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President's Corner



Dear Colleagues,

It won't be long before our annual meeting May 5 to May 8, 2007 in Toronto. The platform and poster sessions were finalized and there will be three ASPN platform sessions as compared to two in previous years. The third platform session will be cosponsored by the IPHA. All of the platform and poster sessions are filled with exciting new information on basic, translational, and clinical aspects of pediatric nephrology.

The ASPN sessions, the joint sessions, workshops, poster and platform sessions, business meetings and social events are detailed on pages 2 and 3 of the Newsletter. Thanks again to the program committee chaired by Lisa Satlin, co-chaired by Robert Mak and committee members Carlton Bates, Deepa Chand, Susan Furth, Mary Leonard, Mark Mitsnefes, and Mike Somers for a fantastic program.

The ASPN Awards committee recently met to select the 2007 recipient of the Founder's Award. It is my pleasure to announce that Richard Fine is the 2007 Founder's award recipient. Please plan to attend the Award luncheon on Monday, May 7th to hear Dr. Fine's lifetime contributions to pediatric nephrology.

Our Washington representatives Jennifer Shevchek and Dominic Ruscio, and our public policy and clinical affairs continue to advocate for our members in a number of regulatory and governmental issues. Reports from each of the committees, Jennifer and Dom are included in the Newsletter.

Don't forget - World Kidney Day is March 8, 2007! World Kidney Day was implemented on March 9, 2006, by the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Societies (IFKS) to broadcast a message about kidney disease to the public, governmental agencies, physicians, and allied health professionals. The message is that kidney disease is common, harmful, and treatable. An editorial by the presidents of the ASPN, ASN, NKF and RPA about World Kidney Day will be published in several kidney journals including Pediatric Nephrology.

Finally I would like to welcome aboard Lisa Thompson, the new ASPN Executive Secretary, and all the other staff at the Woodlands. As of January 1, 2007, The Woodlands is the Central office for the ASPN. I would also like to thank all of the council, committee chairs and members, task force chairs and members for your continued service to the ASPN.

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ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION
ALL ASPN MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?



Registration and Housing for the
 2007 ASPN/ PAS Annual Meeting

Visit the PAS website at: www.pas-meeting.org to register now.

pFeNa Events-- For all pediatric fellows attending the ASPN Annual Meeting in Toronto, there are two planned activities especially geared towards fellows. Come show off the knowledge you have gained during fellowship at a special Clinical Pathology Conference scheduled for noon, Saturday, May 5th. Then come for the organizational meeting for pFeNA for the upcoming year that Monday evening, May 7th, at 7pm with plans for socializing at a local establishment thereafter. All residents and fellows are encouraged to attend. Both will be at the Fairmont Royal York.

Also, in anticipation of expansion of the role of fellows within the ASPN, please look for upcoming announcements about a survey of fellows regarding pFeNA and the ASPN, ASPN committee openings for fellows, and other leadership positions within pFeNA. Please contact Rene' VanDeVoorde at rene.vandevoorde@cchmc.org for any questions or interests.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF 2007 HOTEL BASED EVENTS
FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL

Function	Date	Day	Begin
Stone and Bone Club	5/5/2007	Saturday	12:00PM
Clinical Affairs/Public Policy Combined Committees Meeting	5/5/2007	Saturday	12:00PM
Clinical Affairs Committee	5/5/2007	Saturday	7:00AM
Member Reception	5/5/2007	Saturday	8:00PM
Business Meeting, Luncheon and Presidential Address (Box lunches)	5/6/2007	Sunday	12:15PM
Research Committee	5/6/2007	Sunday	6:30PM
Training & Certification Committee	5/6/2007	Sunday	6:30PM
Public Policy—Being heard above the din:Advocating in a changed political landscape	5/6/2007	Sunday	6:30PM
Public Policy Committee	5/6/2007	Sunday	7:30PM
Workforce Committee	5/6/2007	Sunday	7:00AM
Awards Luncheon	5/7/2007	Monday	12:30PM
pFeNa	5/7/2007	Monday	7:00PM
Training Program Directors	5/7/2007	Monday	7:00PM
Program Committee	5/8/2007	Tuesday	12:00PM



