



Introduction to the SPR Junior Section

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What is SPR?



HISTORY

- 1929: SPR originated because of discontentment among young investigators - referred to as “Young Turks” - who felt the existing pediatric societies were dominated by very senior faculty

MISSION

- To create a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health

MEMBERSHIP (Active)

- Honorary society
- Membership is by current Member nomination and Council review
- Eligible Members have a record of current, independent research related to child health

SPR Junior Section



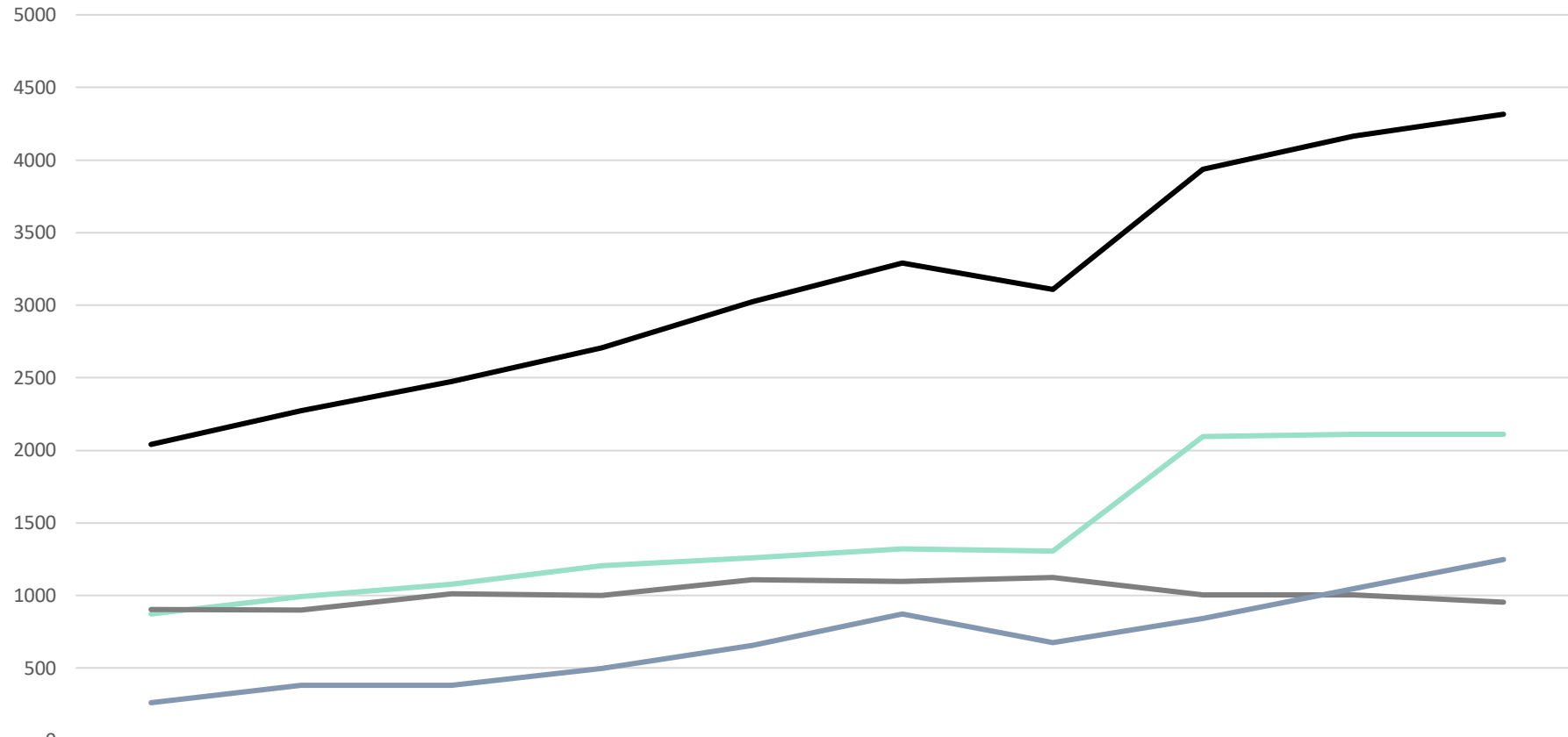
- Established in 2012
- Residency &/or Fellowship through first 6 years as faculty
- **Free** – no cost for junior membership
- “Rolling Admissions” by self-nomination
- Leadership: Fellows
- Junior members receive SPR communications, are invited to SPR events and may serve on SPR committees as approved by Council

