

# WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE

48th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

## DEAR COLLEAGUES,

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) is excited to welcome you to the 48th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. This year's meeting has built-in opportunities to strengthen connections with colleagues, plus time to take advantage of the many activities that can be enjoyed year round in Phoenix.

Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix Children's and the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery are excited to host this fantastic event.

Phoenix is well-known for being a city for pioneers and entrepreneurs. It's this entrepreneurial spirit that has provided the inspiration for this year's theme of creativity and innovation. In addition to the consistent cutting edge research being done in our field, this year, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from speakers who provide a fresh perspective on new innovations and approaches to scientific problems. We will also provide follow up on the topic of international pediatric neurosurgery, back by popular demand, and the multicenter research proposals selected last year for their high level of science and collaborations amongst members of the pediatric section.

Our keynote address, the Raimondi Lecture, will be given by Sethuraman "Panch" Panchanathan, Executive Vice President of Arizona State University (ASU) Knowledge Enterprise and Chief Research and Innovation Officer. He will provide his unique insight into successes and failures of what it takes to develop a creative and innovative culture at your organization. The American Academy of



Pediatrics/Section of Neurosurgery (AAP/SON) Lecture will be given by Dr. Michael Berens, Deputy Director of Research at Translational Genomics Research Institute. Dr. Behrens will provide an overview of the Promise and Perils of Liquid Biopsy for Pediatric Brain Tumor Care. Our keynote speaker for the Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Seminar will be Dr. Teri Pipe, the previous Dean of the ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation and now the ASU Chief Well-Being Officer and Founding Director, ASU Center for Mindfulness, Compassion and Resilience. Dr. Pipe will provide perspective on mindfulness and focused awareness in the workplace and at home. Additionally, our colleague, Dr. Samuel Browd, University of Washington, will speak about the process and lessons learned of trying to translate one's unique ideas and intellectual property to market.

We will kick off our meeting with an all-day APP seminar, Thursday, December 5. All members, and specifically neurosurgery APPs, are invited to attend this very exciting seminar and be a part of the scientific sessions to follow over the next few days. The opening reception follows with live music, overlooking a lake and the golf course at the resort. Stay, relax and enjoy or head out to explore the nightlife in Scottsdale and Phoenix.

The scientific program itself will cover the gamut of pediatric neurosurgery as it is presently being practiced and the excitement for the near future. There are special speakers each day to give "A Legacy Perspective in Pediatric Neurosurgery" from the clinical, educational and the personal sides. Don't miss these unique perspectives from thought leaders in our field who continue to lead by example.

We look forward to seeing you here in sunny Scottsdale.

Sincerely,

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