

American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

National PartICUIArS Preconference Issue

Welcome to the "Emerald City"!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for the 30th National Conference! "Reinvest in Your Potential" is this year's conference theme. Feel the energy of beautiful Seattle, home of the Space Needle, Pike Place Market and Starbucks. You'll fill your days with education and your nights with fun events! ASPAN's host hotel, the **Sheraton Seattle Hotel**, and the **Washington State Convention Center** will be the site of conference offerings. Check your pocket guide onsite for event locations.

Read *National PartICUIArS* every day for news and updated information about the day's conference activities. *PartICUIArS* is available each morning at ASPAN's Registration Desk in the convention center and at www.aspan.org which allows your colleagues at home to keep up-to-date.

Meet the 2011-2012 Candidates

Your opportunity to meet the 2011-2012 candidates seeking positions on the ASPAN Board of Directors will take place on **Saturday, April 2nd from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Come, meet and greet the candidates in an informal setting.

First Timers' Orientation

Is this your first National Conference? Are you a previous attendee? Do you want to get the most from your conference experience? ASPAN's Regional Directors lead an overview of this 30th National Conference and answer your questions about ASPAN and its components. All are welcome! Make plans to attend on **Sunday, April 3rd**, from 5:15 – 6:15 PM and **Monday, April 4th** from 7:00-8:00 AM.

Volunteering Opportunities Host & Hostess Orientation

Have you volunteered to be a conference host or hostess? To receive your conference assignment and ASPAN green hostess apron, plan on attending an orientation session on:

Saturday, April 2nd from 3:15–4:15 PM or **Sunday, April 3rd** from 4:00– 5:00 PM.

Interested in serving as a host or hostess? Please contact Arlene Kozicki at arlenekozicki@comcast.net or 253-927-8689.

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Moderator Orientation

If you have volunteered to serve as an ASPAN moderator at educational sessions, there is only *one* scheduled orientation session for moderators to learn details of this crucial conference role. We'll see you on **Saturday, April 2nd** from 4:30-5:30 PM!

Are you interested in serving as a moderator? Please contact Jane Ehrhardt at jmellonmbo@yahoo.com or 504-737-4104.

Conference Materials Online!

Conference materials will be available *online* from March 1 to June 1, 2011. Your confirmation letter provides the link to access syllabus material. ASPAN encourages you to download outlines for only those sessions for which you are registered. Some speakers may choose to provide electronic copies of their PowerPoint presentations on ASPAN's Web site. It is the individual speaker's decision to do so.

Reminder: Save the Letter!

The Web site link to download syllabus content is in your ASPAN e-mailed **confirmation letter**.

Ticketed Seating

Remember all sessions are ticketed and you must have a ticket in order to be admitted. Register early as tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. You must arrive on time for your sessions or you may not be admitted. Don't forget to register for the Closing Breakfast if you wish to attend. It is a ticketed event.

Preconference Sessions

This year, ASPAN offers two Preconference sessions on **Saturday, April 2nd**. In the morning session, Drs. Greg Gottlieb, Agnes Hunyady, Mark Reed, and See Wan Tham will discuss *Current Topics in Pediatric Anesthesia*. Be there at 7:30 AM for a review of key issues for perianesthesia pediatric patients, including management and potential complications.

In the afternoon session, the topic is *A Practical Guide to Moderate Sedation* with Jan Odom-Forren, PhD, RN, CPAN, FAAN. Join Jan at 1:00 PM for a review of the key aspects of moderate sedation and analgesia.

Both sessions are additional fee programs providing four (4) contact hours each. These offerings are geared to both the new and experienced practitioner. ***Preregistration and additional fees are required.***

Representative Assembly

ASPAN's 14th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on **Sunday, April 3rd** from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The morning session will include informal hearings and discussion of agenda topics. Candidates for positions on the Board of Directors will make their presentations beginning at 9:00 AM. The Formal Session of the RA begins in the afternoon. All members of the RA are required to attend; all ASPAN members are welcome to observe the ASPAN leaders at work!

Special Conference Events

ASPAN Development Dream Walk

Bring your walking shoes! See the sun rise over Seattle on **Sunday, April 3rd at 6:30 AM** for the 16th annual Dream Walk in support of ASPAN Development. **Check your pocket guide for the starting location.**

The component that raises the largest amount of money and the one with the largest number of registered walkers are recognized at the Development Luncheon. The individual walker who raises the most money wins the "Dream Walker Award" including a complimentary registration to the 2012 National Conference.

Component Night

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"

Welcome to the Emerald City! Components are urged to dress in character and decorate their table area in a *Wizard of Oz* theme. Awards will be given for those judged "Most Creative," "Funniest," and "Most Authentic." The party starts **Sunday, April 3rd** from 7:00-9:00 PM. Enjoy good friends, good food, good drink from the cash bar and a chance to win prizes at component raffles! Be sure to thank our event sponsor, **Arizant Healthcare, Inc.**

CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon

Celebrate and be honored with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at the Celebration Luncheon on **Monday, April 4th** from 12:15-2:15 PM. Enjoy *The Power of a Happy Heart, Nourishing the Nurse Within You* with comedian Diana Jordan. **Only CPAN and CAPA certified nurses may register for this lunch. Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

ASPAN Development Luncheon

Join ASPAN and featured speaker Douglass Strauss on **Wednesday, April 6th** for "*Be the Gift and Make Their Day*." Support ASPAN with your component and individual donations to the *Hail, Honor, Salute!* campaign. **Preregistration and additional fee required.**

President's Reception

And then it is time to celebrate ASPAN's year of achievements with **President Kim Kraft** and the ASPAN leaders on **Wednesday, April 6th** from 7:00–9:30 PM. Thanks to **Hill-Rom** for sponsoring this event!

Postconference Workshop

Join Kim Noble, PhD, RN, CPAN, on **Thursday, April 7th** for your last chance to earn contact hours. *Malignant Hyperthermia is Hot! Hot! Hot!* begins at 12:15 PM. The presentation will provide the background and tools necessary for the care of the emergency that is the patient with Malignant Hyperthermia. **Preregistration and additional fee required.**

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2011

The ASPAN Shoppe, located in the convention center, will be open daily for your Conference shopping needs. Hours will be posted at the Shoppe. **Register for the daily drawing!**

Dress for Success and Comfort

Requested attire is "business" for all conference sessions, dress for a party at the President's Reception, and don't forget your "Wizard of Oz" attire for Component Night trip down the "Yellow Brick Road." Be forewarned that the room temperatures in the sessions will be set at 68°. Please dress in layers to assure your comfort. April in Seattle averages 56° daytime and as low as 41°, so plan accordingly for your trips out and around town.

Support ASPAN's Exhibitors

The ASPAN Exhibit Hall opens on **Monday, April 4th** at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on **Tuesday, April 5th** from 7:00-9:00 AM, 12:00-2:00 PM, and 5:00-7:00 PM and **Wednesday, April 6th** from 7:00-9:00 AM.

Please thank these exhibitors for their support:

Arizant Healthcare Inc. ~ Component Night
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