Maternal, Perinatal, and Pediatric RIS August 2015 update

We have officially changed the name of our RIS to reflect an expanded scope to better engage pediatric researchers. Thanks to all who have voted and provided feedback!

We are also welcoming the new RIS Chair Dr. Shannon Kelleher and thanking Dr. Cheryl Lovelady for a fantastic year!

FASEB SRC on Human Milk Composition Recap

The inaugural FASEB Science Research Conference on the “Origins and Benefits of Biologically Active Components in Human Milk” was held in Big Sky, Montana on 19-24 July. This meeting was well attended by more than 110 participants with over 50 speakers including a keynote by Dr. Allan Walker. Big thanks to FASEB, the sponsors, and the organizers Drs. Lars Bode, Shelley McGuire, and Nikky Contractor for chairing a highly successful meeting!

Attendees please do not forget to respond to survey requests to ensure that the next SRC builds upon the excellence established at the first meeting.

Congratulations to the travel awards recipients who attended the SRC. This included Chloe Autran (University of California, San Diego), Dr. Meghan Azad (University of Manitoba), Sarah Brooker (University of Idaho), Dr. Nicole Cacho (University of Florida, Gainesville), Dr. Sabrina Etzold (University of California, San Diego), Kieran James (University College Cork, Ireland), Kimberly Lackey (Washington State University) and Dr. Sasirekha Ramani (Baylor College of Medicine)

Upcoming human milk and lactation meetings (save the dates!)

3-7 March 2016. The International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) will hold its 18th meeting in Stellenbosch, South Africa. This first ISRHML conference in Africa is entitled, “International and Mechanistic Perspectives on Human Milk and Lactation.” This promises to be an exciting meeting that will assemble leaders in human milk and lactation research to expand the scientific society globally. There will be four pre-conference workshops on March 3, 2016 with eight scientific sessions to follow during the main conference. The conference will convene at the beautiful Spier Estate just outside of Stellenbosch.

Important dates and deadlines for the 18th ISRHML Conference:

09-Oct 2015  Abstract submission and application for trainee travel awards
11-Dec 2015  Early registration and accommodation reservation ends

Please find more information at (www.isrhml2016.co.za) or contact ISRHML President-Elect Dr. Lars Bode (lbode@ucsd.edu).
On a related ISRHML note- students and postdoctoral fellows please consider joining the Trainee Interest Group (TIG) to interact with other milk/lactation researchers at a similar career stage. To do this contact Sara Moukarzel: mksara@alumni.ubc.ca. You have to be an ISRHML trainee member to join the TIG; applications are easily done online (http://isrhml.net/apply-online/).

2-6 April 2016 Experimental Biology (EB) 2016 will be held at San Diego, CA. Please stay tuned for details regarding lactation and milk research-related symposia at EB2016. Preliminary information could be found at experimentalbiology.org. The abstract submission deadline is 5-Nov 2015.

Social media roundup
Please like us on Facebook (Lactation RIS of ASN) and follow us on Twitter (@Lactation_RIS). You can also like ISRHML on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/ISRHML/) even if you are not a member of the Society.

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