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**\*Action Items\***

\* **WE Annual Dinner Meeting** - Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10:30 at the Marriott Hotel in San Diego.

\* **Elections for the Nominating Committee** - voting ends June 14, 2010 (ballot included with this newsletter).

**\*Membership Dues for 2010\***

Annual membership runs from Jan 1 through Dec 31.  
Full members, academic and industry \$50.00  
In training, post graduate (postdoctoral or clinical fellows): \$15.00  
Students (predoctoral or medical students): no dues  
Fill out enrollment form only

As a 501(c)3 organization, all membership dues and donations to WE are tax deductible. Tax ID # 52-2137017.

**\*WE Annual Dinner\***

Save the date! The 2010 WE Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on **Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>** in San Diego at the Marriott Hotel from 6:30-10 PM in the Marina Ballroom. All ENDO participants and attendees are invited to attend and enjoy cocktails, dinner, and the chance to catch-up with colleagues. This meeting will include a summary of WE activities during the previous year, as well as announcement of the winners of the 2010 WE Mentor Award and Abstract Awards. Our invited speaker is Dr. Ann Bonham, Chief Scientific Officer of the AAMC, talking about "Health Care Reform: New Opportunities for Research and Care Delivery". Dr. Bonham will give us an inside-the-beltway look at health care reform, and how the most sweeping health care legislation in recent history will impact our work. She will discuss how novel research initiatives will broaden our view of research in the new era of health care delivery including the implications of clinical comparative effectiveness research, the development of health innovation zones, and the emphasis on evidence-based decision making. Dr. Bonham is a well-known leader in academic medicine with extensive experience as an investigator, and we are looking forward to the hearing from this engaging speaker! Advance registration and fee are required for this event, so please sign up when you register to attend ENDO 2010. Hope to see you there!

**\*Thanks to our contributors for 2010\***

Mentor Award: **Pfizer**  
Gold Level (\$5,000): **Ipsen**  
Other: **Fat Disorders Research Society**

## **\*Membership\***

Please be sure to renew for 2010. Annual dues are the financial mainstay of WE and allow us to continue our activities. The newly remodeled WE website features an easy way to pay your dues and make donations through a secure website. If you have any questions about your membership status, please feel free to contact Lisa Halvorson, Secretary-Treasurer of WE at [lisa.halvorson@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:lisa.halvorson@utsouthwestern.edu) or the new Secretary-Treasurer Mary Ruppe at [mary.ruppe@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:mary.ruppe@uth.tmc.edu) (as of 7/1/2010).

## **\*Development\***

WE thanks Ipsen and the Fat Disorders Research Society for their support for the Young Investigator Awards. The Development Committee is again experiencing a challenging year for fundraising due to the ongoing financial crisis. WE encourages you to consider making a charitable contribution to WE. Corporate donations, membership dues and donations from you, our members, support the work of WE. Support from our members and individual donors remain extremely important. The WE website has been revised to make donations even easier. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible (tax ID # 52-2137017). If you work for a company that matches charitable donations, the WE Secretary-Treasurer can work with you to secure the employer's matching funds. Donations can be directed to trainee development, to a targeted grant, or to unrestricted use in the areas of networking, development of informational programs, maintenance of the website and other critical functions.

## **\*Congratulations to the 2010 WE Mentor and Young Investigator Awardees\***

The following awards will be presented at the WE Dinner in conjunction with ENDO '10. Please join us in congratulating the awardees for 2010!

**WE Mentor Award – 2010** The primary mission of WE is to promote the scientific advancement and recognition of female endocrinologists. With this goal, WE presents an annual Mentor Award recognizing outstanding individuals who have encouraged and promoted female as well as male endocrinologists and who have been instrumental in changing institutional policy toward professional women. The 2010 Mentor Awardee is:

Carole Mendelson, Ph.D.  
Professor of Biochemistry  
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**WE Young Investigator Awards – 2010** These awards are provided to recognize outstanding abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society:

### **Neena B. Schwartz Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research:**

- Kristen Vella, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

### **Janet W. McArthur Award for Excellence in Clinical Research:**

- Ana Abreu, University of Sao Paolo and Brigham & Women's Hospital

### **Fat Disorders Research Society Award:**

- Yuxiang Sun, Baylor College of Medicine

### **WE Young Investigator Awards:**

- Nick Ciccone, Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Gwen Dressing, University of Minnesota
- Tristan Fowler, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- Susan Krum, UCLA
- Premlata Kumar, UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Amanda Rickard, Prince Henry's Institute, Australia
- Almudena Veiga-Lopez, University of Michigan
- Robert Ward, Baylor College of Medicine

## **\*Australasian Women in Endocrinology\***

The Australasian Branch of Women in Endocrinology (AWE) is a sister organization of WE which has shown remarkable development over the past few years. We congratulate WE Communications Committee member, Gail Risbridger, who will succeed in the role of AWE Director. Among other activities, this group provides travel awards with the generous sponsorship of DSL/Beckman Coulter and Novo Nordisk. In 2010, both sponsors have continued to support AWE and provide financial assistance for awardees to attend the ENDO 2010 meeting in San Diego. The recipients this year are: **Ms Sarah To**, a PhD Candidate from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Prince Henry's Institute and Monash University and **Ms. Liza Phillips**, a PhD candidate from Diamantina Institute of the University of Queensland.

## **\*Communications Committee\***

The Communications Committee is always open to feedback on our website. Please email suggestions for improvement or corrections to the current Chair, Geralyn Lambert Messerlian, at [gmesserl@wihri.org](mailto:gmesserl@wihri.org), or to the incoming Chair, Dana Gaddy, at [gaddydana@uams.edu](mailto:gaddydana@uams.edu).

