



***President's Bulletin – October 2019***  
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To all our members, trainees and friends,

It is so hard to believe that only a month ago we were in DC at the Annual Meeting! The energy was amazing with an incredible program from start to finish. We had our highest attendance yet, with over 640 attendees including our guests, vendors and our 26 Exploring DBPeds Residents through the inaugural Shashaty Program. In addition, we had 20 research platform presentations, 13 concurrent sessions, 8 workshops and learned from 111 posters!

For those unable to join us, here are just a few highlights:

- **Social Thinking** – A different view of working with our children in our practices delivered by our Lectureship Award Recipient, Michelle Garcia Winner
- **Complex ADHD Guidelines** – Bill Barbaresi gave us a peek at the upcoming Complex ADHD guidelines, with a goal for publication in early 2020. Major kudos to everyone involved in this multiyear, complex project! It is amazing and we are looking forward to working with the implementation and dissemination work groups.
- **SDBP/NAPNAP** sold out! Lots of learning about psychopharmacology
- **Advocacy, Advocacy, Advocacy**
  - Culminating with over 100 DBPeds visiting Capitol Hill and lobbying for Pediatric subspecialty workforce development & protecting children from gun violence
  - Autism Cares Act passed the Senate on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Research Scholars Symposium** guiding our newest researchers
- **Socializing** with new friends and colleagues, sharing stories with older friends and colleagues
- **Addressing our workforce**
  - **Started under Dr. Damon Korb's leadership, every committee/sig/section is working on some aspect of addressing our workforce issues**

We greatly missed our colleagues who were unable to attend, and one of our incredible leaders in the field, Carolyn Bridgemohan, who passed away suddenly, was sorely missed.

I could go on & on about all the incredible programming, socializing and learning, but I wanted to share the words from one of our international colleagues, and what can happen as we all work together to help vulnerable children here, and globally:

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*Dear SDBP:*

*I am here to let you know that, your enabling me to observe and learn about DBP clinical practice at Metro health and University Hospital in Cleveland then followed by attending the 2019 SDBP meeting, served as oil in engine for me. What a big family! What a mood of friendship! What a live science in DBP... oh my God; I was left speechless..!*

*I am here to let you know that, saying just thank you with words is not enough; the real thank you for SDBP will be seeing as a result of such opportunity offered to me; RDBP (Rwanda Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics) developed and hundreds of Rwandan children in needs of this highly needed services and care, are served with adequate evidence based knowledge in DBP.*

*Thank you and Stay Blessed.*

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*To each and every one of you, who prioritize our children on a daily basis, thank you for all you do.*

### **LOOKING FORWARD:**

We still have so much work to do! Please keep that energy going, join your committee calls, join a committee, SIG or section! Take on a project, help with communications, advocacy or research. Email a co-chair and they will add you to the group - <http://www.sdbp.org/committees/index.cfm>

Lastly, if you received the membership bylaws voting email, please vote! This is very important as it will help us address our equity in the society! An email reminder will go out next week.

If you have any questions, concerns or need any help in connecting with a work group, please don't hesitate to reach out!

*Warmly,  
Robyn*

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