Welcome to the 2013 Winter Bulletin

Please take a moment to read what's new and exciting within POSNA. If you have ideas for future editions we welcome your input. Feel free to email us at posna@aaos.org.

President’s Message

By: Peter Newton

I hope everyone had a joyous Holiday Season and you are back with fresh New Year’s Resolutions.

Along with the usual activities of the POSNA committees there are two important issues your Board of Directors have been working hard on over the past six months. The first relates to the makeup of our membership and the second has to do with how we promote our research agenda.

With regards to the membership, the Board has had a lengthy discussion regarding the POSNA mission and who can and should be a member of our organization. Our current bylaws include member classes of: active, corresponding, and associate, with candidate status for each. In all cases the member must hold a doctoral level degree (MD, DO, PhD). The Board has approved a new member class, namely adjunct, that will be proposed to the membership for approval at the May Annual Meeting. If approved, this would allow individuals with Masters’ level training to join POSNA as an adjunct member. I strongly support this change and believe the nurse practitioners, physician assistants and masters’ level researchers that work alongside an active POSNA member are individuals who belong in our family and fit our mission. Please carefully review the proposed bylaws changes later this Spring, particularly with regards to adjunct membership. I hope you will join me in supporting this change.

The second topic that has received significant Board discussion relates to the topic of “directed research”. Traditionally, POSNA has had a generous research grants program that has launched the research careers of many of our members. The investigators are invited to send in proposals which are graded and awarded based on merit. The proposals come with a wide range of topics, and there is no sense that this process should change; however, we are considering the addition of more focused or directed requests for proposals. We believe there may be a benefit to directing additional POSNA research dollars into specific topics of importance. Developing a mechanism to prioritize our research agenda is in the works and we hope to bring you more details in the near future. Your thoughts and comments are welcomed.

I assure you the board is always looking ahead and trying to position POSNA for a successful future. I appreciate the support each of you provide to POSNA and look forward to seeing you all in Chicago and/or Toronto in the coming year. Best wishes for 2013.

Sincerely,

Peter Newton, M.D.
2013 Specialty Day Program

*Saturday, March 23rd*
*Chicago, Illinois*

We are planning on an exciting learning experience for POSNA Specialty Day. This year we have changed the format to allow for more discussion time and to go over cases that lend themselves to a diversity of opinion. The first session will focus on hip dysplasia from screening to osteotomies in skeletally immature children. We will have an interesting spine session with talks regarding current treatment strategies. There will be a practice management symposium that should generate a lot of discussion including the role of sub-specialization and private versus hospital employment. The final session will cover specific sports and trauma discussions including cases where there are differing treatment opinions. We expect this to be a great POSNA educational experience that will allow attendees and participants to catch up with other POSNA mentors, fellows and friends.”

See the full schedule here: http://www.posna.org/meetings/anmeet/POSNASDPrelim.pdf

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2013 Annual Meeting

*By Benjamin Alman, MD and Sevan Hopyan, MD*

Join us for the 2013 POSNA Annual Meeting, 
**May 1 - 4, 2013** at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. Please visit our website to register: www.posna.org/meetings/meetingReg/meetingReg.cfm

Looking forward to spring in the city,

Our partners at the Hospital for Sick Children and we are eagerly looking forward to hosting our friends and colleagues during the annual meeting at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel in May, 2013. The annual meeting is consistently an outstanding venue for us together to advance the principles of orthopaedic care for children and adolescents in a collegial and social atmosphere. This year will be no exception, with an anticipated large number of delegates from North America and around the world.

Toronto is an exciting urban centre and has been host to ambitious North Americans and global migrants for a few centuries. At various times, First Nations people including the Neutral, Seneca, Mohawk and Cayuga called Toronto home. French settlements began in the 17th century because it of its location on an important fur trading route, and were followed by the...continued on next page
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British in the 18th century. A large influx of United Empire Loyalists came to then “York” to flee the American Revolution. York, then capital of Upper Canada, was the site of a major battle during the War of 1812. Fort York, which defended the city, remains now as a fascinating tourist site that preserves period features several blocks from the hotel. During the 19th century, Toronto became one of the main destinations for migrants to Canada, including those fleeing the Irish Famine (1845-1849). Their dense Victorian home enclave called Cabbagetown still thrives on the edge of the downtown core. Many waves of Western and Eastern European settlers shaped the neighbourhoods of Toronto in the 19th century. During the 20th century, the city welcomed people from every corner of the globe, so during your stay you can order dinner in 100 languages.

