

Junior Society for Pediatric Radiology



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Welcome to JSPR!

The Junior Society for Pediatric Radiology



On behalf of the Society for Pediatric Radiology, I'd like to warmly welcome you to the Junior Society for Pediatric Radiology (JSPR) and our first newsletter! So what exactly is JSPR? For those new to the organiza-

tion, JSPR was founded in 2005 to address the unique issues of junior pediatric radiology recruitment, retention, and development. The definition of a junior pediatric radiologist is still being finalized, but includes all pediatric radiology fellows, interested and involved radiology residents contemplating a career in pediatric radiology, and junior radiologists with a primary interest in pediatric radiology who are within 5-7 years of completing their fellowship or obtaining their pediatric radiology CAQ. In other words, if you think you're a pediatric radiology newbie, then we're the organization for you!

So what can JSPR do for you? Lots. We want to create an environment where interested residents, fellows, and junior faculty feel comfortable, welcome, and invested in the field. Think of JSPR as your backstage pass to the SPR, a way to work yourself into the parent organization and meet the movers and shakers of our field. These very same people

will serve as our mentors, helping to guide us during the early stages of our career. In fact, establishing a comprehensive mentoring network is one of our primary goals for this upcoming year. I would therefore encourage you to fill out the form at the end of this newsletter so that we can pair you up with a mentor as soon as possible.

We also plan on having talks geared to our level, addressing both clinical and research endeavors. You'll see that we have a lot planned for our Miami meeting in this regard. But let's not forget that all work and no play is, well, pretty boring. Fostering a social and supportive collegial environment is perhaps our most important goal. JSPR should be a place where you feel supremely comfortable, and I am sure you will form friendships that will last a lifetime. I already have.

I hope I've piqued your interest in JSPR and would consider joining our group. You now know what JSPR is today. What JSPR will become tomorrow depends in large part upon you. Feel free to email me with any questions you may have. With that said, I look forward to seeing you in April!

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SPR Meeting 2007: Miami



The upcoming SPR meeting promises to be one of our best yet, and 2007 is shaping up to be a good year to be a JSPR member. We've put together a fantastic program specifically designed to meet the needs of junior pediatric radiologists. We've got a little bit

of everything: a tasty luncheon, dedicated small group lectures targeting clinical and professional issues, and a fabulous social outing at one of Miami Beach's hotspots. There's something for everyone at this meeting. All of our sessions will be very informal and held in small conference rooms just for us; doing so means we can feel free to ask questions during the talk. And we all owe a great deal of thanks to Berlex for recognizing the importance of JSPR to the future of pediatric radiology by sponsoring our upcoming events, and to Marilyn Goske (SPR President, 2006-7) for being so supportive of JSPR. This is what's on tap for JSPR in April:



JSPR Luncheon: Wednesday April 18, 12-1.30p

Besides the free food (always a plus), Dr. Tom Slovis (Editor in Chief, Pediatric Radiology) will speak to us during the luncheon on what promises to be an insightful talk: "What Your Chief Really Wants From A Young Faculty Member- The First Five Years!" This is what Dr. Slovis has to say about his talk:



There must be a connection between your career priorities, family life, and other interests with the priorities of your chief. It is amazing how often we have not really looked at our priorities before embarking upon a major career decision. We will discuss the questions you should be asking yourself before you learn what your chief really wants so that an informed decision can be made about your ability to succeed at work.

Being a chief of a radiology department is a very difficult, time-consuming responsibility and, therefore, a little knowledge about the chief's problems also helps as you work toward having a successful and happy career. Because faculty management (people) is the most difficult part of the chief's job, I feel that most chiefs would want the following from their faculty:

1. *Good citizenship (an "umbrella" term covering many sins);*
2. *Demonstrate your commitment and involvement by assuming responsibility and taking on jobs of the department;*
3. *Be a good communicator. This involves problem-solving, respecting your colleagues (and having your colleagues respect you), and making yourself "indispensable." You need to understand the limitations of your department and hospital;*
4. *Think out of the box and be willing to listen (truly listen) to other people's suggestions.*
5. *Finishing your daily assignments, etc.*

This presentation will be a give-and-take of these topics.

JSPR Business Meeting Wednesday April 18, 6-6.30p

Here, I'll outline the current goals for JSPR, both near and short term and follow that up with a group discussion about what we would all like get out of JSPR. It'll also be a second opportunity for everyone to get to know each other a bit better.

