

# APS Renal Section Newsletter, Spring 2001

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR **RENAL SECTION CHAIRMAN**

We hope to see everyone at the EB2001 meeting (March 31 - April 4, 2001, in Orlando, FL). It should be an exciting scientific program, especially since it will be a 7-society meeting. Remember to purchase your ticket to the Renal Dinner prior to the meeting (see information from Susan Wall elsewhere in this newsletter, or contact her at: [Susan.M.Wall@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Susan.M.Wall@uth.tmc.edu) or information or tickets. Remember that Renal Dinner tickets cannot be purchased at the EB registration booths.

At the end of the EB2001 meeting, Mike Caplan will retire as Renal Section Program Committee Representative and Will Beierwaltes will retire as Secretary/Newsletter Editor. Both Mike and Will have done outstanding jobs during the past 3 years. On behalf of everyone in the Renal Section, I want to thank Mike and Will for their time and effort and for contributing to our successful meetings during the past 3 years. I encourage everyone to vote in the election for successors to Mike and Will. This ballot, which you will receive separately from this newsletter, also contains two candidates for chair-elect. The winner will replace me in 2002.

I also encourage everyone to vote in the APS-wide election for President-elect and Councillor. Marty Frank has assured me that ALL ballots will be counted!

Finally, Steve Hebert's term as Editor of AJP-Renal will end on June 30, 2001. Not only has Steve done a tremendous job with AJP-Renal, but he has contributed to the Renal Section throughout his tenure. On behalf of everyone in the Renal Section, I want to thank Steve and his Associate Editors for their time and effort and for contributing to our section being a success during the past 6 years.

*Jeff M. Sands*

Chairman, Renal Section

**Joseph Handler** is the 2001 recipient of the **ROBERT W. BERLINER AWARD** for Excellence in Renal Physiology sponsored by Abbott Laboratories.

The Renal Section is proud to announce that this year's Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology will be given to Dr. Joe Handler of Johns Hopkins University. This award is given to a senior renal physiologist based on lifetime contributions to the field of renal physiology. Joe has been a pioneer in our field beginning with major advances in the study of ADH and cyclic AMP in toad bladder. Joe next made major contributions to the development of cultured cells for the study of renal transport mechanisms. Most recently, Joe has made pioneering discoveries regarding the molecular basis for regulation of renal osmolytes and how cells respond to changes in osmolality. Dr. Handler's award will be presented at the Renal Dinner on April 3, 2001 during the EB2001 meeting in Orlando, FL (please see announcement concerning Renal Dinner elsewhere in this newsletter).

The Renal Section needs your nominations for the Berliner Award for the April, 2002 EB meeting. To make a nomination, please send a nominating letter and a copy of the nominee's CV to Jeff Sands by mail, Fax (404-727-3425), or e-mail ([jsands@emory.edu](mailto:jsands@emory.edu)) by **October 12, 2001**.

## **REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR GOTTSCHALK LECTURER, EB2002**

The Renal Section needs your nominations for the Gottschalk Distinguished Lecturer for the April, 2002 EB meeting. Previous lecturers have been Peter Agre, Steve Hebert, Mark Knepper, Gabby Navar, Walter Boron, Dennis Brown, and Heini Murer. This year's Gottschalk Lecturer is Dr. Jim Schafer. The Gottschalk Lecturer should be a trend-setter in the field of renal physiology. Ideally, the Lecturer should be a good speaker with a good story to tell. The nominee does not necessarily need to be an American or an APS member. To

make a nomination, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter, or otherwise provide all the necessary information, and send it to Jeff Sands by mail, FAX (404-727-3425), or e-mail ([jsands@emory.edu](mailto:jsands@emory.edu)) by **March 29, 2001**.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR APS STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Please send your nominations to fill vacancies on various APS committees to Pam Carmines ([pkcarmin@unmc.edu](mailto:pkcarmin@unmc.edu)). You should also nominate yourself by sending the form, available on the APS website directly to APS headquarters. Nominations are usually due by January 10th of each year. The APS website contains descriptions of the functions of the APS standing committees and current committee members.

