



# KIDney NOTES



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the President's Corner! I would again like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the next two years. I also want to thank the membership for a remarkable response to the Strategic Planning process. Your input and desire to participate in the task forces has been exceptional and will allow for the various goals to be achieved. The Career Mentoring Task Force is chaired by John Bissler and has sixteen members, the Membership Task Force is chaired by Susan Massengill and has thirteen members, the Communications Website Task Force is chaired by Greg Gorman and has eight members, the Governance Task Force is chaired by Aaron Friedman and has ten members and the Practice Management Task Force is chaired by Mark Joseph and has thirteen members. Many thanks to all who have volunteered. We appreciate your efforts.

The ASPN business meeting during the ASN will take place on Friday, November 17. We look forward to seeing you there. Several committee meetings will be held and the details of the time and locations of the meetings are on page 3. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

The invited science for the ASPN annual meeting to take place in Toronto May 5 to 8, 2007 has been finalized. In addition to our symposia and workshops, there are three platform sessions for abstracts presentations and two poster sessions. The CPC fellows luncheon will be back again this year with new cases to stump the audience. More information on the program can be found in the column entitled "2007 ASPN Program Committee" on pages 2 and 3. 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 developed an outstanding program. You will hear much more about the 2007 annual meeting program in future *KIDney NOTES*.

Our Washington representatives, Jennifer Shevchek and Dom Ruscio, your officers and councilors, committee chairs and committee members continue to actively advocate for the mission of the ASPN to promote optimal care for children with kidney disease through advocacy, education and research, and to disseminate advances in clinical practice and scientific investigation.

*Sharon Andreoli*

## Committee Updates and Other News

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### Training and Certification Committee Update

The Training and Certification Committee met by conference call on 8/1/2006 and discussed a broad revision of its committee charge. Members discussed potential interactions with agencies impacting training, collaborations with the re-energized Training Program Directors group, and support for the trainee group, pFeNa. Progress on the life-long learning and performance in practice components of the maintenance of certification of the ABP was discussed along with potential mechanisms to increase ASPN membership involvement in the development of these processes. *(Victoria Norwood)*

### Research Committee Update

The Research committee now has three co-chairs: Bill Smoyer, Samir El-Dahr and Susan Furth. The committee has reviewed and modified the charges to the committee. The charge now includes: 1) the goal of educating the ASPN membership about fiscal and policy issues that impact research in children with kidney disease; and 2) the Research Committee will work with the new Central office and the Website Development Task Force to facilitate research collaboration and mentorship among ASPN members. The entire updated Research Committee charge will soon be available for viewing on the ASPN website at <http://www.aspneph.com/councils.html#research>. *(Susan Furth)*

## Committee Updates and Other News (Continued)

### Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force

On August 28, 2006, Sharon Andreoli and Joseph Flynn represented ASPN at a meeting in Chicago intended to create a new "CKD Task Force" to follow up on the CKD Initiative that was sponsored by CAKS (Council of Kidney Societies) in 2003. Other participants in the meeting included Tom DuBose MD and Karen Campbell from the ASN, Frank Brosius MD and Eric Simon, MD representing the American Heart Association, Allan Collins MD from the NKF, and Bob Provenzano MD, Alan Kliger MD, Dale Singer and Rob Blaser from the Renal Physicians Association.

There was general agreement that the CAKS CKD initiative was successful at identifying problems related to CKD, but that not much has happened since then. It was further agreed that, given the advent of pay for performance and other CKD-related issues, now is the time for the Nephrology physician community to take the initiative on CKD. One potential strategy for increasing public and payor awareness of the importance of CKD is to capitalize on the fact that proper CKD management benefits outcomes of patients with cardiovascular disease and diabetes, both of which are already in the public/payor eye. As an initial step, it was felt that "World Kidney Day" (March 8, 2007) could be used as a vehicle to start this process, hopefully with an editorial to be published in JASN/CJASN/AJKD. Andrew Levy will be asked to write the editorial. A follow-up conference call of participants will be held in 4-6 weeks and another face-to-face meeting will be scheduled at the ASN meeting in San Diego in order to sort out administrative issues such as funding and structure.