The largest of Canadian cities, Toronto is a symphony of neighbourhoods, each with a distinct urban culture. Within walking distance from the hotel are the slickster financial centre with it’s late 60s architectural innovations, the hipster Queen West Village, the Opera House and National Ballet Company, the symphony at Roy Thompson Hall, the 18th century University of Toronto, and the 19th century and modern Hospitals for Sick Children within a biomedical hotspot called the Discovery District. Take the harbourfront ferry to the Toronto Islands for their parks and beaches, soak up art old and new at the galleries and museums, be fabulous in Yorkville, cruise for cool bistros on King or Front Street, restrain yourself at the Distillery District, and jazz it up at live music spots.

Tracy Ballock and his committee worked on organizing an exceptional scientific program. The half day course for the Toronto meeting is fittingly entitled “Care for the Young Patient with a Complex Orthopaedic Problem: A Global Perspective.” This is a co-sponsored course with IFPOS.

We’re looking forward to welcoming you to the meeting and to sharing the delights of our city.


POSNA/IFPOS 2013 Half Day Pre-Course Program

“Care for the Young Patient with a Complex Orthopaedic Problem: A Global Perspective”

Co-Chairs: Suken Shah, MD & Patricia Fucs, MD

Register for this course online here: http://www.posna.org/meetings/courseReg/courseReg.cfm

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Session I: Spine Deformity

Session II: Hip Controversies

Session III: Upper Extremity Update

Session IV: Lower Extremity: Keep Them Walking

Session V: International Health Care Delivery


POPS 13th Annual Conference

POPS, the Pediatric Orthopaedic Practitioners Society is looking forward to our Annual Conference on April 30th, 2013, the day proceeding the POSNA One Day Course in Toronto.


2013 Subspecialty Day

By Todd Milbrandt, MD

The preliminary program for the Subspecialty Day is complete, with the board approving the programs for each subsection (hip, spine, sports, hand, and neuromuscular/lower extremity) at the November board meeting. The abstracts were selected for each section as well using the same criteria as the national meeting. Significant effort was made by the co-chairs of each section to make an interesting and high-level program for those members (and non-members) who want a deeper discussion about these topics. I am looking forward to an entertaining and engaging Friday afternoon at our POSNA annual meeting. We hope to see you there.

IPOS

By Michael Vitale, MD and Jack Flynn, MD

A record number of people attended the International Pediatric Orthopaedic Symposium this past November in Orlando. The nearly 400 registrants spent 4 days immersing themselves in the various areas of pediatric orthopaedics, including many opportunities for hands on
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participation. There was also a record number of both attendees from other countries as well as scholarships for residents.

This year co-Chairs Jack Flynn and Michael Vitale also introduced a number of unique electronic features to the meeting. Many sessions utilized an “e-moderator” allowing the audience to email questions in real time to the podium. Under the leadership of Don Bae, nearly 30 Fellows and residents competed in the “Top Gun” contest where they were rated on several skills simulating common surgical procedures. To guide participants through the meeting, a meeting specific application was developed allowing people to receive alerts and directions to the various meeting rooms.

One highlight was the Friday afternoon “Authors Preferred Technique” session where 18 faculty shared their tips and tricks for specific surgical procedures. This session was recorded and will be the first installation of enduring content which will be available throughout the year for registrants of the meeting.

In all, the course delivered on a longstanding tradition of excellence in pediatric orthopaedic education. Block your calendars for December 4—7, 2013!

Drs. Jack Flynn, Carley Vuillermin, Joseph Stone, Ahmed Bazzi, and Donald Bae at Top Gun.
A Message from EPOS

By Muharrem Yazici, MD

Dear friends,

While they belong to continents separated by the Atlantic Ocean, EPOS and POSNA lead the world in paediatric orthopaedics as two large specialty organizations that come together in the common plane of ‘PO’ - paediatric orthopaedics. These two entities, speaking the same language, using similar instruments, and most importantly of all, working for the same ideals, can never be rivals--only partners. For us, members of EPOS, POSNA is a partner from whose experiences we draw upon, take pride in its friendship and cooperation, and do everything in our power to increase and better this cooperation. We are assured that the POSNA leaders share these feelings.

The relationships between EPOS and POSNA have always been close and warm in the past. However, in the last few years, the leaders of both organizations have demonstrated closeness unequaled in the past and this tight cooperation has opened the door for many new partnerships. Not only have members of both organizations provide their scientific work for each other's meetings, they have been adamant in pursuing a common contribution to worldwide paediatric orthopaedic education. Many educational programs have already been organized from the Middle East to Latin America and many more are being planned for. We plan to solidify this cooperative relationship by producing a comprehensive consensus text for joint educational activities that is approved by the members of both societies.