Please provide a short paragraph or list special expertise and previous activities that make this person (or yourself) highly qualified for a particular committee. A candidate's chance of being nominated by the Committee to on Committees is greatly enhanced by letters of support from 4-6 people for each nominee. For additional information or to submit a nomination, contact

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American Physiological Society,  
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### **NOTES ON RENAL SECTION AWARDS**

The Renal Section winner of the 2001 Proctor and Gamble Excellence in Research Award is Traci Taylor, for her abstract entitled, "Down-regulation of soluble guanylyl cyclase in the inner medulla of DOCA-salt hypertensive rats". Ms. Taylor is a doctoral candidate at the Medical College of Georgia, under the mentorship of Dr. Jennifer Pollock

The pre- and post-doctoral finalists for the Avantis Excellence in Renal Research Awards will be posted in the aisles each day of the meeting. We encourage everyone to drop by the presentations, and come to the Renal Dinner, Tuesday, April 3rd to support these young investigators.

Sue Mulroney  
Awards chair:

### **2000 RENAL DINNER**

The 2001 Renal Dinner will take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at the Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Drive, Orlando, FL. The cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:30 PM. This year's post-dinner program will feature the presentations of the Abbott/Berliner Award, the AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award, and the Hoechst Marion Roussel Excellence in Renal Research Awards.

To order your tickets, please send a check (in U.S. dollars) made out to: "APS Renal Section" and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Susan M. Wall, M.D. Division of Renal Diseases and Hypertension, 6431 Fannin, M.S.B. 4.148, Houston, TX. 77030, U.S.A. Tickets are available now. The price is \$45 each before 3/31/01 and \$25 each for students and post-doctoral fellows. After April 1, 2001, tickets increase to \$50 (still \$25 for students and post-docs). **Tickets will NOT be available at the EB registration area this year, as they have been in the past.**

Susan Wall  
Treasurer, APS-Renal Section

### **AJP/Renal: NEWS FROM THE EDITOR**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support during my tenure as editor of the American Journal of Physiology – Renal Physiology over the past six years. It has been a wonderful and

unforgettable experience that I will treasure. I would also like to give my personal thanks for their hard work to all of the Associate Editors of the Journal during the past years:

Christine Baylis (1996-2001)	Dennis Brown (1995-1997)
Michael Caplan (1999-2001)	Peter Friedman (1995-2001)
Al George (1999-2001)	Steve Gullans (1995-1998)
Sanjay Nigam (1995-2001)	Mark Zeidel (1995-1999)

I would like to give special thanks to Ms. Jennifer (Jen) Mahar, my Editorial Assistant, for her exemplary service to the journal over my six-year tenure. Without her dedicated service as our journals editorial manager, the journal would not have achieved its goals and high place and ranking among renal journals. I know that you share my thanks to Jen.

Also I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to **Jeff Sands**, who will become the **new editor** as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2001. Over the past six years the Journal has undertaken many changes that I believe have strengthened its foothold in Renal Physiology, and I know Jeff will only continue to keep the Journal strong in the field as he embarks on his editorship. Best of luck!

As mentioned previously, the expansion of concise invited reviews in each issue has continued and we appreciate all of the suggestions from the Invited Reviews Board, the Editorial Board and the general readership. It is through your support and suggestions that we have been able to expand these reviews.

The Journal is now accepting online submissions! Please bookmark the URL [www.apscentral.org](http://www.apscentral.org) in your browser and be sure you have your ID and password handy. You will need these in order to submit and review for AJP – Renal.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the journal, please feel free to email Jennifer Mahar at [ajprenal@yale.edu](mailto:ajprenal@yale.edu).

Steve Hebert, M.D.

