

MEMO TO: LWPES Board of Directors

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Chair, Program Committee 2009

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RE: Annual Report

The 2009 Program Committee met in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 2, 2008 to begin planning for the 2009 meeting. Those in attendance were Tom Wilson, Neil White and Rob Lustig (SPR endocrine liason to PAS program committee), those absent were Mary Lee, Nelly Mauras, and Lorraine Katz. Given that the joint LWPES/ESPE meeting is in the fall 2009, we decided to plan a 2 day (weekend) instead of 3 day meeting in hopes of attracting more attendees. Ideas were collected from members, and then the committee formulated 8 preliminary sessions after extensive email communication in May and June.

Rob and I attended the summer PAS planning meeting in Chicago, IL on July 26, 2008, during which time we successfully got 5 of our suggested invited science sessions on the program:

1. "DSD: When to tell the patient" (mini-course)
2. "GDM: Pathogenesis and long-term complications" (state of the art plenary)
3. "Advances in diabetes: CFRD, Post-renal transplant and oxidative stress" (topic symposium)
4. "Klinefelter Syndrome: diagnosis, management and transition to adulthood" (mini-course)
5. "Mechanism of stress, reward and obesity" (topic symposium)

Committee members worked over the summer to confirm speakers and topics. Non-PAS sponsored sessions included the Blizzard and clinical scholars lectures, Great Debates, Presidential lecture, and a workshop on Maintenance of Certification in Endocrinology.

I organized 2 teams of abstract reviewers: basic science team: Mary Lee, Philip Gruppuso, Sheela Magge, and Nicole Sherry; clinical science team: Nelly Mauras, Lorraine Katz, Larry Fox, Roy Kim and Robert Olney. Rob Lustig was a reviewer for obesity theme abstracts. We will present one basic science and one clinical science oral session and 2 poster sessions. Rob and I attended the winter PAS planning meeting in The Woodlands, Texas on Jan 31, 2009 to organize the abstract sessions. Abstract submissions were comparable to the last joint meeting (2005):

2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
112	199	177	169	102	177

Pre-registration data became available on March 24. Although PAS has noted more than a 10% drop in pre-registration, our numbers are a bit higher than the last year of a joint meeting (2005):

2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
190	309	326	279	129	338

The program was finalized and went to press around March 20, 2009. Christy was an enormous help in finalizing details, picking up errors, etc. Thank you Christy!!

Recommendations:

Upon joining the program committee, it should be made crystal clear that one's time and availability between May and August is imperative for the functioning of the committee. New members should be informed to arrive at the meeting early enough to meet with the committee on Friday afternoon before the meeting starts. There are 3 major deadlines: late June/early July for invited science proposals (topic symposium, etc; these ideas come from committee members and LWPES members), late August for confirmation of speakers for invited science sessions (shared by committee members), and late December/early Jan for abstract reviews (chair's discretion regarding review teams: I used committee members and had them enlist colleagues to help them). Several committee members were away on vacation, diabetes camp, etc during crucial time periods last summer and did not participate as planned.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute in this way-and I hope you enjoy the meeting!
Charlotte