SPR Active Member

- Individual engaged in ongoing, independent, hypothesis-driven research related to pediatrics
- Track record of independent work initiated since fellowship (original science manuscripts)
- Typically hold a faculty appointment at the mid/late assistant or early associate level or higher
- Annual dues \$350 (includes online subscription to Pediatric Research)
- No age restrictions!

Member Stats

SPR Membership by Status



Total
4316

Active
2113

Junior
1248

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Active | 874 | 992 | 1080 | 1205 | 1259 | 1320 | 1307 | 2094 | 2113 | 2113 |
| Emeritus | 905 | 901 | 1014 | 1002 | 1110 | 1098 | 1125 | 1003 | 1003 | 955 |
| Juniors | 262 | 380 | 381 | 499 | 655 | 873 | 676 | 842 | 1048 | 1248 |
| Total Members | 2041 | 2273 | 2475 | 2706 | 3024 | 3291 | 3108 | 3939 | 4164 | 4316 |

SPR and PAS

Pediatric Academic Societies – host of the annual spring meeting

Partner Societies

- **Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)**
- Academic Pediatric Association (APA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Pediatric Society (APS)

SPR Members @ PAS

- Contribute to science
- Review abstracts, moderate sessions
- Serve on key committees



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|------|----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| 5 | 360+ | 7600+ | 3000+ | 150 |
| Days | Sessions | Attendees | Posters | Exhibitors |

The banner features a dark blue background with a glowing DNA double helix and network lines. The text is in white and orange. Below the main text, five hexagonal icons contain the numbers 5, 360+, 7600+, 3000+, and 150, each with a corresponding label below it: Days, Sessions, Attendees, Posters, and Exhibitors.

Why Join SPR?



- Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
- Professional networking
- Opportunities for participation in regional/national SPR programs
- Recognition through awards and grants
- Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding

