

Letter of invitation WSPID Fellow's Workshop 2015

Dear Pediatric Infectious Disease fellows/residents and Junior Faculty:

The World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) will be hosting a "Fellows' and Junior Faculty Educational Workshop" on November 18, 2015, from 08:15-17:00, prior to the start of the main WSPID Conference. The workshop will be conducted in English.

The aim of the workshop is to promote, support and facilitate the development of clinical research in of the next generation of pediatric infectious disease physicians in Latin America (<http://wspid.kenes.com/scientific-information/pre-meeting-educational-workshop-fellowship#.VVYOZfIVhBd>). The workshop that will consist of two components:

- (i) short practical lectures by leading researchers and previous fellows on aspects of research

and

- (ii) six small group discussions led by senior researchers each of which will develop a research proposal or concept submitted by the conference participants. These six research projects will be pre-selected from participant applications. The workshop will conclude with a brief presentation of each of these proposals and whole group discussion.

The maximum number of participants is 30. We strongly encourage applications from those early in their research career; an established track record in research is not necessary, but interest in and enthusiasm for PID research is important.

Participants may apply through the WSPID website using the application form (<http://wspid.kenes.com/Documents/WSPID%202015%20PIDS%20Application%20Form.pdf>). Applicants will also need to submit a CV and a reference from a current supervisor.

The workshop is open to fellows in Latin American Pediatric Infectious Diseases Programs as well as Latin American Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialists who have graduated from accredited programs within the last 10 years. The application asks for a brief presentation of the applicant's academic background and a research idea, which can be in early development. Six research proposals, based on feasibility, will be selected in advance, allowing for enriching group discussion

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sessions. Where possible, we will group participants submitting similar proposals to work together collaboratively.

The application deadline is July 15th, 2015. Participants and selected research projects will be notified of their acceptance by email. If you are selected to participate in the Workshop you will have your WSPID conference registration costs waived. In addition applicants are encouraged to apply for a WSPID Fellowship through the WSPID website (<http://wspid.kenes.com/>). The WSPID Fellowship is open to all attendees who have an abstract accepted for the conference (i.e. not just to workshop attendees). In addition to free registration, successful applicants for the WSPID Fellowship receive reimbursement for up to \$1,350 (USD) towards flights and accommodation.

Once you have been notified of your acceptance and we have received confirmation that you will attend, we ask that you make every effort to participate in the workshop, as you will be occupying one of a limited number of places. Those who are accepted for the workshop but do not attend will be asked to reimburse the WSPID registration fees in full.

To begin the application process please click on the following link (<http://wspid.kenes.com/Documents/WSPID%202015%20PIDS%20Application%20Form.pdf>), follow the instructions and fill out the form. You will receive a response from WSPID by the end of July, so that you will have time to adjust your travel plans as necessary.

We hope to see you in Rio for an experience that is sure to be enriching for all participants.

Kind regards



David Burgner, Australia (WSPID Education Officer)