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So there you have it for the year 2009 scientific meetings. President Robertson noted that there had been 20,562 in attendance last year. The estimates this year were about 25% less due primarily to the poor economy and the cost of travel. I don't think the worry of post-Katrina New Orleans really had any effect. I hope that these thoughts were of help to you. I realize that I can't provide the information that everyone needs and I certainly can't provide all of the information presented at such a large meeting. I chose what I felt would be most useful to the majority of our patients and parents. If there are other questions about any of these topics, I am sure Dr. Donaldson and I would be happy to discuss them with you because we were the two that attended this year. I would highly recommend New Orleans as a wonderful destination site. There are very few places more fun than the French Quarters in my opinion. Next year the meetings will be in Orlando which is one of my least favorite sites (particularly in late June). Maybe there will be some Florida State League baseball games.

**FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE**

by Lynn Johnston