*(Joseph Flynn)*

### Workforce Committee Update

The ASPN is beginning a series of short surveys of pediatric nephrologists to get a better understanding of our current manpower, our level of support from our institutions, our responsibilities, and several other issues. In this era of "benchmarking" the results from these surveys may be very helpful to our membership in understanding how we cover our responsibilities and, hopefully, will be useful in lobbying our institutions for more support. The surveys will be web-based, and we will try to keep them as short as possible. PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEYS IN A TIMELY MANNER. We really need everyone's input!!

The ASPN has developed a current roster of pediatric nephrology programs, both university-based and private practice. The rosters are organized by state and include ASPN members and non-members with

contact information. We are happy to make these rosters available to ASPN members. The rosters should be helpful to the membership in planning regional conferences and in patient referrals, etc. Please contact Robyn at [aspn@northwestern.edu](mailto:aspn@northwestern.edu) for copies of the rosters. If you notice any errors or have any additions, please let us know!

Please continue to be on the lookout for medical students and residents who might be interested in a career in pediatric nephrology! There are travel grants made available by ASPN to the annual ASPN Spring meeting; ASN has trainee travel grants to the ASN meeting (deadline for submission has passed for the San Diego meeting) and the Pediatric Nephrology Seminar in Miami (announcement due out soon) provides travel grants each year for interested medical students and residents. *(Elaine Kamil)*

### New Patient Education Resources on AV Fistula Now Available Online

As a member of the Fistula First Initiative, a collaboration between the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and stakeholders of the renal community, ASPN is pleased to announce that a list of new patient education resources regarding AV fistula placement is now posted on its website (<http://www.aspneph.com/patient.html>). While transplantation is the desired outcome for children with ESRD, ASPN understands that some children must remain on dialysis longer than expected. For this reason, the Society hopes these new resources will prove helpful for you and your patients. To find out more about the Fistula First Initiative, please visit <http://www.fistulafirst.org/>. *(Jennifer Shevchek)*

### Pediatric Fellows in Nephrology Association (pFeNa)

pFeNa is planning a social function at the ASN meeting in San Diego. The function will be open to current pediatric nephrology fellows and residents committed to a pediatric nephrology fellowship position, as well as residents and medical students with a career interest in pediatric nephrology. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement via broadcast e-mail for the time and venue of the gathering! *(Rene Vandevoorde)*

### 2007 ASPN Program Committee

The first ASPN Program Committee, comprised of Drs. Lisa Satlin (Chair), Robert Mak (Co-Chair), Carl Bates, Deepa Chand, Susan Furth (Co-Chair, Research Committee), Mary Leonard, Mark Mitsnefes, and Michael Somers was charged with developing the educational/scientific program for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society. Based on the results of the 2006 Annual Meeting *(Continued, Page 3)*

**Committee Updates and Other News—continued**

**2007 Program Committee**

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Evaluation Forms and comments collected from ASPN strategic planning interviews, the Program Committee specifically sought to: 1) Present cutting-edge basic, translational, and clinical science; 2) Engage broad representation of members as speakers, moderators, and abstracts reviewers, especially attempting to involve the younger members; 3) Develop interactive program elements that foster participation ; and 4) Support junior faculty with invitations to present their work.

To begin to generate the program, announcements were made at the 2006 ASPN Annual Meeting and published in *KIDney NOTES* asking

the ASPN membership to forward suggestions for speakers and symposia to the Program Committee. Input from the ASPN membership and Program Committee led to the generation of the final 2007 ASPN program, which will include the following symposia, three of which are co-sponsored by other pediatric academic societies:

- Endothelial dysfunction in chronic disease
- Pediatric nephrology in non-kidney organ transplantation
- Pathophysiology of obstructive uropathy
- Pathobiology of pediatric nephrotic syndrome
- Mechanisms and management of dyslipidemias in children and

adolescents

- Infectious complications after renal transplant
- Diagnosis and treatment of bone disorders in childhood & adolescence

In addition, the meeting will include Workshops focused on:

- Academic pediatric nephrology – advocating for yourself
- Pediatric dialysis - not just little adults
- Renal Biopsy Short Course

