What's Happening at GRS

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Visit: http://www.ghresearchsociety.org

Endocrinology Meeting in Boston

June 4-7, 2011; ~7500 Attendees

Many GRS members attended the meeting and were able to get together, enjoy each other, and the beautiful Boston weather.

One highlight of the meeting was the Symposium Talk of Professor Michael Waters entitled "GH Receptor Activation". Good job Mike!

Facts about GRS Council

There are 12 Council members representing clinical (both adult and pediatric) and basic research. They are elected for a 4 year term. Each member can serve for two consecutive terms. The President is elected by the Council Members and serves for a two year term. The current Council Members are Professors at their respective institutions:

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Jens Sandahl Christiansen, MD (President)
Gudmundur Johannsson, MD, PhD (Secretary)
Christian J. Strasburger, MD
   (Immediate Past President)
John J. Kopchick, PhD (President Elect)
Beverly M. K. Biller, MD
Kazuo Chihara, MD, PhD
Peter E. Clayton, MD, MRCP, FRCPCH
Cheri L. Deal, MD, PhD
Andrew Hoffman, MD

New Council Members (started in 2010):
Sally Radovick, MD
Richard J. Ross, MD
Michael J. Waters, PhD

The GRS Council gratefully acknowledges the service of departing members:
Ken Ho, MD
Nelly Mauras, MD
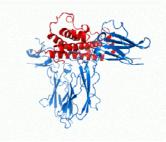David Clemmons, MD

Upcoming Events

- GRS-IGF Meeting
  - Munich (Oct 17-20, 2012)
  - See advertisement below
  - Consider now what you'll submit
  - Abstract submission opens Jan. 2 and closes Feb. 22, 2012
  - Go to http://www.grs-igf2012.org/ for more information or to the GRS web site
  - Save the date and plan to attend!
- GRS-IGF Meeting
  - Singapore (Oct 14-19, 2014)
- GRS-IGF Meeting
  - (2016, Manchester)
- Other Upcoming Workshops (dates TBD)
  - Safety of rhGH Therapy
  - Management of IGF-I Deficiency

SAVE THE DATE!

The 6th International Congress of the GRS and IGF Society

October 17 – 20, 2012
Munich · Germany

www.grs-igf2012.org

Supporting Member News

GRS Council Supporting Member Meeting
Boston, June 7th, 2011

The second breakfast meeting between GRS officers and Supporting Members was held in conjunction with the Endocrine Society meeting in Boston.

Items discussed were:

• The Prader-Willi Workshop that was held in Montreal (Oct. 2011)
• The format of the GRS sponsored workshops
• The possibility of Diagnostic Companies being invited as supporting members

As pointed out in our Previous News Letter, Supporting Members can now Organize and Sponsor Satellite Sessions at our Meetings

Satellite policies are:

• The timing of satellite meetings must not conflict with GRS meeting times
• They could occur before or after the GRS-IGF meeting or could be held as a breakfast meeting
• Host of the Satellite meeting will organize and support the entire event
• Speakers for the Satellite meeting must be submitted to GRS-IGF Program Organizing Committee for approval (so as not to conflict with speakers in the GHR-IGF Meeting)

– GRS thank our Supporting Members for their continued and enthusiastic support!

GRS Workshops and Consensus Statements

One of the main goals of the GRS (that makes us unique) is to host periodic workshops in which experts in a given area of 'GH action' meet, discuss and debate the issue. This work ultimately results in a consensus statement that is published in a peer reviewed journal. To date, we have published 10 consensus statements. You can see these on our web site.

Our first Consensus Statement has been cited over 400 times!

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Growth Hormone Deficiency: Summary Statement of the Growth Hormone Research Society Workshop on Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency"
J Clin Endocrinol Metab 83: 379-381, 1998

Our most recent workshop:
Growth Hormone in Prader Willi Syndrome. A clinical care guidelines workshop

* Held in Montreal; (Oct 3-6, 2011)
* 43 participants: pediatric & adult endocrinologists, multidisciplinary clinical specialists and other experts, basic scientists, patient advocacy groups, and corporate sponsors
* A consensus statement will be drafted by participants. Watch for publication in a peer reviewed journal