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- Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
 - ❖ **Mentoring programs**
 - ❖ **Grant Writing course**
 - ❖ **Physician-Scientist Bridging to Success Award**
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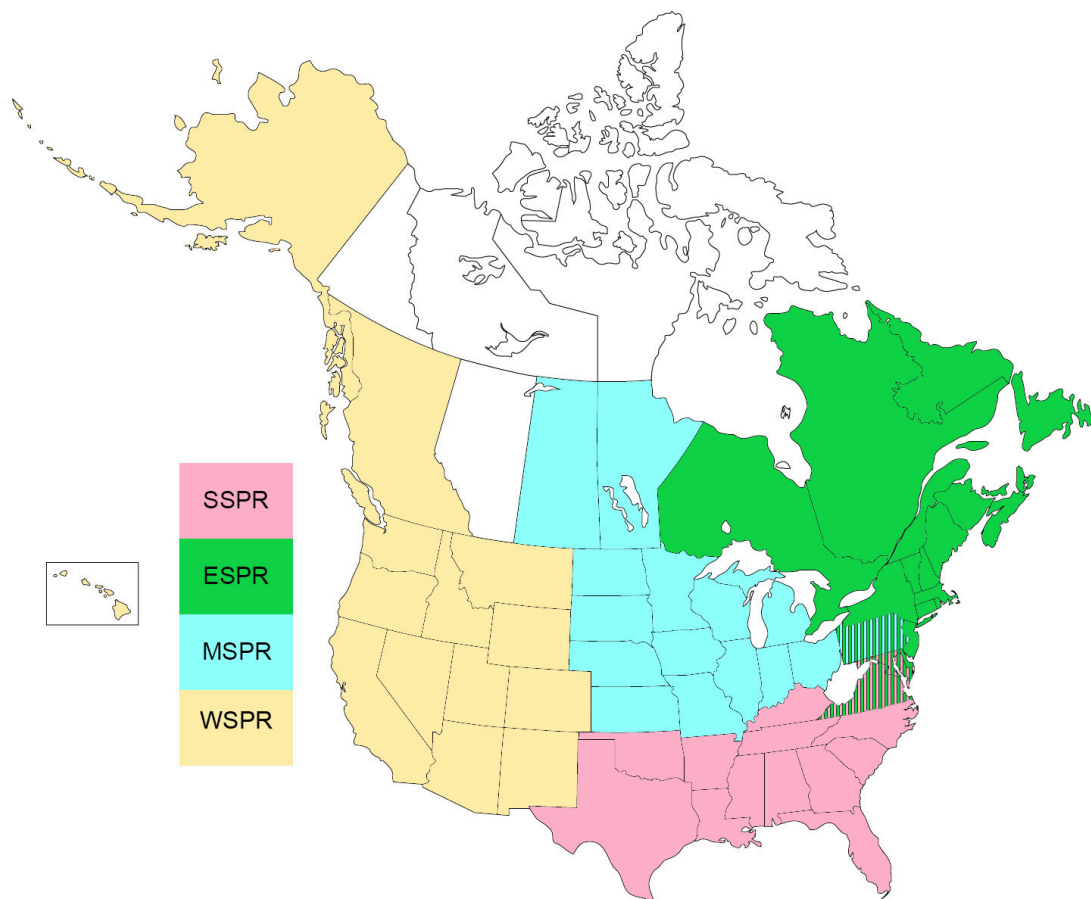
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- Professional networking
- Opportunities to participate in regional/national SPR programs
 - ❖ **PAS Meeting**
 - ❖ **SPR Sessions at PAS**
 - ❖ **Regional SPR Meetings: Eastern, Midwest, Southern, Western**
- Aids Fellows in transition to faculty role
- Recognition through awards and grants
- Opportunities to advocate for child health research funding

SPR Regional Societies



Eastern SPR

March Meeting

Southern SPR

February Meeting

Midwest SPR

October Meeting

Western SPR

January Meeting

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 - ❖ **Advocacy Committee**

Transition to SPR Active Membership



SPR Active Members are:

- Engaged in ongoing, independent, hypothesis-driven research related to pediatrics
- Have a track record of independent work as demonstrated through original science manuscripts published from work that was initiated after training was complete
- New SPR Active Members typically hold a faculty appointment at the mid/late assistant or early associate level

SPR Junior Section Leadership



President

Lila Nolan, MD

Lila Nolan is a fellow in the Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine program at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Her research interests involve the study of the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC). She joined laboratory of Dr. Misty Good upon starting her fellowship and currently studies the mechanisms by which dietary aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR) ligands mediate protection against intestinal inflammation using a murine model of NEC. This investigation introduces a novel therapeutic for infants with NEC and will advance the current understanding of NEC pathogenesis.

As an officer of the SPR Junior Section, she aims to provide junior members with education and support to foster successful careers as physician-scientists.



President-elect

Maria Susana Rueda Altez, MD

After medical training in Peru, Dr. Rueda Altez completed a pediatric residency in Washington, DC and then entered pediatric infectious diseases fellowship training. She has conducted clinical and translational research projects in neonatal sepsis since 2014 and her current research focuses on neonatal antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship. She is also passionate about the peer-review process, and currently serves as a Guest Editor and social media editor for The Journal of Pediatrics. As SPR Junior section president, her primary goal is to ensure more trainees benefit from networking opportunities. She plans to leverage her online communications experience to increase awareness, membership and participation in SPR among students, residents and fellows.

SPR Junior Section President-elect elections are held each year in July

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Benefits of Membership





-  Research and Presentation Forum
-  Honoring Pediatric Researchers
-  Advocacy for Child Health Research
-  Developing Pediatric Researchers

SPR offers strategic and practical support for pediatric researcher members. Active Members serve as mentors **to fellows and junior faculty** through SPR Junior Member Section and the Young Investigator Coaching Program, providing career development guidance. SPR offers **early stage investigators** special support through the K-Club grant-writing course and via the Bridging to Success grant. SPR Active Members host international fellows through the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) Fellow Exchange Program, expanding SPR's network of pediatric researchers beyond North America.

