are the paediatric orthopaedic symposium in Basel in September, chaired by Prof. Fritz Hefti and his team, and the annual compact course on Paediatric Orthopaedics, which will be taking place in Dresden at the end of November 2010 organized by our local host, Dr. Falk Thielemann. In addition the Vereinigung has put together a great program for the Specialty Day of the German Orthopaedic and Trauma Congress, October 2010, Berlin.

The Vereinigung has strengthened its scientific interest by formally establishing a Scientific Board. It will coordinate all scientific activities of the society such as the annual scientific prize, prizes for the best paper and poster at the Annual Meeting and the scientific research program. The goal is to particularly raise research interest in our young colleagues.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Wirth, Stuttgart
President of the Vereinigung für Kinderorthopädie
News From Our Alliance Societies continued...

The French Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (SOFOP)
The SOFOP (French Paediatric Orthopaedic Society) will hold its national meeting in Paris during the SOFCOT congress on Thursday November 11, 2010. One topic will concern the orthopaedics aspects of child abuse with Professor Jean Labbé from Quebec as a guest speaker. A session will be devoted to morbidity/mortality review on paediatric cases. Prior to this congress, in October, the SOFOP and the other paediatric surgical subspecialties will meet in a think tank (CNCE on national council for child surgery) to discuss the basics of the best taking care of the children in a surgical department.

March 23-25, 2011, the SOFOP will organize its 35th teaching meeting for residents and fellows. The subject will focus on the relation between paediatric orthopaedic surgeon and lawyer.

More information can be found on the SOFOP web site www.sofop.org

JL Jouve, General secretary of the SOFOP
C Morin, President of the SOFOP

The Egyptian Society of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons (EGPOS)
The Egyptian Society of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons (EGPOS) held their inauguralational meeting April 2010 in the Children’s hospital of Cairo University, the seat of the oldest pediatric orthopedic department in Egypt and the whole middle east. As a continuation of the Egyptian Group of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeons founded in April 1998 by the late Professor Saleh Bedeir, the meeting was attended by all 36 founding members in the Library hall of the Children’s hospital of Cairo university.

Our activities from September 2009 to February 2011:
1-One-Day course on Perthes’ disease, Mansoura University - Sep.2009.
2-Three-Day teaching course on Cerebral Palsy, Learning and Research Centre of Cairo University - Feb.2010. Faculty members included, Professors Michael Sussman, Barry Russman, Unni Narayanan, Reinald Brunner, Marek Jozwiak and Ms Jennifer McCahill.
3-Three-Day CP course at Cairo University - October 2010, during the visit of Professor Freeman Miller to Cairo University.

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4-Pediatric Orthopaedic Trauma course- Cairo University -Feb.2011. Faculty members include Professors Charles Mehlman, David Skaggs, Unni Narayanan, Klaus Parsch and Frank Chotel.
Our society has the honor of being affiliated to both EPOS & POSNA and being a member of IFPOS since its inauguration. We are full of hope for a fruitful cooperation between our societies in the future.

Professor Mohammed El-Sobky
General Secretary of EGPOS

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2011 POSNA Research Awards

2011 BIOMET RESEARCH AWARD
Submission deadline: October 1, 2010
“The Biomet Research Award is offered in support of projects investigating Pediatric Spine Disorders or General Pediatric Orthopaedics. Qualifying areas of investigation include clinical and basic science research, as well as multi-center or POSNA- wide projects. Research with pre-existing funding that may need supplemental support, as well as complete research proposals will be considered for funding. The award is for research of one year with funding up to $45,000. Research grant budgets should be detailed with this in mind. Priority is assigned based upon the scientific quality, importance of the research to the mission of POSNA, and ability of the work to help in the establishment of new areas of research which can grow to attract additional funding and career development.

DEPUY SPINE GRANT
Submission Deadline: October 1, 2010
This is a grant being offered this year thanks to the generosity of DePuy Spine. The grant will be for $25,000 for one year. Proposals should be related to spinal deformity and also relevant to the mission of POSNA. Budget may not include money used to procure human anatomic specimens or other human tissue. In addition the Principal
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Investigator must be a POSNA member or demonstrate close affiliation with a POSNA member on the proposed project.

**ARTHUR H. HUENE MEMORIAL AWARD**

**Submission Deadline: October 1, 2010**

The Arthur H. Huene Memorial Award for Excellence and Promise in Pediatric Orthopaedics will be presented in 2011 by the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America under the sponsorship of the St. Giles Foundation. Through the generosity of the St. Giles Foundation and the Huene family, the award for 2011 will be $30,000. Although past accomplishments is one of the criteria, the monetary award is intended to be applied to, and the primary criteria for adjudication is, a research project of high quality and potential impact in the field of pediatric orthopaedics.

**POSNA RESEARCH AWARD**

**Submission Deadline: October 1, 2010**

A broad range of research areas will be considered for the 2011 POSNA Research Award, including patient based studies, basic science research, and multi-center or society wide projects. Pilot projects, research with pre-existing funding that may need supplemental support, as well as complete research proposals will be considered for funding. Research grant budgets should be detailed for one year and range from $1,000 to $30,000. Grants will be awarded based on an assessment of the scientific quality, importance of the research to the mission of POSNA, and ability of the work to help in the establishment of new areas of research, or new researchers from within the POSNA membership. Applicants may apply for both the POSNA Research Award and the Kuo Award but must complete both applications.