May 5–8, 2007
 Metro Toronto Convention Centre
 and Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Saturday, May 5	Sunday, May 6	Monday, May 7	Tuesday, May 8
<p>8:00am–10:00am ASPN Workshop Renal Biopsy Short Course</p> <p>10:00am–12:00pm ASPN Symposium I Endothelial Dysfunction in Chronic Disease</p> <p>12:00pm–1:00pm ASPN CPC Fellows Luncheon</p> <p>1:00pm–3:00pm ASPN/IPHA/PAS Platform Session Clinical and Experimental Hypertension / Nephrology I</p> <p>3:15pm–5:15pm ASPN/LWPES/PAS Topic Symposium Diagnosis and Treatment of Bone Disorders in Childhood and Adolescence</p> <p>5:15pm–7:15pm ASPN/PAS Posters I, Exhibits and PAS Opening Reception Nephrology (Hypertension)</p> <p>8:00pm–10:00pm ASPN Member Reception Fellow Research Awards Welcome Residents</p>	<p>7:00am–8:00am Meet the Professor Breakfasts Nephrology I & II • Considering and Building a Career in Pediatric Nephrology • A Career in Pediatric Nephrology: Cells to Society (for trainees and junior faculty)</p> <p>8:00am–10:00am ASPN Symposium II Pathophysiology of Obstructive Uropathy</p> <p>10:15am–12:00pm APS Presidential Plenary and Awards</p> <p>12:15pm–1:45pm ASPN Presidential Address, Business Meeting and Luncheon</p> <p>2:00pm–4:00pm IPHA/LWPES/NASPGHAN/PAS Topic Symposium Mechanisms and Management of Co-morbidities of T2DM in Children and Adolescents</p> <p>2:00pm–4:00pm ASPN/ASPHO/PIDS/PAS Topic Symposium Models for Improving Pediatric Oncology and Tertiary Care in the Developing World</p> <p>2:00pm–4:00pm ASPN Workshop Academic Pediatric Nephrology—Advocating for Yourself</p> <p>4:15pm–6:15pm ASPN/IPHA/PAS State of the Art Filling in the Gaps in Pediatric Drug Therapy Under the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act: The Example of Antihypertensive Medications</p> <p>4:15pm–6:15pm ASPN/PAS Topic Symposium Ischemic Preconditioning</p> <p>4:15pm–6:15pm ASPN/PAS Platform Session Nephrology II</p>	<p>8:00am–10:00am ASPN/IPHA/LWPES/NASPGHAN/PIDS/PAS Topic Symposium Mechanism and Management of Dyslipidemias in Children and Adolescents</p> <p>10:15am–12:15pm ASPN/PAS Platform Session Nephrology III</p> <p>10:15am–12:15pm SPR Presidential Plenary and Awards</p> <p>12:30pm–1:30pm ASPN Awards Luncheon</p> <p>1:00pm–2:45pm March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology Lectures</p> <p>1:00pm – 3:00pm ASPN/IPHA/PAS Mini Course Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring in Children: Do We Really Know What We Are Doing?</p> <p>3:00pm–5:00pm ASPN Symposium III Pediatric Nephrology in Non-kidney Organ Transplantation</p> <p>5:15pm–6:45pm ASPN/PAS Posters II and Exhibits Nephrology</p>	<p>8:00am–10:00am ASPN Symposium IV Pathobiology of Pediatric Nephrotic Syndrome</p> <p>10:00am–12:00pm ASPN Workshop Pediatric Dialysis—Not Just Little Adults</p> <p>1:45pm–3:45pm PAS/ASPN/PIDS Topic Symposium Infectious Complications After Renal Transplant</p>

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



2007 Founder's Award (ASPN)

Dr. Richard N. Fine has been selected to receive the 2007 Founder's Award. This award is given each year to an ASPN member in recognition of unique and lasting contribution to the field of pediatric nephrology. Dr. Fine has contributed significantly to the ASPN by promoting its activities to assure a continuing role for its members in science as well as in specialized health care for children with kidney disease. He will be recognized for his contributions during the ASPN Award Luncheon on Monday, May 7th at the Fairmont Royal York.

2007 Trainee Research Award (ASPN)

Three awards are given annually at the ASPN meeting: one for the best clinical abstract, one for the best basic science abstract and one for the best translational abstract. This year's recipients are pictured below in order: Rasheed Gbadegesin, MD, Fellow, University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Tammy Brady, MD, MHS, Fellow, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland; and Amit Dagan, MD, Fellow, UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas. They will be recognized at the ASPN membership reception on Saturday evening, May 5th at the Fairmont Royal York.



2007 Medal of Excellence Award (AAKP)

Pediatric nephrologist and ASPN member, Robert S. Fennell, III, has been selected to receive the 2007 Medal of Excellence Award given annually by the American Association of Kidney Patients. The Medal of Excellence Award honors a renal physician who has achieved outstanding success in caring for kidney disease patients, while also possessing extraordinary skills and devotion to the field of nephrology. Bob is Professor and Chief of the Pediatric Nephrology division of the University of Florida College of Medicine. Congratulations Bob!!

