

Dear Colleagues:

We wish to inform you of a Pre Congress Workshop on the following topic:

**Protect the Children! What You Can Do to Prevent Environmental Hazards from Harming Children**

before the International Congress of Pediatrics  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
August 17, 2016  
8 am – 4 pm

We are pleased to notify you that a stipend of \$250 USD is available to 20 pediatricians who wish to participate. (The \$250 will be subtracted directly from the registration costs for the Congress.) This stipend will be awarded on the basis of the World Bank classification of country GDP. Would you kindly share this information with your members?

The workshop is designed for pediatricians who want to learn how to protect children from hazards in the environment and those who plan to teach other providers about children's health and the environment.

After this workshop, pediatricians will:

1. Learn innovative approaches to be an advocate for children and protect them from hazards in the environment;
2. Identify contemporary risks to children from secondhand smoke, chemicals (e.g. lead, mercury, pesticides), air, water and food contaminants, emerging issues (e.g. global climate change), and other environmental hazards;
3. Describe up to date recognition, diagnosis, prevention and management of adverse effects linked to these environmental risk factors;
4. Describe the unique vulnerability of children for adverse health outcomes and developmental consequences from environmental exposures to chemical, physical and biological agents;
5. Describe current evidence of when and how the fetus, the child and the adolescent may be exposed to environmental hazards in different rural and urban settings;

We hope that you will suggest that at least one of your society members participate. Interested pediatricians should complete the attached registration form and return it to Dr. Ruth Etzel at [RETZEL@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:RETZEL@EARTHLINK.NET)

Sincerely,

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