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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: WELCOME TO THE NEWSBLAST

Welcome to the first email SWIU NEWSBLAST. As SWIU grows and further develops as a dynamic organization to serve women in the practice of urology, we are exploring new means of communication. Recognizing that email carries the advantage of rapid communication, we have changed our newsletter cycle to alternate NEWSBLASTS with conventional printed newsletters. **Nina Davis** will continue as our Newsletter editor. Our website is already up and running at www.swiu.org. Look for further expansion in December when we will have our bylaws, newsletters and directory also on the site. **Martha Terris** is the Website editor. Please send your comments and suggestions to me at Catherine@ivumed.org, to Martha at mterris@stanford.edu or to Nina at nsd33@home.com.

SWIU AND YOU

The year 2001-2 Board and Committees are actively requesting your input. We need your ideas, insights and participation in order to serve you better. Please note below the Officers and Committee Chairs and their contact information. We will be updating you on their activities in future communications.

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ELIZABETH PICKETT AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the 2001-2002 Elizabeth Pickett Research Grant is awarded to Dr. Anne-Marie Houle for her project, *The Genetics of Primary Vesicoureteral Reflux*. We are looking forward to hearing her presentation at the Tuesday evening Networking Reception at the 2002 AUA Annual Meeting in Orlando.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Fall Board Meeting, held October 6, was devoted largely to evaluating and modifying the infrastructure of the organization. We have recently changed the beginning of our fiscal year from January 1 to July 1. Our budget has necessarily increased as a function of our growth, and we are developing new services to better meet the needs of our members. Our mentoring handbook for residents is nearly complete and should be in press shortly. Throughout this year we will be reviewing our bylaws to bring them up to date with the character and requirements of the organization. These will be voted on by the membership at the Sunday morning SWIU Business meeting in May, 2002 in Orlando. Please help SWIU serve you better by communicating your needs and concerns to the Board. The next board meeting is planned for March, 2002.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

If you have a job notice that you would like to include in the next SWIU NEWSBLAST or Newsletter, please contact the SWIU office at 847-517-7225 or email swiu@wjweiser.com.

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