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

14th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association

31 August - 4 September 2007

Budapest, Hungary

For more detailed information, please visit:
<http://www.ipna2007.com/index.html>



SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 3-6, 2007

THE MIAMI PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY SEMINAR (FOUNDED BY JOSE STRAUSS M.D.) IS COMING AGAIN— “THE LEGACY GOES ON...”

Dear Friends and colleagues:

We are happy to invite you to attend the XXXIV Pediatric Nephrology Seminar which will take place March 3-6, 2007 in beautiful Miami Beach at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa (formerly Wyndham Hotel). The Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminar is an international gathering of Pediatric and Internal Medicine Nephrologists from all over the United States and the world, sponsored by the University of Miami, Leonard Miller School of Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital. This coming year we will have an exciting scientific program with a variety of topics including Sessions devoted to Pediatric Nephrology for The Practitioner, Tubulopathies, Glomerulopathies and Vasculitis, Progressive Nature of Kidney Diseases, Renal Replacement Therapies, Bone and the Kidneys, Challenges of the Failing Kidney and Issues on Transplantation. In addition there will be 2 Workshops: Pediatric Renal G-U Disorders and Critical Care Nephrology (CRRT and Acute Dialysis) and one special Clinico-Pathologic Case Presentation. A total of 20 Guest Faculty and 20 Local Faculty will provide expertise and cordial exchanges including several panel discussions.

In order to facilitate attendance by physicians in training and medical students we will continue to provide a limited number of Partial Travel Grants (Applications must be received prior to December 31, 2006). Additional details about the Seminar Program, Faculty, Registration and Grant Applications Forms can be found and downloaded at <http://pediatricnephrology.med.miami.edu/seminar> To register by phone: 305-243-3993/800-622-4453 Fax 305-243-4050



**Fourth International Conference on Children's Bone Health
 June 21-24, 2007 — Montreal, Canada**

Greetings to our bone-conscious friends!

It is an honor to invite you to attend the Fourth International Conference on Children's Bone Health, to be held June 21-24, 2007. Our host city of Montréal is truly an experience: Old World charm, a unique joie de vivre and yet a modern style all its own.

For more detailed information & meeting specifics, including our outstanding scientific program, visit our official conference web site at <http://www.iccbh4.org/>.

We look forward to seeing you in Montreal in June 2007!

Craig B. Langman, MD, Conference Director

Jointly sponsored by Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and International Conference on Children's Bone Health



National Kidney Foundation™

**National Kidney Foundation
 2007 Spring Clinical Meetings (CM.07)**

Save the Date!
 April 10-14, 2007

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Hotel
 Orlando, Florida

For more information go to <http://www.kidney.org/>

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS-CONTINUED



Save the dates!

May 3-6

**Honolulu, Hawaii
Hawaii Convention Center**

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

Annual Meeting

The ASPN Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Satlin will meet in June to begin planning for 2008. Please let us know what you want to hear!



The ASPN wishes to continue to acknowledge the generosity of the following corporate and session sponsors for the 2006 annual meeting. Their unrestricted educational grants have significantly benefited the Society and its efforts.

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NEWS FROM THE ASPN OFFICE

We are honored to be able to serve as the headquarter location for the ASPN and look forward to working with the leadership and members. The ASPN Office is in “the woods” just north of Houston and is within a pediatric academic campus environment. This site also serves as the home to numerous regional and national pediatric organizations in The Woodlands, Texas (30 miles north of Houston, Texas).



We are pleased to welcome Ms. Lisa Thompson, the new ASPN Executive Secretary. Lisa’s long-term experience in association management combined with the expertise from the rest of the seasoned management team will

work to enhance the purpose, mission and goals of the ASPN.

In addition to personal communications you will receive from us along the way, we plan on bi-monthly updates in KIDney NOTES that will highlight important member communications, deadlines and other news to be on the watch for.

Over the next 12 months we will streamline member services and welcome your comments and ideas on how you feel we can best serve the ASPN.

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Central Office in The Woodlands, TX

BOARDWALK

What do pediatric nephrologists need to know about R3P?

Perhaps you have heard about R3P (also known as Residency Review and Resign in Pediatrics Project) either through the ABP, your home institution or other professional activities...or perhaps not. R3P is an extensive process, currently underway under the guidance of the ABP and in collaboration with ACGME, AAMC, and all major stakeholder organizations in pediatric education, to comprehensively reassess general pediatric residency training – for the first time since 1978.

The community will consider the likely evolution of pediatric practice and pediatric workforce and then assess the current approaches, content, and length of pediatric training in the context of the future expected needs. Medical school education and post-residency education will also be included in the process in order to consider how competency is acquired and enhanced over a career. The processes of teaching, learning, progress evaluation, and certification will also be assessed.

