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RE: AAP: Annual Update from the Section on Young Physicians and the Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees

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There are a number of exciting initiatives happening in both the SOYP and the SOMSRFT that involve chapters in one way or another that I want to make all of you aware of.

- YPCconnection** – both sections have recently launched a professional networking site. Chapter leadership, as well as the Board of Directors and District Vice Chairs have access to it. We encourage you to log on with your AAP ID & password and interact with the residents and young physicians in your chapter/district. (<http://ypn.aap.org>)
- New SOYP and SOMSRFT Leadership**
 - Both section executive committees have some new leaders that I wanted to make you aware of. You'll find their names and contact information attached.
 - Each section has its own district Web page that also houses information for young physicians and residents/fellowship trainees in those districts. This is also where you'll find a list of the Young Physician District Representatives, Residency Program Delegates and if applicable, a list of residents interested in being a chapter liaison.
 - SOYP: www.aap.org/ypn/yp/aap_yp/contact.html
 - SOMSRFT: www.aap.org/ypn/r/resident/district_webpages.html
- SOYP and SOMSRFT newsletters** – both sections offer newsletters throughout the year that offer valuable information to the young physicians, fellowship trainees, residents and medical students in your chapter.
 - SOYP Newsletter: www.aap.org/ypn/yp/aap_yp/newsletters.html
 - SOMSRFT – Resident Report: www.aap.org/ypn/r/newsletters/
 - SOMSRFT – District e-Newsletters (found on their district Web pages): www.aap.org/ypn/r/resident/district_webpages.html
 - SOMSRFT – Medical Student e-Newsletters: www.aap.org/ypn/ms/educ_resources/newsletter.html

4. **SOMSRFT Advocacy Campaign** – Each year the SOMSRFT develops and disseminates an annual advocacy project. This year at the NCE the Residency Program Delegates were given a CD called **ImmuneWise**. It's a campaign aimed at educating residents and others about the issues surrounding vaccinations, as well as giving them the resources to help educate parents on immunizations. All of the information contained on the CD can be found online at: <http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/advocacy/>. We encourage your chapter to utilize the Residency Program Delegates in your state to further this campaign.
5. **2010 Chapter Outreach Grants** – Once again this year we will be offering chapter outreach grants. We don't have as much money as in years past, but thankfully we still have the ability to give out a few this year. You'll be seeing more information on this in the next month. The online application will be up on the YoungPeds Network (www.aap.org/ypn) by January 15th, 2010.
6. **AAP: Staying Connected After Residency** resource – both sections worked together to create a resource for graduating residents and fellowship trainees on how to stay connected to the Academy after training. The publication offers information on membership benefits, dues, and resources available to them as they graduate. We encourage you to promote this online resource that can be found at: www.aap.org/ypn/r/life_after/aap_afterresidency.html
7. Reminder about the **YP Guide for AAP Chapters** – We want to make sure that your chapter is utilizing the YP Guide for AAP Chapters. It's a great resource developed by the SOYP that gives chapters a step-by-step guide on how to assess the chapter's young physician's needs and begin to expand outreach and opportunities for young physicians. The guide can be found online at: www.aap.org/ypn/yp/other_resources/chapter_yp_guide.html
8. **SOYP survey** coming soon – The SOYP Executive Committee will be conducting a strategic planning session at their winter meeting this coming January. They will be collecting feedback from their section members, but would also like to hear from the chapter leadership. You'll be receiving a survey in the coming week that should only take 5 minutes to complete. We'd really appreciate hearing from all of you on where you think the section can help support the chapters outreach to young physicians.

As always, I'm available to answer any questions or further assist you with your outreach to young pediatricians in your chapter. You can reach me at 800/433-9016, ext 7137 or at jraymond@aap.org.

Thank you for all you do for young physicians, fellowship trainees, residents and medical students. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Holidays!

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