



THE MIAMI PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY SEMINARS

This past March we celebrated the 43 years of Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminars. Our 43rd Annual Meeting took place again at the Alexander All Suite Ocean Front Resort in beautiful Miami Beach.

The Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminar, founded by Jose Strauss M.D. 43 years ago, is an unique international gathering of pediatric and internal medicine nephrologists, pediatricians, pediatric urologists, transplant surgeons, renal pathologists, nurses, nutritionists and allied health professionals from all over the United States and the world, sponsored by the University of Miami, Leonard Miller School of Medicine and Holtz Children's Hospital at Jackson Memorial Hospital. The Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminars have had a great impact in the past on reversing the severe shortage of Pediatric Nephrologists.

The Seminars have offered a 3-4 day program with ample time for interactions between registrants and faculty members. Recognized as a significant attribute of the Seminars is the congenial and informal atmosphere, which is particularly appealing to minority registrants and trainees.

For the past 43 years, the Seminars have definitely impacted in the academic, research and training domains of other previous meetings. The national and international scope of our registrants is also unique. We have a large number of participants from USA, Canada and Latin America, but also from the rest of the world including Europe, Asia and Africa. Coming from all over the world and representing all areas of nephrology, past faculty have totaled over 300 and program participants over 4,000.

The purpose of each of the Pediatric Nephrology Seminars is to review the current understanding of the diagnosis and management of various kidney disorders with a focus on clinical research and clinico-pathologic correlations, identifying the most critical and promising areas for future basic and clinical research, stimulating interest in pediatric nephrology as a career choice and providing role models for next generation of pediatric nephrologists.

The format of the Seminars have been maintained over the years, with each presentation lasting for 20 minutes and allowing maximum opportunity of discussion by participants and faculty. This format allows the opportunity to cover an extensive list of topics over the 4 days duration of the meeting. The atmosphere is maintained at an informal level, encouraging participation by minority members and junior faculty attendees.

The Seminar and Renal Pathology Course feature an average of 20-30 distinguished guest faculty and 10-15 local faculty members who provide expertise and cordial exchanges including several panel discussions and Meet the Professor Luncheons. A total of 30 Travel Grants are offered every year with the support of ASPN and IPNA.

For the past 3 years, we have incorporated an optional Pre-Seminar Pediatric Renal Pathology Course directed by the renowned pathologist Laura Barisoni M.D. and special session devoted to Fellowship Training Issues. At the end of the Seminar we offer a workshop for live CRRT procedures conducted at Holtz Children's Hospital for selected participants. For more information about the Seminars visit our webpage at <http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/nephrology/seminar>.

Cordially,

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