



## Opportunities for Membership of the Diabetic Pregnancy Study Group

At the General Meeting of the DPSG in September, 2009 it was decided to increase the Ordinary Membership of the Group to 40 persons by an addition of 5 new members, and to create an additional 'Associate Member' category. The Board of the DPSG is pleased to invite membership applications at this time for both of these categories.

The DPSG is a dynamic association of professionals, predominantly working in Europe, who are actively investigating the management and implications of diabetes during pregnancy for both mother and child, and innovative prevention strategies. Members are drawn from four main disciplines; internal medicine, obstetrics, paediatrics and basic science. The last two disciplines are under-represented at present.

Prospective Ordinary Members should be experienced health professionals and/or established independent scientists with an academic record of innovative research on diabetes in pregnancy or related areas. Eligible individuals will typically have attended previous DPSG meetings and have presented their studies. The Associate Member category is designed to accommodate younger health professionals/ scientists who might be in the early stages of a research career in diabetic pregnancy, or who become involved as part of a research training fellowship. Election to Associate Membership will be for a three-year period with the possibility of sequential renewal for individuals who develop an ongoing career in the subject. Priority in both membership categories will be given to applicants based primarily at European institutions.

Invitations are invited from eligible individuals who should provide the following information:

- Covering letter stating whether the application is for 'Ordinary membership' or 'Associate Membership'.
- Details of presentations and/or attendance at previous DPSG meetings.
- Letters of support from two current DPSG Ordinary or International members (Listed on the DPSG website: <http://www.medfak.uu.se/dpsg/index.html> )
- Current curriculum vitae.
- A statement as to how their membership would advance the goals of DPSG (maximum 1 page).

Complete applications should be forwarded by June 1<sup>st</sup> for 2010 membership to:  
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