Remember to renew your membership using the on-line payment form for simple and secure processing. We are also in the planning phase for development of a WE Facebook account! Anyone with particular interest or talent in this area is welcome to join this project. Stay tuned for more news on this initiative!

### **\*Mentoring Committee\***

The Mentoring Committee has been busy this year developing new initiatives. This spring, the committee would like to recommend an excellent resource for both experienced and novice mentors: "Faculty Success Through Mentoring: A Guide for Mentors, Mentees and Leaders" by Carole J. Bland et al., published in partnership with the American Council on Higher Education (ACE), 2009.

The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), participating Institutes and Centers (ICs) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) have announced the availability of Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers. This program provides administrative supplements to research grants to support individuals with high potential to re-enter an active research career after a qualifying interruption for family or other responsibilities. More information can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-191.html>. Additional career opportunities are being updated on the WE website and will be provided in subsequent WE newsletters.

In addition, the Mentoring Committee has developed a new program called "Mentoring Pearls", which will provide helpful tips to both mentors and mentees on issues related to networking, mentoring skills, how to identify or approach a mentor, etc. "Mentoring Pearls" will be presented as Q&A or lists of tips. With the ENDO meeting approaching soon, we provide an answer to the following question from a trainee.

**Q:** "This is my first time going to the Endocrine Society. My mentor tells me I should make sure to network but I don't know what that really means. Any advice for how to approach the meeting?"

**A:** Poster, abstract, or clinical sessions in your area of interest are some of the best opportunities to meet people in your field. If you are presenting a poster or an abstract, your mentor will most likely be sending people your way or introducing you to regional and national leaders in your

field during the sessions. At other sessions, you can introduce yourself and ask questions. Finally, remember to pace yourself. The meeting is long, and it can be tempting to go to too many sessions early in the meeting. But when you take breaks, avoid the temptation to stay in your room. A lot of networking occurs in the hallways of the convention centers. And be sure not to miss the Women in Endocrinology dinner meeting!

Questions or tips are welcomed and should be sent to the Chair of the Mentoring Committee, Jingjing Kipp, at [jkipp@depaul.edu](mailto:jkipp@depaul.edu).

### **\*WE President's Corner\***

It has been an honor to serve as the President of WE for the past two years. Women in Endocrinology is an organization devoted to promoting and facilitating the professional development and advancement of women in the field of Endocrinology. WE achieves this mission through:

1. promoting educational opportunities for women in the science and discipline of Endocrinology;
2. identifying promising young women in Endocrinology and providing mentoring to enhance their careers in Endocrinology; and
3. encouraging and supporting the admission of women into relevant scientific, educational and professional societies and making it possible for them to participate fully.

I have had the opportunity to work with an incredible group of people who have volunteered their time, wisdom, and enthusiasm. Under the leadership of **Geralyn Lambert-Messerlian**, the Communications Committee has continued to update our new WE website and provide new resources and information through this important venue. **Judy Turgeon** and her committee have reviewed a superb group of applications for the Mentor and Young Investigator Awards that will be presented at our dinner meeting. **Jingjing Kipp** and the Mentoring Committee have worked with the Endocrine Society on activities for trainees including the Trainee Day at ENDO, and have continued to develop innovative new activities such as the "Mentoring Pearls" in this newsletter. **Karen Herbst** and the Development Committee have worked tirelessly to garner funds to support the activities of WE and we thank them and our sponsors. **Andrea Gore** and the Nominating Committee have done a superb job of identifying qualified women for membership on Endocrine Society committees and candidates for Endocrine Society Laureate Awards and leadership positions. An election ballot for new members of the WE Nominating Committee is included with this newsletter. *Don't miss your opportunity to vote!*

I hope you will join us at the **WE Dinner on Saturday, June 19**. This is always a wonderful and very special event at ENDO and one of the highlights of The

Endocrine Society Annual Meeting for me. This is a great opportunity to network and make new connections as well as new friends. **Ann Brown** and the Program Committee have put together an event that I know you will enjoy. Please reach out to your colleagues and trainees to encourage them to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

A major component of the mission of WE is to promote the achievements of women in the Endocrine Society and to ensure that women are given the opportunities to attain leadership positions. We are delighted that The Endocrine Society has acknowledged the incredible accomplishments of **Kathryn B Horwitz**, who will receive the Endocrine Society's highest honor, the 2010 Fred Conrad Koch Award, **Barbara B. Kahn**, who will receive the 2010 Gerald D. Aurbach Lecture Award and speak at the morning Plenary Session on Monday June 21, **Janet A. Schlechte**, the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Educator Award, and **Wiebke Arlt**, the recipient of the 2010 Ernst Oppenheimer Award. I would also like to congratulate **Janet Hall**, President-Elect of The Endocrine Society, and **Gloria Tannenbaum** and **Dolores Shoback**, who have been elected to the Endocrine Society Council.

I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to our Secretary-Treasurer, **Lisa Halvorson**, for her incredible dedication and support during my time as President of Women in Endocrinology. In June, I will be turning over my position to the President-Elect, **Pamela Mellon**, and Lisa will likewise be turning over her position to **Mary Ruppe**, the Secretary-Treasurer-Elect. I'd like to thank all the Chairs and Committee Members for their hard work and commitment over the past two years, and all of our members for continuing to make WE the important organization that it is. Together, we can continue to ensure that women will have opportunities to become leaders in the field of Endocrinology.

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