Perhaps the strongest proof of this combined effort is that the two Boards have decided to hold their respective annual meetings in 2017 together. This project is expected to kick off strongly after the determination of a meeting venue in the coming days. The 2017 combined meeting will reinforce the already formidable trust and friendship between POSNA and EPOS. We are honored and overjoyed to be hosting the members of POSNA as EPOS in Europe in 2017, and look forward to the joint meeting with great excitement.

I would like to remind all of you that we will be honored to host our friends from POSNA in the 32nd Annual meeting that we will be holding in Athens next April.

I wish you all a new year full of health and success, and present my regards with the hope that 2013 will be a year full of triumphs for our societies and chosen specialty.

Muharrem Yazici
EPOS President
Visit the POSNA Job Board!

This secure, password protected site was designed to match practicing pediatric orthopaedic surgeons and pediatric orthopaedic fellows with their ideal pediatric orthopaedic surgery jobs. Importantly, it continues in keeping with our mission of “the highest quality education of pediatric orthopaedists thereby assuring the best possible care of musculoskeletal pediatric patients.” Job Seekers can search efficiently and free of charge using their POSNA or AAOS log in information.

Our database is searchable by state, percentage of time focused in pediatric orthopaedics or subspecialty areas of interest. Employers can effectively reach their audience and advertise their pediatric orthopaedic surgery positions including information on percent time in pediatric orthopaedics and subspecialty focus. The cost to post a job is $200 for 6 months. Payment can be made securely online. Postings automatically expire in 6 months with friendly monthly contact from the POSNA office.

To post a job or look for a pediatric orthopaedic opportunity, please visit the POSNA Job Board here: http://www.posna.org/careers/careers.asp.

News from Our Committees

Public Education & Media Relations Committee

Jennifer Weis, M.D.

The AAOS recently launched the A Nation in Motion campaign with the goal of raising awareness and understanding of the value of orthopaedic care among key audiences. To date, almost 600 patient success stories have been submitted to the website, with more added every day.

But, as we continue to tell the stories of our patients, and their successes, it is now time to tell our own stories--to illustrate the caring, compassionate, dedicated and interesting people behind our scrubs. Here are three NEW opportunities to market your practice and help show the value that you bring to our orthopaedic specialty:

1. Share Orthopaedic Surgeon Stories
Promote your orthopaedic practice and share your story. Help us to create a vivid portrait of orthopaedics and include your practice information. Submit answers to questions like Why

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did you become an orthopaedic surgeon? What do you do in your free time? Share your Orthopaedic Surgeon Story at anationinmotion.org.

2. Ortho-pinions
Submit surgeon columns, approximately 400-1,000 word essays, about various aspects of orthopaedic practice aimed at a patient/public audience, frequently-asked-questions you are asked in your practice, life or medicine that reiterates the well-roundedness and the different specialties within orthopaedics. For more details, column guidelines, and to submit an Ortho-pinion, visit anationinmotion.org.

3. Share Patient Stories
Invite patients whose stories embody A Nation in Motion to submit their stories on the campaign website, anationinmotion.org. Or, ask them for permission to use their stories and you or someone on your staff can submit them on their behalf.

POSNA Wins CLIO Healthcare Award
“Sedentary” takes home the bronze

The joint television PSA, “Sedentary,” won a Bronze CLIO Healthcare Award on November 13th, 2012. We are excited to announce this huge win in taking home one of the most prestigious advertising awards ever, being up against the top creative agencies in the world.

This is the Academy’s fourth consecutive CLIO Healthcare Award win since 2009. “Sedentary” is run more that any TV ad the Academy has ever produced, having played in 48 states, in 236 cities, with a total advertising value of $21,297,806.

L-R: Dr. Daniel Green, Lauren Pearson Riley, Dr. Sabrina Strickland, Sandra Gordon, Dr. Michael Marks, Dr. Stuart Fischer

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Advocacy Committee
Position Statement: The Treatment of Children’s Adolescents with Spondylolysis & Spondylolisthesis

Lori Karol, M.D.

