

## Organization Liaison Committee

### Annual Report (2008 – 2009)

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1. We participated again in **Sister Society Forum**. Besides me, Dr. Rogol and Dr. Becker were in attendance. This one day meeting was very beneficial. The stakeholders in this society include The Endocrine Society, American Diabetes Association, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, American Thyroid Association, Lawson Wilkins Endocrine Society, American Thyroid Association, and National Collaboration for Osteoporosis and related bone diseases. The participants agreed that there should be mutual collaboration and information sharing. The outcomes could be involvement of likewise interested societies.
2. The LWPES and The Endocrine Society hosted a workshop on **clinical research regulatory issues**, in Bethesda on November 5 and 6 2008. This is a good example of two societies working together...
3. Summit for national action plan for bone health: This summit is being planned for June 2009 in Washington DC which is co-sponsored by National Coalition for Osteoporosis and related bone diseases. The Sister Societies are encouraging all societies to attend this summit.
4. The sister society is looking for **co-hosts for 2009 Society Forum Meeting**.
5. NICHD conference regarding PTU toxicity: On behalf of the LWPES, I attended the national conference on PTU toxicity. The consensus was that we should collect data from all sources to have a meaningful document. Scott Rivkees, Chair of Public Policy Committee of LWPES was one of the main forces behind organizing this consortium. LWPES and Endocrinology Section of AAP will work together to collect data regarding PTU toxicity.  
“It was the consensus that hepatotoxicity secondary to PTU is between 1-5%. The risk of liver failure leading to transplantation is 1:1000-2000. The consensus was that liver failure can occur very rapidly and could be quite progressive. The issue will continue to be addressed in an ongoing basis in collaboration with Endocrine Society and AAP.”
6. Medical Home – with American Academy of Pediatrics, LWPES is trying to define the role of medical home in pediatric endocrinology. Scott Rivkees, Chair of the Policy Committee of LWPES is very active in coordinating this effort. The other participants in the medical home project are Endocrine Society and AACE.
7. Maintenance of Certification in Endocrinology (MOCE) – LWPES in partnership with American Board of Pediatrics and American Academy of Pediatrics have maintenance

of certification in Endocrinology Committee. The members include co-chairs Drs. Janet Silverstein and Robert Schwartz. The committee met with American Board of Pediatrics. There is a PREP Advisory Board set up with the help of the Academy. The PREP Editorial Committee is going to meet in May 2009 to initiate the process. In June, Dr. Janet Silverstein and I are meeting with the PREP Advisory Board of American Academy of Pediatrics.

- B. Yearly schedule of activities for the committee – I have informed the progress and work done by the committee to the members of the committee via email.
  
- C. Job description of the Chair – It is my understanding that Chair of the Committee seeks coordination and liaison with other Sister Societies for issues related to pediatric endocrinology. LWPES should be well represented in discussions and outcomes. The charge of the committee is to work with other Sister Societies and continue to solicit cooperation and coordination from other societies.
  
- D. Identification of two or three initiatives/outcomes that the Committee will address in the coming year – I feel that we will continue with the following activities:
  - a) Maintenance of certification in endocrinology will continue to further develop the curriculum which will be beneficial to the membership. We will work in collaboration with American Board of Pediatrics and American Academy of Pediatrics
  - b) We will continue to participate in PTU toxicity issue and will keep the board and membership informed regarding this issue.
  - c) We will work towards defining medical home related to Pediatric Endocrinology. We will work in collaboration with Public Policy Committee of LWPES.
  
- E. Any other recommendations – the committee seeks guidance and counsel from the Board and will be happy to address any other issues the Board feels important which could be handled by the committee. We should continue to work with Sister Societies Forum which is a great interactive forum.

It is a great honor to serve as Chair of the committee. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "SK Varma". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the "S" and "K" being particularly prominent.

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Chair

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