What does this mean to you as a pediatric nephrologist? Most of us practice within the scope of a larger pediatric program such that findings and recommendations of this project are likely to change the way we practice, teach, and learn within these environments. Similarly, our future pediatric nephrology trainees will directly experience any changes that result from R3P, and our subspecialty training processes will be expected to utilize new approaches to address our part of the education continuum.

Duty hours, life-style expectations, medical practice requirements and oversight, and pediatric medicine itself have all changed significantly in the last 30 years while our training processes have only just begun to adapt. This broadly inclusive project is our field’s answer to the challenges facing medical and pediatric education for the future. Please support it and participate in any way that is of interest to you.

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WASHINGTON UPDATE

Congress strikes agreement on long-term CR

In February, the House and Senate passed a continuing resolution covering all domestic and foreign aid spending for FY2007. Specifically, the CR proposes a \$620 million increase for the National Institutes of Health, which will provide an additional 500 research grants.

As a result of the NIH Reauthorization Act passed by Congress last year, it is required that part of the appropriated amounts to the NIH be allocated to a “common fund” for research that involves the collaboration of two or more institutes of the NIH. Therefore, \$438 million of the \$620 million will be designated to the Common Fund, for trans-institute research. The resolution will also create a new \$40 million program to support innovative, thinking-outside-the-box research (also authorized by the NIH Act), and provide \$91 million for grants to first-time investigators.

Also included in the CR is \$69 million for the National Children’s Study, an NICHD initiative supported by the ASPN.

President’s FY2008 budget released; Medicare and Medicaid targeted

On February 5, President Bush sent his \$2.9 trillion budget request to Congress, with a promise to balance the federal budget by 2012. While this is a laudable long-term goal—one that congressional Democrats say they support as well—neither side has a realistic short-term plan to back that up.

Both national parties agree that controlling spending, in large part, requires the government to address the unsustainable growth of entitlement programs, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. To that end, the President’s budget asks Congress to adopt a series of legislative proposals that would save \$78.6 billion over the next five years – \$65.6 billion from Medicare and \$13 billion from Medicaid. Most of the Medicare savings would come in slowing the growth of payments to hospitals and other providers, but \$11.5 billion would result from boosting insurance premiums paid by the wealthiest Medicare recipients. For the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the President is proposing a reduction of \$223 million, or four percent, from this year’s level, noting that some states currently cover children from families with income more than twice the poverty level. *See related article on SCHIP below.*

National Institutes of Health

The FY2008 budget request for NIH totals \$28.6 million for research institutes and centers funded through the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. But under the budget proposal, \$300 million of that will be transferred to the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. When compared to the amount provided for NIH research activities in the FY2007 continuing resolution, the proposed budget for FY2008 represents a \$511 million *decrease*.

Of the amount requested, \$486 million is allocated to support trans-NIH Roadmap/Common Fund initiatives designed to focus on the discovery of new disease treatments, prevention strategies and diagnostics that transcend individual research institute missions.

The budget does not request funding for the National Children’s Study, which was allocated \$69 million in FY2007 continuing resolution; the study is estimated to cost \$111 million to continue in FY2008.

As a member of the *Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research*, ASPN is asking Congress to provide a 6.7 percent increase in funding for the NIH in each of the next three years. This figure takes in to account the biomedical research inflation index, and will help accelerate important pediatric-specific kidney disease research.

Other program funding

For independent children’s teaching hospitals, the President’s budget requests \$110 million for FY2008, \$187 million less than FY2007, or a 63 percent cut.

For the HRSA organ transplantation program, the budget proposes \$23 million for financial support to operate the national Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients. This request is equal to the FY2007 enacted level.

Through participation in advocacy coalitions, including the *Transplant Roundtable*, ASPN will actively work to increase funding in FY2008 for both the Children’s GME and HRSA Organ Transplantation programs.

ASPN speaks out on SCHIP reform

On February 12, ASPN joined the American Academy of Pediatrics and other medical professionals, labor unions and child-welfare advocates in asking Congress to

WASHINGTON UPDATE CONTINUED...

spend \$12 billion more per year, over the next 5 years, for children's health insurance. The request came in a letter to lawmakers outlining concerns about State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Without congressional action, SCHIP, created in 1997, will expire this year.

The letter also urged lawmakers not to cut Medicaid funding to pay for a SCHIP expansion, and that states should not be forced to scale back coverage. Some states have used SCHIP as a foundation for their efforts to expand health insurance coverage, often in partnerships with private insurers.

