

Endocrinology and Metabolism Section of the American Physiological Society Newsletter - Winter 2008-2009

EB09 APS Program Highlights

The Experimental Biology meeting will be held in 2009 in New Orleans on April 18-22. 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

Erythrocytes and Endocrine Signaling in the Microcirculation

Chairs: Randy Sprague and Mary Ellsworth

Sunday April 19: Room 242 10:30 – 12:30

Rapid Effect of Steroid Hormones

Chairs: Stafford Lightman and Gordon Hagar

Speakers: Stafford Lightman, Dean Edwards, Gordon Hagar,
Roderick Flower, Marian Joels

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Monday April 20: Room 244 8:00 – 10:00

The **Solomon A. Berson Distinguished Lectureship** entitled *Thyroid Hormone Signaling at the Membrane: Physiology and Therapeutics* will be given by Paul Davis, MD This lecture will be presented on Tuesday, April 21 in Room 242 3:15 – 4:15

Some other events that will be of interest to members of the Section include the following:

Sunday April 19

Poster Session: Cardiovascular Endocrinology

Monday April 20

Poster Session: Reproductive, Fetal and Neonatal Endocrinology

Featured Topic: Room 240/241 3:15 – 5:15

Metabolic Signaling

Chair: WK Samson

Tuesday, April 21

Poster Session: Metabolic Signaling and Pancreas

Featured Topic: Room 242 8:00 – 10:00

Insulin from Regulated Expression to Regulated Secretion

Chair: John Corbett

Symposium: Room 235/236 10:30 – 12:30

Cytoprotective Mechanisms and the Regulation of Mitochondrial Permeability Transition

Chairs: Patrick Cammarata and Christopher Baines

Endocrinology and Metabolism Section Awards Reception and Business Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in the Hilton Riverside

Wednesday, April 22

Poster Sessions: Obesity and Satiety

Connective Tissue and Bone

EB09 Late-Breaking Abstract Submission

It is still not too late to submit an abstract for EB09. The submission deadline is Wednesday, February, 25, 2009 at <http://www.eb2009.org/AbstractSubmission.htm>

All late breaking abstracts will be programmed in poster sessions on Wednesday, April 22nd. 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 EB09 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

Suggestions for Symposia Topics, Featured Topics, and the Solomon A. Berson Distinguished Lectureship for 2010:

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 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.

News from the Journal:

We are pleased to communicate to the APS readership that AJP-Endocrinology and Metabolism is thriving. We have a very vibrant Editorial Board that not only contributes highly insightful reviews of submitted manuscripts, but which is keen and energetic in keeping a record turnaround time. In 2008, we received 814 new manuscripts, each of which was reviewed, on average, by 2 or 3 of the 127 members of the Board and a number of guest reviewers. Upon invitation to the Board, members are asked to commit to review about 12 manuscripts a year (realizing that some fields require specialty reviewers who may be asked fewer times) with a turnaround time of no longer than two weeks. I am delighted to say that 103 Board members had an average turnaround time within those limits, and only 4 of them had an average just above 3 weeks. This is remarkable and a true service to the entire publication enterprise! On average, each member reviewed 7.2 ± 4.6 manuscripts. The spread is wide, because we had a few members who were not required this year, and 10 extraordinary members who reviewed over 12 manuscripts. Special thanks to them: Gary Sweeney, Yves Deshaies, Ira Goldberg, Christopher Morrison, Young-Bum Kim, and James Fluckey, and the most solicited Heike Münzberg, Jianping Ye, Philip Bilan, and Robert Considine (a previous Star reviewer). Special notice also to Associate Editor Martin Myers Jr. who not only fielded his share of about 80 manuscripts but reviewed 17!

Finally, the turnaround time for all the Editorial Board members averaged 11.2 ± 5.1 days, a record time of “Olympic” proportions. Special thanks to Yves Deshaies, Richard Roth, and Jeffrey Elmendorf who completed 12 or more reviews all within less than two weeks! Star reviewers will be picked considering the insight, number and timing of reviews, and will be communicated at the upcoming Experimental Biology meeting in New Orleans in April. See you there!

In 2008 we had a record number of published MiniReviews and Perspectives (28) as well as 7 Editorial Focuses on some of the cluster reviews. Many more are in the works. Special thanks to Associate Editor Chuck Lang for his amazing dedication as Deputy Editor for invited reviews. Along with him, the other Associate Editors (Pat Brubaker, Meredith Hawkins, Kelle Moley, Juleen Zierath, Andre Marette, Martin Myers Jr. and Michael Quon) have put in numerous hours each week fielding manuscripts and making judicious decisions. This is a delicate and onerous task and their breadth and depth has helped us deliver the best feedback to our authors. And as always, we owe much to Editorial Manager Karen Dodson for her unfailing help with every aspect of the journal, helping us to keep it where we want it to be.

Finally, we are moving ahead with our aim to select papers that by quality and novelty are considered to be in the top third of their field. The insight and feedback from the reviewers and Associate Editors is helping us achieve this goal.

Amira Klip

Attention New Investigators

There is still time to apply for the New Investigator Award sponsored by the Endocrinology and Metabolism section of the American Physiological Society. This prestigious award includes a \$1000 prize, complimentary advance registration to E B. 09 to be held in New Orleans and the opportunity to publish a short review of the award recipient's research field in the American Journal of Physiology: Endocrinology and Metabolism. Go to the APS web site at : <http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb09/awards/endo.htm> for details regarding the application. The deadline for applications is January 19, 2009.