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To: All Members of the Pediatric Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine

From: Jeff Burns, Chair, SCCM Pediatric Section

As Chair of the Pediatric Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), I write to bring several issues to your attention:

- First, you will receive an email from SCCM in the next few weeks regarding the election for the Member-at-Large position to SCCM Council. Our nominee is *Dr. Vinay Nadkarni* from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and I urge you to support his election to the Member-at-Large seat on Council in order to promote advocacy of pediatric concerns at the highest levels of SCCM. More information on this can be found further in this announcement.
- Second, the SCCM Pediatric Section is *actively seeking nominations* for two Member-at-Large positions to the Pediatric Section Steering Committee. This announcement details information on how to apply. Note that the deadline for nominations for the two Member-at-Large positions to the Pediatric Section Steering Committee is **November 18, 2011**.

1. SCCM Council Election

What is SCCM Council and how did Dr. Nadkarni become the pediatric nominee for this election? SCCM Council is comprised of 12 members from the respective sections of the Society (Pediatrics, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Anesthesia, Pharmacy and Nursing, as well as several At-Large Members) who provide overall leadership and direction for SCCM. Dr. Jerry Zimmerman is currently our Pediatric representative to Council. Last spring in a similar email to all members of the section I announced that nominations could be submitted to the Pediatric Section

Nominations committee for those interested in running for election to Council, and Dr. Nadkarni was chosen as our Pediatric Section nominee through that process. He has already been appointed by SCCM leadership to co-chair the 2013 national education and scientific symposium in San Francisco. Dr. Nadkarni, who currently holds an Endowed Chair of Critical Care at CHOP, has held a number of leadership positions at SCCM and the American Heart Association. He is a former Fellowship Program Director at CHOP and is very active nationally and internationally in simulation and innovative educational methods. We believe he is an outstanding candidate to represent a pediatric perspective at the highest levels of SCCM.

The SCCM Council election will take place between approximately November 1 and December 15 of this year, with each member of SCCM (not solely the Pediatric Section) voting for the At-Large position. SCCM will contact you by email with instructions on the voting process. Thus, it is vital that you, and members of your Division or Section, vote for *Dr. Vinay Nadkarni for the At-Large seat to SCCM Council* if we are to have the opportunity to increase pediatric representation at the highest levels of the organization.

2. SCCM Pediatric Section Steering Committee Election

What is the SCCM Pediatric Section Steering Committee and how do I get nominated for the election to the Pediatric Section Steering Committee? The Pediatric Section Steering Committee provides leadership to the Pediatric Section of SCCM and is comprised of 8 members. The Pediatric Section Steering Committee representatives are elected by members of the Pediatric Section of SCCM. Two At-Large positions will be voted on in the election to be held in the next several months. First we need to solicit nominations for the Steering Committee representatives. All nominations will then be forwarded to the Pediatric Section Nomination Committee (chaired by Dr. Vicki Montgomery), and the Nomination Committee will advance to the ballot at least two candidates for each open At-Large seat. As for the Council election, for our section election SCCM will contact you by email with instructions on the voting process. The election results will be announced at the SCCM

Annual Conference in Houston in February 2012.

If you are interested in being nominated for one of the two open At-Large seats on the SCCM Pediatric Section Steering Committee please submit a current CV and a short statement of interest (no more than 250 words) to the Chair of the Pediatric Section Nomination Committee (Dr. Vicki Montgomery) at vicki.montgomery@louisville.edu.

The statement should include biographical information and detail why the Section member should be nominated. Application materials will be due by **November 18, 2011**.

3. Pediatric Section Business Meeting

The Pediatric Section Business Meeting will be held on ***Monday, February 6, 2012 from 3:30-4:30PM*** at SCCM's 41st Annual Critical Care Congress, in Houston. I would like to emphasize that all members of the Pediatric Section are welcome to attend the Pediatric Business Meeting. This is a good opportunity to hear about the full spectrum of initiatives (clinical, educational and research) underway in our field and how you can become involved.

I look forward to seeing you in Houston, and will have more information about Pediatric events at the Annual Congress as the date gets closer.

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