The Advocacy committee of POSNA, under the direction of last year’s chair, Daniel Green, has written a position statement on the treatment of children and adolescents with spondylolysis and spondylolisthesis. The recommendations within the statement have each been referenced, with levels of evidence included. While the statement does not represent the technical variations in surgical treatment that are at the surgeon’s discretion, it does provide guidelines on principles of treatment that should be useful to the POSNA member in communication with third party payers. Read more here: http://www.posna.org/news/spondystatement2012.pdf.

COUR

By Sanjeev Sabhanwal, MD, Chair

We are planning to have the fifth combined POSI(Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of India)- POSNA workshop, around the POSI annual meeting at the Le Royal Méridien hotel in Chennai (previously known as Madras), India on January 10th-12th, 2014. In addition to the POSI annual conference, select POSNA/EPOS faculty will participate in a post-graduate course for orthopaedic trainees and workshops on pediatric trauma, spinal deformity, and lower limb deficiencies and deformities.

At our previous meetings, held biannually, we were extremely well received and had an excellent educational and cultural experience. The format typically includes a series of lectures, debates and case discussions with active participation from the POSI and visiting faculty, as well as insightful interaction with the delegates. These conferences engage faculty in a mutual, cross-cultural exchange of ideas.

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We are looking for several POSNA and EPOS members to travel to Chennai, a beautiful coastal location in south India. The POSI hosts will take care of local hospitality, including lodging. Travel arrangements to Chennai will be the responsibility of visiting faculty.

Please contact me at sabharsa@umdnj.edu if you are interested in participating as faculty. You can also e-mail or call me at (973)972-0246 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Professor, Departments of Orthopaedics
Chief, Pediatric Orthopaedics
UMDNJ - New Jersey Medical School

American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Orthopaedics

By Rick Schwend, MD
Chair, AAP-Section on Orthopaedics

The AAP 2012 National Conference & Exhibition Section on Orthopaedics met in New Orleans on Saturday October 20 and Sunday October 21, 2013. Thanks to the work of Abstract Chair Ellen Raney and Program Chair Eric Gordon, 56 abstracts were presented. Eight teaching sessions to pediatricians were presented by Bill Hennrikus, Ted Ganley, John Anderson, Eric Gordon, Kevin Latz, Norm Otzuka and Kathryn Keeler. Perry Schoenecker received the 18th Distinguished Service award (DSA). Peter Newton gave the POSNA president address on “Improving the Surgical Outcomes of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Treatment”. For the first time the Surgery Advisory Panel had a Plenary Session-Neurotoxicity: Are we poisoning children’s brains, in which Brian Shaw represented the Section on Orthopaedics. Thanks to the generosity of POSNA for funding the Young Investigators in Training Awards, the following presentations received recognition: First prize, Michael Sumko, (Penn State Hershey) Measurement of Radiation Exposure when Using the Mini C-arm to Reduce Pediatric Upper Extremity Fractures. Second prize, Tobert D (Columbia Medical Center) An Urgent Need for Multidisciplinary, Transitional and Adult Care in Cerebral Palsy: National and Single Institution Trends. Third prize, Cesar Astudillo Ilizarov (Texas Orthopaedic Hospital). External Fixation- A Novel Method for Treatment of T-Condylar Elbow Fractures in Children and Adolescents.

The 2013 NCE Section meeting will take place in Orlando on October 26 and 27th, 2013. The abstract submissions are due by April 15, 2013. Dr. Schoenecker’s DSA address, Dr. Newton’s presentation and AAP SOOr membership information can be viewed on the Orthopaedic Section website: http://www2.aap.org/sections/ortho/default.cfm

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First place winner of the Young Investigator in Training Award Michael Sumko (center) with mentors Bill Hennrikus (left) and Doug Armstrong (right).

POSNA/BIOMET Traveling Fellowship

By John Dormans, MD

The POSNA Traveling Fellowship Program will enable three junior fellows of POSNA to travel to centers of pediatric excellence. The duration of the fellowship will be approximately 15 days. The traveling fellows will visit several academic centers in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Bogota, Colombia; and Santiago, Chile. The trip will culminate at the SAOTI, SLAOTI, and POSNA-EPOS-SLAOTI International Pediatric Orthopedic Course in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Wednesday, October 2 through Saturday, October 5, 2013.

All active members age 45 or less and all candidate members who have completed a pediatric orthopedic fellowship are eligible to apply.

The deadline for applications is January 13, 2013.