President Bush's fiscal 2008 budget outlines a far smaller expansion of SCHIP. He supported renewing the program but proposed boosting its funding by just \$600 million in fiscal 2008, to \$5 billion. His budget would provide SCHIP coverage for children whose families earn 200 percent of the federal poverty level or less. Bush has not specified how enrollment would be limited, but he proposes excluding adults.

In addition to biomedical research, Medicare, and transplantation policy issues, ASPN has identified SCHIP reform as a top public policy priority for FY2007. Throughout the year, ASPN will continue to put pressure on lawmakers to enact reasonable SCHIP reform.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clinical Affairs: Availability of HG-100 Infant Dialyzers

As many ASPN members are no doubt aware, dialyzer options for infants are about to become much more limited than in the past due to discontinuation of the HG-100 by Gambro and the F-2 by Fresenius. In addition, there will be a temporary unavailability of the F-3 due to Fresenius shifting its manufacture of this dialyzer from a European factory to an American one.

This will affect any ASPN members. A brief survey by Tim Bunchman of subscribers to the PEDNEPH e-mail listserve revealed that 21 of 30 programs (70%) responding to the survey currently use the HG-100 for dialyzing infants, and that many of these were planning on using the F-3 as a replacement dialyzer. This will mean that the Baxter CA-50 will temporarily be the dialyzer with the smallest blood volume on the market.

Fortunately, Gambro is developing a replacement small blood volume

dialyzer that will be appropriate for use in infants. The time-frame for availability of this product is unknown at present, but it will certainly not be available in time to replace the HG-100 or F-2. The Clinical Affairs Committee is currently finalizing a letter to Gambro outlining the need of pediatric dialysis programs for a small blood volume dialyzer. We will keep the ASPN membership updated if we learn of any new developments.

2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that the 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) webpage is now available.

On December 20, 2006 the President signed the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA). Section 101 under Title I authorizes the establishment of a physician quality reporting system by CMS. CMS has titled the statutory program the 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative.

PQRI establishes a financial incentive for eligible professionals to participate in a voluntary quality reporting program. Eligible professionals who successfully report a designated set of quality measures on claims for dates of service from July 1 to December 31, 2007, may earn a bonus payment, subject to a cap, of 1.5% of total allowed charges for covered Medicare physician fee schedule services.

This newly established webpage will be updated regularly, so check it often for timely and reliable information from CMS.

For more information on 2007 PQRI, visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The Diagnosis Coding Booklet has been revised and can be found on the ASPN website in the "ASPN Archive" Section. The information contained in the document was created by Sharon Perlman and can be printed in booklet form or as a continuous page document. Instructions for printing the booklet are provided on the site.

ASPN NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new ASPN members:

Christine A. Bellew, M.D.,	Indiana University, Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN
Jodi M. Smith, M.D.,	University of Washington, Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA
Carl Henry Cramer, M.D.,	Mayo Clinic, Rochester, NY
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Scott S. Williams, M.D.	UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX
Keith K. Lau, M.D.	University of California, Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
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John K. Hurley, M.D.	George Washington University, Children's National Medical Center, D.C.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

ASPN Research Committee Works to Develop Funding Priorities

The Research committee had a conference call Wednesday, January 17th, 1:00 - 2:00pm Eastern Time, for the purpose of discussing concepts to be presented at the NIH/ NIDDK conference "Focused Opportunities in Clinical Research". Ideas for priorities for clinical research areas in these times of tight NIH funding generated during the call were presented at the NIH/NIDDK conference which was held on January 29, 2007 in Bethesda, MD. Among approximately 35 invited participants, the representatives from the pediatric nephrology community at the NIH/ NIDDK meeting were Prasad Devarajan, on the Acute Kidney Injury subgroup, Susan Furth and Rick Kaskel on the Chronic Kidney Disease subgroup, and Brad Warady on the ESRD subgroup. Each of these participants spoke about the unique problems of children with kidney disease, the importance of funding infrastructure to study kidney disease in children across multiple clinical sites, and voiced the importance of including children with acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease and ESRD in future clinical research RFA's. Future studies on adherence to treatment regimens in children with ESRD were identified as a potential priority for future research. Language for ASPN's proposed FY2008 appropriations report language is currently being drafted, incorporating the conclusions from the research committee call, and the "Focused Opportunities in Clinical Research" Conference. There will be a CDC Expert Panel on CKD held in Atlanta, GA on March 5th and 6th. Susan Furth will attend to represent the ASPN.

MARKETPLACE

If you would like to view the listing of jobs available, please visit the Marketplace webpage on the ASPN website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.aspneph.com/market.html>

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