The Program Committee again thanks all ASPN members who forwarded to us their suggestions for symposia topics and speakers. We hope that you share our enthusiasm about what promises to be an exciting program! *(Lisa Satlin)*

**Implementation of the ASPN Strategic Plan Proceeds**

In continuation of the strategic planning process, the ASPN Council has designated five task forces to address specific areas of interest to the Society. Each is comprised of volunteers who expressed an interest in serving on one or more committees, with the final constitution of each reflecting input from the chairs, the council and the membership. A list of the members of each task force will soon be posted on the password-protected strategic planning pages of the ASPN web site <http://www.aspneph.com/strategic/stratPlan.html>.

The task forces and their chairs are:

- Career Mentoring . . . . . John Bissler
- Communications/Web site . . . Greg Gorman
- Governance . . . . . Aaron Friedman
- Membership . . . . . Susan Massengill
- Practice Management . . . . . Mark Joseph

These committees have begun to “meet” by phone and e-mail and we will be keeping the membership informed of their progress in several ways. In addition to periodic e-mails and reports in *KIDney NOTES*, there will be a “bulletin board” of committee tasks and progress posted on the Strategic Planning web page.

**ASPN Meetings at ASN Meeting in San Diego, CA**  
*All meetings will take place at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina*

Meeting Name	Day/Date	Time	Location
Clinical Affairs & Public Policy Combined Committee	Thursday, November 16	6:30-7:30am	Point Loma Room
Clinical Affairs Committee	Thursday, November 16	Noon-1:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Training Program Directors	Thursday, November 16	Noon-1:00pm	Pacific Room
Public Policy Committee	Thursday, November 16	7:00-9:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Program Committee	Friday, November 17	6:30-7:30am	Ocean Side Room
Research Committee	Friday, November 17	Noon-1:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Business Meeting	Friday, November 17	6:30-7:30pm	San Diego Ballroom Salon C
Stone and Bone Club	Saturday, November 18	6:30-7:30am	Ocean Side Room
Workforce Committee	Saturday, November 18	Noon-1:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Training and Certification Committee	Saturday, November 18	6:30-7:30pm	Ocean Side Room

## Board Walk

*What activities does the ABP oversee that directly impact pediatric nephrologists?*

The primary role of the ABP as seen by the majority of pediatric nephrologists is as the body responsible for initial subspecialty certification and subsequent activities for maintenance of certification.

The ABP develops and maintains updated eligibility requirements for all candidates seeking initial certification. The Subboard of Pediatric Nephrology is responsible for developing and maintaining the content and questions utilized for the certification exam, given every other year. The Subboard also reviews and approves applications for the certification exam to insure that all candidates have met the current requirements. The ABP oversees the delivery of the examination, its security, its scoring, and tracks its performance over time with feedback to the Subboard. The SITE (subspecialty in-training exam) is also developed, delivered, and maintained by the ABP and the Subboard. Trainees and those nephrologists actively involved in training fellows are encouraged to find more detail at [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org) and the tab: "Subspecialty Certification."

Maintenance of certification is an ongoing process

overseen by the ABP consisting currently of four parts: 1. Evidence of professional standing (an active license), 2. Evidence of life-long learning and self-assessment (in development for nephrology), 3. Evidence of cognitive expertise (secure examination), 4. Evidence of satisfactory performance in practice (in development for nephrology). The Subboard is responsible for developing and maintaining content for the examination, and the Subboard and a number of other members of the nephrology community are actively involved in the development of Parts 2 and 4. For those nephrologists with certificates expiring earlier than 2010, only parts 1 and 3 will be required for the next renewal. For those with certificates expiring in or after 2010, all four components will be needed. For more information on the philosophy and activities for maintenance of certification, see [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org) and the tab: "Maintenance of Certification."