JSPR Educational Session I: Thursday April 19, 5-6p

This year we're fortunate to have not one, but two educational sessions. This first session, titled "Pediatric Cardiac Imaging: Today and Tomorrow", will be given to us by Drs. Janet Strife, Rob Fleck, and Kathy Helton. Here's their preview of their talk:



Dramatic changes are occurring in the knowledge base of residents, pediatric radiology fellows and faculty concerning imaging the child with Congenital and Acquired Heart Disease. The Society for Pediatric Radiology has sponsored multiple national conferences to enhance cardiac imaging. As many of you know, the Presidential Award went to three cardiac leaders, Taylor Chung, Gordon Culham and Shi Joon Yoo, for their initiatives in planning and developing a cardiac curriculum and program for pediatric radiology.

We have now advanced to the next stage. Developing successful strategies to enhance our knowledge base and skills is an important initiative. The presentation will have three speakers. Janet Strife will give a broad overview of cardiac imaging, Dr. Rob Fleck will discuss MR functional imaging, and Dr. Kathy Helton will focus on how she learned and increased her skills in cardiac imaging. The plan is for a strong interaction between audience participants and the presenters in an informal and hopefully stimulating fashion.

JSPR Social Outing Thursday April 19, 10p-12a

Following the official SPR reception at the Ritz-Carlton in Miami Beach, we'll head over to one of SoBe's Thursday night hotspots: The Hotel Victor (www.hotelvictorsouthbeach.com). In the heart of the Art Deco district of South Beach, the hotel is

next to the "Versace Mansion" and boasts a very popular Thursday night event.



We have two tables with Cristal (well maybe not Cristal, but liquor nonetheless ;) reserved for us at their Vue Terrace, courtesy of Berlex and the SPR. And unlike our last outing at the Montreal W, no JSPR member will be caught outside with the crowd waiting to get picked to be allowed in- sorry Rob!

JSPR Educational Session II: Friday April 20, 5-6p

This second educational session will be given to us by Dr. Beverly Wood and is entitled "Preparing for Pediatric Radiology 2012." It'll be our last JSPR function at this year's SPR meeting, and here's what we can expect from Dr. Wood's talk:



Has your training prepared you to practice medicine in 5 years? Consider the proficiency that will be required to practice medicine, and the exciting pathways opening to us. Current training and competence are based on static information and procedures, while the coming years require flexibility and growth in the acquisition of new skills and personal knowledge. Your role in the future will include information resource mining and translation into knowledge, application of extensive computing power in individual genetic diagnosis and treatment of disease, widespread nanotechnology application, and information fusion. The training that has given you technical and judgment mastery at one level needs to be extended into new directions.

All in all, there's a lot in store for us at this SPR meeting and it should be a blast!

JSPR Mentoring Program

In our mission statement (see below), mentoring is stressed as an important means of fostering the development of junior pediatric radiologists. Lane Donnelly (SPR Career & Leadership Development Committee, pictured at right) and I plan on pairing junior members with more established pediatric radiologists to establish a comprehensive mentoring network. So, if you're a new addition to our field and society, please consider signing up with us to be paired with a mentor to help you build a successful career. We eventually plan on creating a page on the SPR website where you can indicate your interest to participate in this program; till then, please provide me with an email including the information requested below to rafael.rivera@nyumc.org or fill out fields below and hand me this page in sunny Miami!



Application

Name: _____ Institution: _____ Position: _____

Professional interests: _____

Personal interests: _____

Junior Society for Pediatric Radiology: Mission Statement

Mission: To develop a section within the Society for Pediatric Radiology to address the issues of junior pediatric radiology recruitment, retention, and development.

Eligibility: The definition of a junior pediatric radiologist is not currently finalized, but could include:

- Radiologists with a primary interest in pediatric radiology who are within 5-7 years of completing their fellowship or obtaining their pediatric radiology CAQ
- All pediatric radiology fellows
- Interested and involved residents contemplating a career in pediatric radiology

Plan: Regardless of the goal, it is important to emphasize that mentoring by enthusiastic established pediatric radiologists plays a vital role in the achievement of these goals.

1. Pediatric radiology recruitment
 - a. Create an environment where interested radiology residents and pediatric radiology fellows feel comfortable, welcome, and invested in the field.
 - b. Demonstrate the importance and inherent rewards of the field
2. Junior pediatric radiologist development
 - a. Establish a system of mentoring, with experienced pediatric radiologists available and open to the idea of mentoring
 - b. Clinical and research skills development
3. Fostering of junior pediatric radiologist collegiality
 - a. Social events designed to encourage friendships between colleagues
 - b. Help bridge the perceived generation gap between new and established pediatric radiologists