



2019 AMSPDC/PSDP Annual Meeting Update



The AMSPDC/PSDP Annual Meeting was a great success comprising strong presentations from 3rd year PSDP fellows and a heartfelt evening honoring **Dr. Peggy Hostetter as the outgoing director of 23 years!**

Alan Schwartz, PhD, MD delivered a moving tribute to Peggy's service to the PSDP, as well as sharing acclamations from those she has touched throughout her inspirational career.

The evening was capped off by a visit from Peggy's daughter who surprised her mother with a beautiful toast that had the entire crowd raising their glasses!



The AMSPDC honored PSDP pediatrician-scientists completing their third research year: Thu (Elizabeth) Duong, MD; Margaret Ferris, MD, PhD; Meredith Schuh, MD; Matthew Zinter, MD and the Society for Pediatric Research Bridging to Success Awardee Sagori Mukhopadhyay, MD, MMSc, who demonstrates that persistence pays off!

Each had the opportunity to present their exciting research!

Welcome the incoming PSDP fellows, Christine Anterasian, MD; Amanda Clarke, MD; Megan Griffiths, MD; Kristen Nobel, MD, PhD and Steven Siegel, MD, PhD

Wishing them the best as they train for physician-scientist careers!



In conjunction with the annual meeting, the **Frontiers in Science (FIS)** symposium hosted state of the art research presentations from PSDP alumni and renowned pediatrician-scientists:

**Brigitte Gomperts, MD; Bob Heuckeroth, MD, PhD;
Norman Rosenblum, MD and Lou Muglia, MD, PhD**



Headed by Program Chair, Dr. Wade Clapp, Frontiers in Science (FIS) offers AMSPDC chairs the opportunity to invite 1st and 2nd year pediatric residents who have strong potential for careers as physician-scientists to attend the meeting with the aim to inspire these residents' own investigative careers. This pathway is a pipeline for future PSDP applicants and seeks to address the dwindling number of pediatricians choosing a career in research. FIS offers resident trainees the opportunity to meet with peers, hear from PSDP trainees, and the chance to network with pediatric chairs from all over the US and Canada, with the hope of fostering their interest in research and the PSDP program.

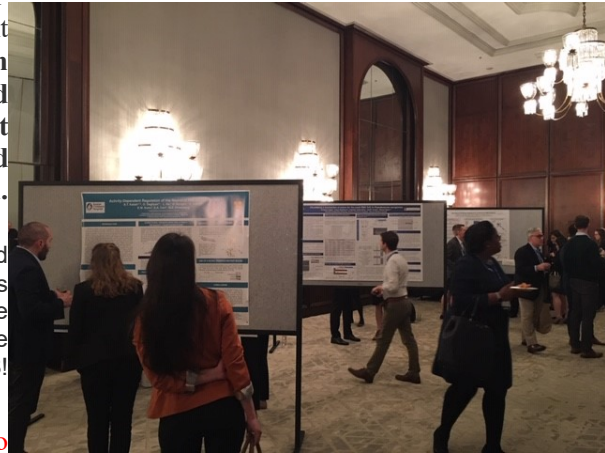


Calling all PSDP Alumni to Get Involved!

New this year, at the end of the meeting, the invited Frontiers In Science (FIS) residents were offered the opportunity to request external career mentorship. Because this exposure is critical in cultivating future research-oriented physicians, we invite all PSDP alumni the chance to mentor aspiring FIS resident trainees. **We encourage your participation as an external FIS resident mentor, which would involve 2-3 calls per year with an FIS resident through their fellowship transition, and advisement on a PSDP application.**

[Click here](#) so that we may make the introduction and connect you with a resident trainee who's research/clinical interests' match your own. We hope you will join our efforts in enhancing the PSDP pipeline through FIS!

We hope we can count on you for continuing to foster promising candidate applications for PSDP, both from FIS resident mentees and from your home institution next Spring.



The PSDP Transition - Effective July 1, 2019

Please join us in welcoming the
Pediatric Scientist Development Program
to Duke!

Greetings from
Incoming PSDP Program Director
Sallie Permar, MD, PhD
Associate Dean of Physician Scientist Development
Professor of Pediatrics, Immunology, and Molecular
Genetics and Microbiology
Duke University School of Medicine

Dear Colleagues,

I am ecstatic to be taking on the leadership of the Pediatric Scientist Development Program. The program has a rich history as one of the most successful physician-scientist training programs across the nation, with an impressive cadre of alumni who are leaders in pediatric research. Much of the success is attributable to the leadership of Dr. Peggy Hostetter, who

masterfully led this program for over two decades, many of you beholden to her for the personal touch on the successful start to your career.

I look forward to continuing the tradition of offering top notch, national-level training and mentoring for young pediatrician scientists, a group that has been declining in numbers in recent years. I hope to invigorate the PSDP alumni community, a powerful group of innovators for the health of children, to join us in continuing the PSDP tradition of excellence in pediatric scientist training. - Sallie Permar

Setting the bar high! The first PSDP scholars shown here in 1987
Let's keep the PSDP family growing!



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