Next month: What will constitute "evidence of life-long learning and self-assessment?" For individual questions or comments about this column, please contact Vicky Norwood at [vfn6t@virginia.edu](mailto:vfn6t@virginia.edu) or 434-924-2096. (Vicky Norwood)

### **WASHINGTON UPDATE** *Domenic Ruscio and Jennifer Shevchek, ASPN Washington Representatives*

#### **Several Spending Bills Remain in Limbo**

When Congress returns to work after Labor Day, lawmakers will have 15 legislative work-days to decide which, if any, of the eleven appropriations bills will be passed before the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30. Thus far, all eleven spending bills have been passed by the House; only one—Homeland Security—has cleared the Senate.

The betting is that Defense, Military Quality of Life/Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security will get the nod, leaving work on the remaining bills until after the elections. As a result, several key bills, including Labor-HHS-Education, which includes funding for vital programs like the National Institute of Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Health Resources Services Administration's Organ Transplantation program, will once again be folded into a stop-gap continuing resolution, where programs will continue at restricted operating levels. For how long is anyone's guess.

Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said he expects that a lame-duck session would wrap up its work before Thanksgiving, while House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) believes Congress will be in session through much of December. In either case, it seems certain that at least some of the spending measures will eventually be folded into an omnibus bill.

ASPN will continue to closely monitor this issue.

Promoting biomedical research funding and quality pediatric kidney disease and transplant care are the foundation of the Society's public policy agenda.

#### **ASPN Launches Public Policy Webpage; Highlights Pay-for-Performance**

ASPN is pleased to announce the addition of a public policy page to its website. This new page will allow members to access information relevant to ASPN's public policy agenda. This includes white papers on public policy initiatives, legislative and regulatory updates, and summaries about ASPN's involvement with other kidney community organizations and coalitions. Included in the new webpage is a recent background brief entitled, "Pay-for-Performance: What is it and why is it important to nephrology," which discusses current activities underway in the public and private health care sectors to establish a provider payment methodology based on quality improvement. To access this new page, please visit <http://www.aspneph.com/PubPol.html>.

#### **Lawmakers Call for Early Action on Medicare Physician Payments**

Momentum continues to grow to stave off scheduled cuts in Medicare payments to physicians before Congress adjourns for the campaign's homestretch. Unless lawmakers act before the end of the year, Medicare physician payments are scheduled to be cut nearly 5 percent under (continued page 5)

**WASHINGTON UPDATE (CONTINUED)**

**Lawmakers Call for Early Action** *(continued from page 4)*  
 the current formula. Eighty senators recently wrote Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) and Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), urging them to take action. A letter spearheaded by Senators Jon Kyl (R-AZ) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) urges the two Senate leaders to call up legislation to block the impending cuts before Congress adjourns, arguing that the projected cuts “will destabilize the Medicare program and put at risk all patients' access to health care.” A similar letter was circulated in the House by House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Rep. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD).

House Energy and Commerce Chairman Joe Barton, while supporting the temporary fix, said it does not get to the root problem of skyrocketing Medicare costs and the uncertainty in the system. His Democratic counterpart, Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), recently introduced legislation providing a two-year fix with increases of between 2 percent and 3 percent in 2007 and 2008, which he said would give Congress time to negotiate a permanent solution. Another committee member, Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX), also introduced a physician payment fix bill.

Despite growing support, however, the costs associated with such measures will weigh heavily in the final decision-making. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that a two-year fix with a 1.5 percent increase would cost \$26 billion over five years, while simply freezing physician payments at their current rate for one year -- which Congress did last year -- would cost nearly \$11 billion over five years. Any move to stave off the cuts will likely necessitate a renewed debate over offsets. The issue is so complex and politically radioactive that despite newfound momentum, lawmakers may decide to wait until after the elections to tackle it.

With that said, ASPN will not take anything for granted. The American Medical Association has designated the week of September 11 as Medicare Physician Payment reform week. To support this important endeavor, the Society urges its members to contact their lawmakers during the week of September 11, to ask them to stop the physician reimbursement cuts! An action e-alert providing talking points and lawmaker contact information will be sent to members shortly. Stay tuned!

**CMS Releases FY2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule; Physicians Face Severe Cuts**

On August 22, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for the 2007 Medicare Fee Schedule (MFS), providing for a 5.1 percent reduction in physician payments. CMS reiterates in the proposed rule that the agency has no authority to adjust the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula, absent Congressional intervention. The deadline for comments is October 10, 2006. Among other things, the rule also includes proposed changes in the way Medicare reimburses for drugs in ESRD treatments and changes in the way it calculates geographic wage adjustments in composite ESRD payments. ASPN plans to comment on the proposed rule, and will share its formal comment letter with the membership. To view the proposed rule, please visit <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-6843.pdf>.