For 2011, an award of $10,000 is to be given to a candidate member or an active member who has been a POSNA member for five years or less. Award is to be used for educational research endeavors. Monies may include travel to centers of excellence to learn new techniques and skills.

**Application Process**

1. Applicants should submit a letter of application indicating the planned use of the funds if the application is successful and accompany the letter of application with their curriculum vitae. Please submit your letter and CV by email to posna@aaos.org.
2. If the award is to be used for travel, applicant must clearly demonstrate the importance of the proposed travel in advancing their career.
3. The award is to be made on an annual basis and is non-renewable.
4. The applicant can be a candidate member or an active member who has been a POSNA member for five years or less. POSNA members who have been a member for over five years are not eligible for the St. Giles Young Investigator Award.

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5. Applications are due October 1, 2010 and will be adjudicated by the POSNA Research Committee. Applicants may apply for other awards simultaneously, but must complete each individual application.

ANGELA S.M. KUO MEMORIAL AWARD
Submission Deadline: October 1, 2010
For 2011, an award of $30,000 is to be given to an outstanding young researcher, who is an active member of POSNA and to provide funds to help promote a long-term research career for that individual. Applicants should be 45 years of age or younger; and have been in independent practice not longer than twelve years. The award recipient will be selected based on the applicant’s past research accomplishments, future research potential, and on the ability of a submitted research proposal to help the applicant’s research career. A letter of support from a POSNA member (other than the applicant) is required with the application. Applicants may apply for both the POSNA Research Award and the Kuo Award but must complete both applications.

2011-2012 OREF / POSNA RESEARCH GRANT
Submission Deadline: September 15, 2010
The OREF/POSNA Award is the largest award in our research program. It is jointly sponsored by both organizations. The grant is offered to support investigation of any topic related to Pediatric Orthopaedics. Qualifying areas of investigation include clinical and basic science research, as well as multi-center or POSNA-wide projects. The award is for research of two years with funding up to $40,000 each year. Research grant budgets should be detailed with this in mind. Priority is assigned based upon the scientific quality, importance of the research to the mission of POSNA, and ability of the work to help in the establishment of new areas of research which can grow to attract additional funding and career development. The awardee will also be invited to the OREF grant-writing workshop.

Applications are due September 15, 2010 and will be adjudicated solely by the POSNA Research Committee.

NOTE: Above applications will be adjudicated by the POSNA Research Committee.
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To access the guidelines and applications, visit http://bit.ly/cybjjb.

Early Onset Scoliosis Grant

Announcing a newly available grant to support research in the area of Early Onset Scoliosis. The Chest Wall and Spinal Deformity Research Foundation is initiating a request for proposals in the area of Early Onset Scoliosis. This grant provides a maximum of $50,000 in funding over two years. If you are a motivated researcher with an idea to further the treatment of this patient population, you are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Michael Vitale at mgv1@columbia.edu or visit www.chestandspine.org.

From OREF
OREF is now accepting applications for institutional grants.

Apply through October 13 for CME, fellowship, and residency enhancement grants

Qualified institutions are invited to apply for 2011-2012 continuing medical education (CME), graduate medical education (GME) fellowship, and residency enhancement grants available through the OREF Clinician Development Program (CDP). CDP grants are made possible through generous support from industry. Note: streamlined application for returning applicants for OREF fellowship grants.

For more information please visit www.oref.org

FROM OMeGA Grant Association
OMeGA Medical Grants Association’s first two years have been very busy—and it’s only getting busier! In our continuing efforts to provide GME funding for orthopaedic programs, here is early notice of two initiatives in which you may be interested in.

Fellowship grant cycle to align with sub-specialty match timeline
Responding to your input as well as direct feedback from fellowship programs, OMeGA is changing our timeline to align with the sub-specialty match timelines. Our next fellowship application cycle will open October 20 for 2-year grants—the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 academic years. We will announce grant recipients in early March 2011, allowing programs to declare OMeGA funding on their match applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. This timing will work perfectly for all sub-specialty matches except for the shoulder category (which has an early date in December).
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Help increase OMeGA funding for your sub-specialty
Remember that donors get to choose which sub-specialty categories they fund. And while OMeGA continually works to increase funding, we could use your help--especially for under-funded categories. Please encourage your industry supports to fund GME for your sub-specialty through OMeGA.

Residency Core Competency Innovation grants
OMeGA will be accepting applications for grants to promote education of the six ACGME core competencies September 1-30, 2010. Core Competency Innovation grants are intended to encourage a residency program’s creative approach to enhance the educational experience and continue/improve educational quality in orthopaedic GME. Grant amounts will range from $10,000 to $20,000. Grant recipients will be announced in November 2010 (to be used for the 2010-2011 academic year): funds will be distributed in December 2010.

More information is available at www.omegamedicalgrants.org.

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