-  Additional Benefits



Membership Categories

-  Active Members
-  Senior Members
-  Affiliate Members
-  Junior Members



Junior Membership nomination is open to individuals who are currently enrolled in or not more than six years graduated from established residency, fellowship or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution. Junior Members may self-nominate year-round and are not assessed membership dues. Junior Members who have transitioned to faculty and published independent, hypothesis-driven work initiated after fellowship in which you are the first or last author may be eligible for nomination to the Active Member category and are encouraged to apply during the annual Call for Nominations. Visit the SPR Junior Section for additional details.

Annual Dues: \$0

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Welcome to the Junior Section

About:

The Society for Pediatric Research Junior Section introduces residents, fellows and early career faculty members to SPR by providing a variety of resources and educational opportunities. The goal is to promote networking within pediatrics and continue the development of scientists, as well as to foster transition to a career in pediatric science and eligibility for SPR [Active Member](#) status.

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The information below will be requested when submitting an application/nomination:

- Applicant's personal and professional contact information.
- Applicant's residency, fellowship, or postdoctoral completion date or anticipated completion date.
- Applicant's Program Director (Residents/Fellows) or Department Chair's (Junior Faculty) contact information.

Eligibility:

Currently enrolled in or not more than six years graduated from an established residency, fellowship, or postdoctoral program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

Any incomplete applications will be deleted after six months from the initial application date.

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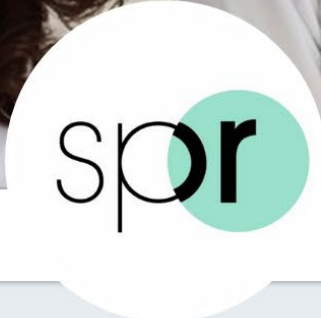
- Official Journal of SPR, APS and the EuroSPR



This is a screenshot of the 'Pediatric Research' author resource hub. The page features the journal's logo and the International Pediatric Research Foundation (IPRF) logo. A navigation bar includes icons for a checklist, a mouse, and a baby. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the author resource hub for Pediatric Research.' and provides information on navigating the publication process, extending the reach of articles, and open access publishing. It includes links for 'Letter to Editor', 'How to Get Published', 'Promoting Your Research', and 'OA Publishing'. A section titled 'Letter to Editor' introduces the new editor-in-chief, Cynthia Bearer, M.D., Ph.D., and provides a link to 'Read the letter here'. Another section titled 'How to get published' offers a 'How to Get Published' brochure and a link to 'Download the free PDF booklet now'.

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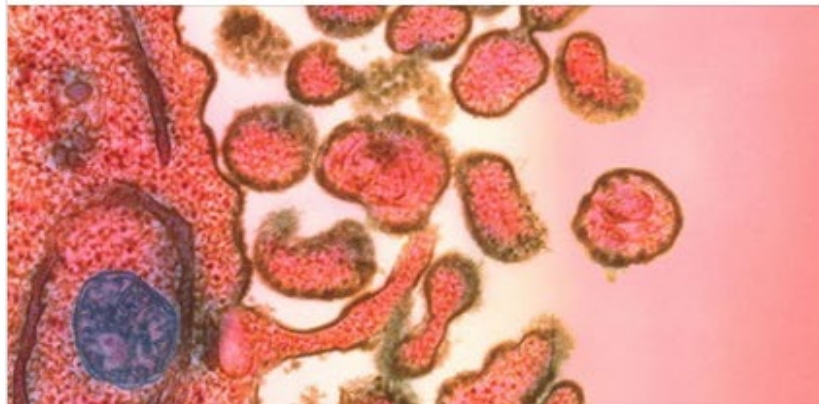
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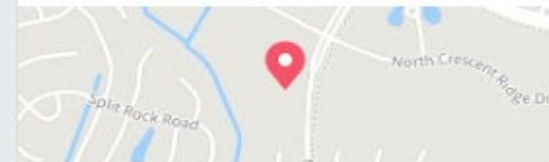
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