The proposed FY2007 MFS is the second of two proposed rule-makings related to physician payment. Earlier, on June 29, 2006, CMS published a proposed rule pertaining to the 5-year review of the physician work relative values (RVUs) and methodological changes in practice expense values. The comment period on the June rule has now closed. ASPN submitted comments focused on the work RVUs for the series of monthly dialysis services, G-0308 through G-0325, which includes pediatric, adult, and home dialysis codes.

The proposed rule incorporated the recommendations from the American Medical Association’s Relative Value Update Committee, which positively re-valued the work RVUs for E&M services. However, these increases to the E&M work RVUs were not incorporated into the series of monthly dialysis *(Continued, next page)* codes. ASPN’s comments supported the Renal Physicians Association’s recommendation that the outpatient and inpatient dialysis services that use E&M codes as “building blocks” or components of their valuation should have the full increases for the E&M codes incorporated into their values as well.

The final rule addressing comments on both proposed rules is expected to be released at the beginning of November 2006, and final policy changes will take effect on January 1, 2007. The below CMS table outlines the combined impact of the two physician payment proposed rules on nephrology.

Specialty	Allowed Charges (mil)	Impact of Work and PE RVU Changes using June 29 Proposed Notice Methodology	Impact of DRA 5102	Combined Impact June 29 Proposed Notice Methodology and DRA 5102	CY1 2007 Update	Combined Impact with CY2007 Update
NEPHROLOGY	\$1,585	-1%	0%	-1%	-5%	-6%

**Other Announcements*****Norman Siegel Pediatric Renal Career Enhancement Fund***

The Norman Siegel Pediatric Renal Career Enhancement Fund has been jointly established by the American Society of Nephrology and the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology to honor our dear friend and colleague, Norm Siegel, who died suddenly on April 28, 2006. Income from the fund will be used to support the research of a highly promising young investigator in pediatric nephrology.

Dr. Siegel was one of the world's leading pediatric nephrologists. He served as President of the American Society of Nephrology in 2002 and of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology in 1989, as well as in a variety of leadership roles in the International Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the National Kidney Foundation, and the American Pediatric Society among others.

Contributions to this fund are

tax-deductible and can be sent to the Norman Siegel Pediatric Renal Career Enhancement Fund c/o Janney Montgomery Scott at 555 Long Wharf Drive 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Haven, CT 06511.

A tribute to Norm written by Aaron Friedman can be found on the ASPN web site. Please go to [www.aspneph.com](http://www.aspneph.com) and click on the button entitled, "A Tribute to Norman Siegel."

**Convenient Diagnosis Coding Booklet** document will soon be available in two different formats via a password-protected link on the ASPN website's homepage (<http://www.aspneph.com>). The information contained in this document, which was created by Sharon Perlman, can be printed either as a booklet or as a continuous page document. Instructions for printing out the information in a booklet style will also be available. A broadcast email will be sent as soon as it is posted.

**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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### *Other Announcements—Continued*

#### **American Kidney Fund—Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowship**

**Objective:**

The goal of the CSN Program is to improve the quality of care provided to kidney patients. This goal is achieved by enhancing the training of nephrologists who desire to pursue an academic career and whose primary professional commitment is to scholarship in the provision of patient care. Awardees receive advanced clinical training in essential skills such as medical ethics, biostatistics and epidemiology, and they conduct prevention and outcomes research.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Program is restricted to U.S. citizens and permanent residents (“green card” holders) of the U.S. Acceptable candidates for Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowships are individuals who:

- have completed a residency in Internal Medicine or Pediatric Medicine
- are qualified to sit for the American Board of Internal Medicine or Pediatric Medicine
- are in the process of completing or have completed at least one year of training in Clinical Nephrology in an accredited U.S. program
- can demonstrate an aptitude for and a commitment to developing special expertise in an area of knowledge applicable to Clinical Nephrology
- intend to pursue a professional career with emphasis on the provision of care to patients with kidney disease, preferably within the confines of an academic medical center where they will be exposed to continued learning and teaching

- can secure the sponsorship of their training program in the pursuit of these goals.