Editor, *American Journal of Physiology - Renal Physiology*

#### **NOTE SPECIAL SESSION FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS!**

Our Committee is co-sponsoring a Workshop/Symposia at EB '01 with ASPET Committee on Women in Pharmacology. This session is titled: **How to Write, Review, and Publish in APS and ASPET Journals**. This session is designed to mentor young scientists of both genders on this topic. The session is scheduled for Sunday April 1 from 9-11 a.m.

All the best efforts at the laboratory bench will be wasted if you cannot properly communicate the results of your research in the form of a high quality scientific publication. The APS Women in Physiology Committee and the ASPET Committee on Women in Pharmacology are co-organizing a Workshop designed to mentor young scientists of both genders on developing effective tools to be able to write, review, and publish manuscripts in APS and ASPET Journals. The seven panelists will draw on their experiences as Editors/Associate Editors of APS and ASPET Journals to provide participants with useful information on scientific writing. You will learn such things as the importance of writing a clear Introduction, the differences between reiterating your results and discussing your data in the Discussion, and what reviewers look for when they read your submitted manuscript. This workshop will use an interactive forum to engage the audience in activities designed to make scientific writing and reviewing an exciting challenge rather than a necessary chore. The target audience is graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty members.

Susan M. Barman"

Chair of the CNS Section, Chair of the Women in Physiology Committee.

## REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2002 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding young investigator working in any area of renal physiology. Nominees for 2002 must be less than 41 years old as of April 1, 2002 or less than 15 years beyond receipt of their first doctoral degree. Research qualifying for consideration for this award would include any area of renal physiology, pathophysiology, or hypertension. Evidence that a nominee is working in renal physiology would be publications by the nominee in the American Journal of Physiology: Renal Physiology or similar journals during the preceding 4 years.

The deadline for nominations for the 2002 Young Investigator Award recipient is April 1, 2001. Once an individual is nominated, they will continue to be considered for subsequent years until they are no longer eligible for this award. However, for later consideration, submission of an updated CV would be helpful. To nominate a candidate, please submit the candidate's CV, a nomination letter, and an optional seconding letter to:

Susan M. Wall, M.D.

Div. Renal Diseases & Hypertension, 6431 Fannin, M.S.B. 4.148, Houston, TX. 77030

For more information, contact Susan Wall by telephone: 713-500-6868, FAX: 713-500-6882, or e-mail: [swall@heart.med.uth.tmc.edu](mailto:swall@heart.med.uth.tmc.edu).

Susan Wall

Treasurer, APS-Renal Section

## NOTES FROM THE LIAISON WITH INDUSTRY COMMITTEE:

The LWIC is pleased to present a workshop at Experimental Biology 2001 in Orlando, Florida. The workshop is entitled **“Collaborating With Industry: The Rules of the Game.”** In an era characterized by increasing overlap between academic and commercially driven life science research, the process of establishing collaborations between industry and academia have become more clearly defined, and often leaves the investigator to reconcile the needs of both a University Technology Transfer Office and the company of interest. The workshop is designed to delineate the rules and processes of establishing a variety of successful collaborations and includes presentations from representatives of both the University and Industry setting. The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, April 1 at 10:15 – 12:15 in the Peabody Orlando II room. Details can be accessed on the LWIC web page <http://www.the-aps.org/committees/lwic/htm>.

The APS-LWIC is sponsoring a **reception/mixer for members in industry**. The event is scheduled for Monday evening, April 2, from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Peabody Hotel. The room has not yet been assigned.

Glenn A. Reinhart,

Renal Section Representative

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that the budget is doing very well thanks to the generous support of our colleagues in the Pharmaceutical Industry. We are most thankful to Abbott Laboratories for sponsoring the Abbott/Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology and Aventis Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring the Excellence in Renal Research Award for students and post-doctoral fellows. We are very grateful to Astra Zeneca for sponsoring the Young Investigator Award. We also would like to thank Amgen, AstraZeneca, Parke-Davis, SmithKline Beecham, Procter and Gamble and Pfizer for making it possible for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to attend the Renal Dinner at a reduced cost.

Susan Wall

Treasurer, APS-Renal Section