

## **LWPES History Committee Report to Board of Directors – April 2009**

The LWPES history committee during 2008-2009 has been focused on two goals:

- 1) Developing an online history site where historical information can be archived for ready access by LWPES members and other interested parties.
- 2) Establishing a ground-based history library site where pediatric endocrine history materials can be developed and managed.

### Online History Site:

The online site has been approved previously by the BOD as a separate history section of the LWPES website. The committee has suggested including the following materials:

#### A. LWPES founding information

- Meeting attendees
- Officer/committee photos
- Oral interviews/histories

#### B. Board meetings

- Minutes
- Committee reports

#### C. Early Textbooks

#### D. Research/clinical articles

#### E. Directories

#### F. Pediatric endocrine histories

- Published
- Compiled

### Ground-based Library Site:

The committee has reviewed options and concluded that the best option is collaboration with The Endocrine Society to include a Pediatric Endocrine History section within the Clark Sawin Library and Resource Center (CSLRC) being developed at The Endocrine Society headquarters, 8401 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD.

The goal of the CSLRC is to develop a resource center focused on the history of the study of endocrinology. They will have a modest on site library with access to a larger venue of stored materials/information (books, papers, proceedings, etc.) that will be digitized and available on line. It is early in the planning process but they are anticipating covering most or all of endocrinology. They welcome participation by other societies over the longer term to cover endocrine subspecialty areas. They will have oral and video histories of prominent Endocrine Society officers, award winners, and endocrine scientists; but the focus is not on the history of The Endocrine Society so much as on the history of endocrinology.

The early goals for the CSLRC include developing a \$1 million endowment, developing the library facility, hiring a part-time librarian, funding an endocrine history fellowship on site yearly, and to begin to categorize/digitize an online endocrine library. These phase 1 events are scheduled to be completed for presentation at the 09 meeting in Washington, DC.

It is anticipated that textbook and other printed historical materials relating to pediatric endocrinology could be housed in the CSLRC and made available on site and/or digitized and made available online and linked to the LWPES online site.

Dr. Fisher has resigned as chair of the LWPES history committee effective at the May 2009 meeting. President- elect Dorothy Becker has appointed Kenneth Copeland as the new chairman. Angelo DiGeorge is deceased and Dorothy appointed two new members to the committee, which – as of May 2009 – will be comprised as follows:

Kenneth Copeland, Chairman  
Robert Blizzard  
Delbert Fisher  
Raymond Hintz  
Margaret MacGillivray  
Sally Radovick (new)  
Allen Root  
Arlan Rosenbloom (new)

Job Description for History Committee Chairperson:

- A. Consultation regarding History Committee membership yearly with the President Elect
- B. Development of yearly History Committee goals and objectives
- C. Negotiation with The Endocrine Society (CSLRC) and BOD (Degnon History site) for ongoing site development and budgeting
- D. Development of yearly budget and coordination with BOD for funding development
- E. Development of yearly schedule of activities for committee and members
- F. Yearly report of activities and accomplishments of the committee

Activities for 2009 – 2010

- Work with the Degnon organization to develop the online LWPES history site.
- Begin to collect, collate, and submit the listed history site materials.
- Communicate/negotiate with the CSLRC to develop the ground-based pediatric history section with a budget estimate.

- Develop a pediatric CSLRC content list and begin collection and collation.
- Develop a cost estimate with BOD and Degnon for creation of the History Site
- And CSLRC link

Delbert A. Fisher,  
Kenneth Copeland  
Committee Chairmen