**Funding per year:**

A Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowship may be granted yearly. The maximum duration of each Fellowship is two years. The level of funding is a *maximum* of \$65,000 per year. This sum will be expected to cover the individual fellow’s salary (which will follow NIH Guidelines according to the post-graduate year plus comparable fringe benefits at the institution, not to exceed \$50,000) as well as training-related expenses. These may include expenditures for enrollment in academic courses, computer hardware and software, and support for research, clerical supplies, and travel expenses (maximum of \$1,500 per year) as required by the plan of studies and justified in the budget outlined in the application. The American Kidney Fund will not provide support for institutional overhead expenses or patient care costs and will usually not fund expenditures for technical or clerical personnel.

Applications due **December 1, 2006**. Eligible candidates may request application forms by writing or calling:

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### *Meeting Announcements*

#### **40th Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology October 7-10, 2006; Palermo, Italy**

The Scientific Committee is working hard to provide a stimulating scientific programme and will be exploring new ways to satisfy the demand for Continuous Medical Education in paediatric nephrology.

The local Organizing Committee will offer you warm hospitality with the traditional welcome of our Sicilian people. Palermo is one of the oldest cities in Europe with beautiful pieces of art. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea and has been the meeting place for many Mediterranean civilizations.

It is hoped that the combined effort of ESPN with AfSPN and IPNA will start a programme of scientific collaboration amongst countries in the Mediterranean area.

Please visit <http://www.espn2006.org> for more information regarding abstract submissions, registration and housing.

**Meeting Announcements—continued*****American Society for Matrix Biology Biennial National Meeting 2006***

November 1-4, 2006; Nashville, Tennessee

The ASMB Biennial National Meeting 2006 is hosted by the American Society for Matrix Biology and the Center for Matrix Biology of Vanderbilt University. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- \* introduce new technologies for advancing the field of matrix biology
- \* utilize a format that maximizes the exposure of new ideas and young scientists
- \* focus on new extra cellular matrix research directions

This conference represents a unique opportunity for scientists and medical professionals involved in the research disciplines and the applications of these disciplines related to matrix biology to meet, discuss, learn and network. With its non-profit focus on investigation and education and its excellent program, attendance is expected to exceed 700 participants including both ASMB members and non-members.

For more information or to register, please visit: <http://www.asmb.net/nationalmeeting/>

Early registration deadline and abstract submission deadline: August 1, 2006.

***2006 American Society of Nephrology's Renal Week Meeting***

November 14-19, 2006

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, CA

For more information please visit the website at [http://www.asn-online.org/education\\_and\\_meetings/Renal%20Week/renal\\_week.aspx](http://www.asn-online.org/education_and_meetings/Renal%20Week/renal_week.aspx)

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**For more information please visit the following website-- [www.nkfclinicalmeetings.org](http://www.nkfclinicalmeetings.org)**

***2007 ASPN/PAS Annual Meeting******Toronto, Ontario, Canada******May 5-8, 2007***

The 2007 ASPN/PAS Annual Meeting will be held May 5-8, 2007 in Toronto. More information can be found at: <http://www.pas-meeting.org/>

**Meeting Announcements—continued**

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

We are pleased to announce that ICCBH #4 will be held June 21-24, 2007, in beautiful Montreal, Canada, immediately preceding IBMS 2007.

ICCBH is the only international conference devoted exclusively to the field of pediatric bone health and disease. Come explore new innovations, the latest technologies and participate in an enhanced dialogue with your colleagues from around the world!

Please visit our website at [www.iccbh4.org](http://www.iccbh4.org). Be sure to bookmark it & check back regularly as we update with conference details, travel information and online registration. In the meantime, please feel free to send us an email at [info@iccbh4.org](mailto:info@iccbh4.org) with any questions or comments you may have.

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

Craig B. Langman, MD, Conference Director

**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>

and

[this .PDF document](#)

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