

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

At the EB 2008 meeting in San Diego, CA, the Section made the following awards to faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students. The recipients of the awards were chosen by the Section Steering Committee and the postdoctoral and graduate student awards were based on the excellence of research presented at the meeting.

**New Investigator Award**

**Julio E Ayala**, *Vanderbilt University*

**Virendra B. Mahesh Award for Excellence in Endocrinology**

**Sharell Monique Bindom**, *Louisiana State University Health Science Center*

**Mead Johnson Research Award in Endocrinology and Metabolism-  
Young Investigator**

**Michella Soares Coelho**, *University of Sao Paulo School of Medicine*

**Gordon Ian Smith**, *Washington University School of Medicine*

**Endocrinology and Metabolism Section Research Recognition Award**

**Mary E Conniff**, *Vanderbilt University*

**Lisa Lesniewski**, *University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Sender Lkhagvadorj**, *Iowa State University*

**Arnaldo Lopez-Ruiz**, *University of Mississippi Medical Center*

**EB Meeting for 2009**

The E&M Section will sponsor two symposia and two featured topics, in addition to the Berson Lecture at EB09. The Berson Lecture will be on Tuesday April 21 at 3:15 - 4:15 Room 242 of the Convention Center. The speaker for 2009 is Paul J. Davis, M.D. who is the director of the Ordway Research Institute and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Professor of Medicine at Albany Medical College

The E&M Section will also host a special transatlantic symposium sponsored by The Physiological Society (UK) on Monday April 20 8:00 - 10:00 Room 235/236

**Title:** Rapid Steroid Hormone Signaling

**Chairs:** Drs. Lightman and Hager (Bristol Univ, UK and NIH)

**Speakers:** Dr. Stafford Lightman (U Bristol)

Dr. Gordon Hager (NIH)

Dr. Dean Edwards (Baylor College of Med)

Dr. Roderick Flower (Wm Harvey Inst)

Dr. Kei Chao (U Bristol)

Our first symposium will be Sunday April 19 10:30 - 12:30 in Room 242.

**Title:** Erythrocytes and Endocrine Signaling in the Microcirculation

**Chairs:** Drs. Sprague and Ellsworth (St. Louis Univ)

**Speakers:** Dr. Mary Ellsworth (St. Louis Univ)

Dr. Hans Dietrich (Wash Univ)

Dr. Chris Ellis (Univ Western Ontario)

Dr. Tim Secomb (Univ AZ)

The second symposium will be on Tuesday April 21 10:30 - 12:30 in Room 235/236

**Title:** Cytoprotective Mechanisms and the Regulation of Mitochondrial Permeability Transition

**Chairs:** Drs. Cammarata and Baines (U North TX Health Sci Cntr and U Cincinnati)

**Speakers:** Dr. Patrick Cammarata (U North TX Health Sci Cntr)

Dr. Jon Nilsen (U Southern Cal)

Dr. Jin-Qiang Chen (U VA)

Dr. Chris Baines (U Cincinnati)

The first featured topic session sponsored by the Section is entitled Metabolic Signaling and will be held Monday, April 20 3:15 - 5:15 in Room 240/241. Details concerning the speakers will be provided later

The second featured topic session is entitled Insulin from Regulated Expression to Regulated Secretion and will be presented Tuesday April 21 8:00 - 10:00 in Room 242.

**Chair:** Dr. Corbett (UAB)

**Speakers:** Dr. Debbie Thurmond (Indiana Univ. School of Med) and

Dr. Sabire Ozcan (Univ. Kentucky College of Med)

### **Participation in EB 2009**

Now is the time to begin thinking about participating in the EB 2009 meeting to be held in *New Orleans, LA*. This meeting is an excellent venue for postdoctoral fellows and graduate students in your laboratory to present their work. In addition, as you can see from the information above, there is a very good chance that your fellows or students can receive recognition at the meeting for their research. Please consider submitting abstracts in the Section classification this fall. The abstract deadline is **Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** and the deadline for award applications is **Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## **New Plans for New Investigator Award Recognition**

A new approach for highlighting the accomplishments of young investigators in the section has been provided by Dr Amira Klip, the editor of AJP: Endocrinology and Metabolism. Each year the recipient of the New Investigator Award will be encouraged to publish a brief review of her/his area of research in the journal. The first of these, written by Drs Kei Sakamoto (award recipient) and G. Holman, was recently published.

## **News from the Journal**

Below are some statistics from AJP Endocrinology and Metabolism. As you can see the journal is doing very well and is an excellent choice for publication of your manuscripts.

Number of manuscripts submitted increased 10%  
Time to first decision – 21 days – fastest of any AJP journal  
Rejection rate at 55% (up from 45%)  
Impact Factor 4.12

Annually, each of the AJP journals identifies three people who through their actions (quality of review, number of reviews, and turnaround time) have distinguished themselves as exceptional reviewers and these individuals are recognized at the annual Publications Banquet. Here are the three individuals who were so identified by the editorial board of AJP: Endocrinology and Metabolism. All three individuals reviewed 15-20 manuscripts with an average turnaround time of less than 10 days.

### **Gregory D. Cartee, PhD**

Division of Kinesiology  
The University of Michigan

### **Daniel Konrad, MD, PhD**

Department of Endocrinology and Diabetology  
University Children's Hospital  
Zürich, Switzerland

### **Anna Krook, PhD**

Docent/Associate Professor  
Integrative Physiology Group  
Karolinska Institute

## Final Comments

It is now time to start the planning for EB 2010. Thus, we need suggestions for symposia topics, featured topics and the Solomon Berson lecture. The initial steps in planning for the 2010 meeting begin 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](mailto:samsonwk@SLU.EDU). Nominations for the Solomon A. Berson lecture should be sent to me at: [jimrose@wfubmc.edu](mailto:jimrose@wfubmc.edu). We look forward to receiving your suggestions for these important opportunities for the Section to highlight research in Endocrinology and Metabolism

Nominate 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. The deadline for nominations is Monday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> so act now.

Jim Rose  
Chair, Endocrinology and Metabolism Section