

Endocrinology and Metabolism Section of the American Physiological Society Newsletter - Spring 2008

EB08 APS Program Highlights

The Experimental Biology meeting will be held in 2008 in San Diego, CA from April 5-9. The Section has organized symposia that will provide state-of-the-art information for the membership. The symposia and times of presentation are listed below:

- 1) **The Kidney: Aging, Apoptosis, Endocrine Sensitivity and the Kidney's Role in Hypertension** organized by Michael Symonds (University of Nottingham) will be on Sunday, April 6, at 10:30 a.m.

- 2) **Extra Nuclear Steroid Signaling: Roles in Disease and Physiology** organized by Rick Samson and Ellis Levin will be on Monday, April 7, at 8:30 a.m.

The Solomon A. Berson Distinguished Lectureship entitled "Four Grams of Glucose" will be given by David Wasserman, Ph.D. This lecture will be presented on Monday April 7, 2008 at 10:30-11:30 am in San Diego Convention Center Room 27.

In addition to the program that was organized by the Section, there are a number of symposia and sessions that will be of interest to members of the Section of Endocrinology and Metabolism. Some of these are listed below:

- Chronic Instrumentation in Conscious Small Animals
- Metabolomic Approaches to Study Cardiovascular Disease Mechanisms and Diagnosis
- Pharmacogenomics of Estrogen and Cardiovascular Disease
- Obesity and the Central Nervous System
- Osmoregulatory Function in Health and Disease
- Circadian Rhythms: From Animals to Humans
- The Impact of Fatty Acids and Glucose on Insulin Resistance Across Species
- Growth Factors, Proliferation and Differentiation in the Gastrointestinal System
- Stem Cells in Physiology and Drug Discovery
- The Power of Comparative Genomics for Understanding Complex Physiological Systems
- Novel Technologies in Physiology and Medicine.
- Forensic Medicine
- Publishing 101: Dos and Don'ts of Publishing in APS Journals
- Sex Steroids in Cardiovascular-Renal Physiology
- Role of Adipose Tissue Macrophages in Obesity-Induced Insulin Resistance

Also, there may still be time to organize a Featured Topics Session. If you are interested in doing that, please contact Rick Samson at: samsonwk@slu.edu. This is an excellent opportunity to get an area of interest to you presented at the meeting. Look for the final programming online at <http://www.eb2008.org/>.

EB08 Late-Breaking Abstract Submission

It is still not too late to submit an abstract for EB08. The submission deadline is Wednesday, February, 5, 2008 at <http://www.eb2008.org>. All late breaking abstracts will be programmed in poster sessions on Wednesday, April 9. Late abstracts will be published in an addendum to the meeting program. The abstracts will also be published in the online version of *The FASEB Journal*. We encourage you to plan on submitting abstracts from your laboratory to EB08 and urging your students, fellows and colleagues to do the same. Doing this will ensure that the meeting will showcase first rate science in endocrinology and metabolism

EB08 Awards

Our section offers awards for individuals in the early stages of their careers. The details of the awards can be found on the APS website at <http://www.the-aps.org/awards/index.htm>. Please join us in congratulating the winners of these awards at the EB08 conference. The Section meeting and Awards reception will be on Monday April 7th beginning at 6:30pm in the Marriott.

- **Virenda B. Mahesh Award of Excellence in Endocrinology-** (\$1,000 plus reimbursement of the advance registration fee)
- **Endocrinology and Metabolism Section New Investigator Award** (\$1,000 plus reimbursement of the advance registration fee)
- **Mead Johnson Research Award in Endocrinology and Metabolism** (\$500 plus reimbursement of the advance registration fee)
- **Endocrinology & Metabolism Section Research Recognition Award** (\$500 plus reimbursement of the advance registration fee)

Suggestions for Symposia Topics, Featured Topics, and the Solomon A. Berson Distinguished Lectureship for 2009:

It is now time to start the planning for EB 2009. Thus, we need suggestions for symposia topics, featured topics and the Solomon Berson lecture. The initial steps in planning for the 2009 meeting began in December. Your suggestions for symposia topics and featured topics should be sent to our joint programming committee representative, Dr. Samson at: samsonwk@slu.edu. Nominations for the Solomon A. Berson lecture should be sent to me at: jimrose@wfubmc.edu. We look forward to receiving your suggestions for these important opportunities for the Section to highlight research in Endocrinology and Metabolism.

Join a Committee-Become Involved!

The American Physiological Society provides its membership with opportunities to be involved with the Society through service on its various committees. Committees and committee members are appointed by the Council of APS at the recommendation of the Committee on Committees. Members are appointed to a three-year term commencing on January 1. Committee appointments are staggered so that only a limited number of the members rotate off a committee at the end of each year. Members interested in committee service should complete the nomination form and submit it for consideration by Committee on Committees and Council.

APS Conferences

The APS Council recently approved the establishment of an APS Conference Committee whose purpose is to facilitate, improve, and energize APS Conferences. To simplify the application process, an online submission site within the APS website is currently being developed. This site should be active by the end the year. It will contain information on APS Conferences, instructions on how to organize a meeting, and the application procedure, which consists of providing an overall meeting abstract and minimal additional details. Application deadlines will be April 1, August 1, and December 1. Anyone who is a member of APS can submit an application for an APS Conference. For more information or to submit an application prior to the activation of the online submission site, please contact: P. Darwin Bell, Chair at BellPD@musc.edu or Linda Allen: APS Representative at: LAllen@the-aps.org.

Final comments

Please consider nominating some of your colleagues for positions of leadership in the American Physiological Society. This is an excellent opportunity to get more representation for investigators working in the area of endocrinology and metabolism in the leadership positions of the APS.

Look for full details on Endocrinology and Metabolism Section activities in EB08 program book.

We look forward to seeing you at the EB08 meeting in San Diego.

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