We also look forward to welcoming the three fellows from EPOS to our 2013 meeting:
Camille Thevenin-Lemoine, Paris, France
Andrea Borgo, Padova, Italy
Julio Duart, Pamplona, Spain
News from Our International Colleagues

The Mexican Society of Pediatric Orthopedics (SMOP)
Pablo Castaneda, President
Website: http://www.orcaws.com/test_server/smop/

Our XXVII Annual Meeting is being held on November 15 to 18, 2013 in Campeche, Mexico—it will be a great venue for the presentation of original research and interesting case presentations. The meeting will cover current controversies in pediatric orthopaedic surgery and promises to be comprehensive and engaging.

Sociedad Argentina de Orthopedia y Traumatologia Infantil (SAOTI)
Claudio Fernandez, MD, President
Website: http://www.saoti.org.ar/

This year’s meeting will be at the Hotel Panamericano—Salones Paraná y Amazonas in Buenos Aires, October 2—5, 2013.

Orthopedic society of the German Speaking Countries
Pr Thomas Wirth, MD, President
Website: http://www.kinderorthopaedie.org/

The year 2012 marked the 25th birthday of the German Speaking Society of Pediatric Orthopedics which was founded in 1987. To celebrate the silver anniversary Klausdieter Parsch and Siegfried Stotz compiled a book with the title “25 Jahre Vereinigung für Kinderorthopädie 1987 – 2012” which contains many great memories of this period. We are very grateful to both of them to have dedicated their time to have written such a memorable book.

The 2012 annual meeting of the Society was held in Vienna and there were more than 300 participants gathering from 15th to 17th March 2012 for very lively discussions. In addition to the activities on the South German Orthopedic conference and 15th Symposium on Pediatric Orthopedics in Basel the VKO was involved in the organization of the 2nd interdisciplinary focus on cerebral palsy which was held in June in Düsseldorf.

The German Congress of Orthopedics and Traumatology in Berlin and the 5th Compact Course was held in Munich from 27th to 30th November 2012. The VKO also selected two talented young pediatric orthopedic surgeons for the travel scholarship. Dr. A. Handlbauer and Dr. N. Shikora will be visiting several pediatric orthopedic centers in Europe.

Our upcoming 27th Jahrestagung der Vereinigung für Kinderorthopädie, 1. Annual Meeting of the Association of Pediatric Orthopaedics, will be the 1st - 2. - 2nd of March, 2013 in Augsburg, Germany of March, 2013 in Augsburg, Germany.
2013 Safe and Accessible Playground Build


Disaster Response Course
Developed by SOMOS, Co-sponsored by AAOS, OTA and POSNA

This course is custom created specifically to help prepare orthopaedic surgeons for the unique patient care requirements presented by the austere environments of disaster. Get the important training you need for personal and team preparation to effectively handle the physical, emotional and care management skills for treating the injured in areas affected by catastrophic events. Registration is now open for the following courses:

March 18-19, 2013
Chicago, IL
(Immediately prior to the AAOS Annual Meeting)
Register today! http://www.aaos.org/6808CHI

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Online tool helps you track your progress
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- Enter your ABOS certificate expiration year. (You may contact the ABOS at 919-929-7103 or visit the ABOS website to verify your certificate’s expiration year.)
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- Indicate whether you would like to receive quarterly emails regarding your current status in the MOC process.
- Click on “Submit My Preferences.”

After you complete these steps, the AAOS will send you an email to confirm that you are now enrolled in the Learning Portfolio.

Have questions?

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ORS/OREF/AAOS New Investigator Workshop

The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS), the Orthopaedic Research Education Foundation (OREF), and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) are again offering an expanded version of their long-standing, successful grant writing, networking, and career development workshop. Attendees who elect to submit a draft research plan will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with an experienced musculoskeletal researcher who will provide mentoring, discuss funding strategies, and offer recommendations so essential for a successful academic career. All attendees will meet senior investigators who manage highly successful research programs funded by the NIH, DOD, VA, and private foundations, and who have served on NIH study sections.

The keynote speaker is Richard Lieber, PhD, University of San Diego, whose research laboratory has been supported primarily by grants from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Lieber will join the workshop via Skype with a presentation entitled “Key Strategies for Successful NIH Funding”, giving advice on the marketing aspect of applying for grant funds.

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The program is open to junior faculty, post-doctoral researchers, clinical fellows, and residents with a commitment to pursuing an academic research career. The workshop will take place on May 17 - 18, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland.

All participants will pay a Workshop fee of $595.00 which includes the registration fee, 2 nights of hotel stay, syllabus, and other workshop materials.

More information and a downloadable application:  http://www.ors.org/ors-oref-aaos-new-investigator-workshop/

The application deadline is January 21, 2013