



THE ARIZONA PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DR. STAN LINDSTEDT NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY



As the semester winds down, and we all embark on another Arizona summer, keep AzPS in mind as you plan your fall semester. More importantly, our second annual meeting will take place in Tucson on November 21 and 22 starting Friday and ending at 4:00 PM on Saturday. I am pleased to announce, with the leadership of Dr. Jan Burt, that Dr. Jeff Sands of Emory University will be the Keynote Speaker on Friday evening that will be followed by a recep-

tion (see enclosed material). While the Keynote and the Distinguished Arizona Lectures with the student presentations are highlights of the meeting, the purpose and success of the 2009 meeting will be our collective participation. Our goal is to even "outdo" last year in number and variety of participation; hence, I invite you to submit program suggestions that could include symposia, point-counterpoint debates, laboratory tours, etc. as well as nominations for the Distinguished Arizona Lecture. Because of sudden and overwhelming professional responsibilities, I have accepted the resignation of Dr. Erik Henriksen and commend him for a job "well done".

Concerning **Chapter** business, remember that our success is linked to Membership. We have intentionally kept dues down to ensure maximum inclusion and need your assistance in recruiting new members to the Society (see page 2). In New Orleans, I was able to attend the APS Committee for Associated Chapters because we are its sixth Chapter with two more in the process of applying. The APS Executive Secretary is a very strong supporter of Chapters and AzPS has been presented as a model for these new Chapters (thanks again Tip!). One thing I did learn at this specific meeting is that there are fellowships available for minority students that, to date, have very few applicants. Student and mentors see http://www.the-aps.org/education/minority_prog/stu_fellows/ovstuFel.htm.

Finally, watch for dues notices which will be sent beginning October 1st because Registration is greatly simplified if dues are received in advance.

Have a great summer!

MEET DR. THOMAS PANNABECKER



President Lindstedt has appointed Dr. Thomas Pannabecker, Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Physiology at the University of Arizona, as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

An original member of the Planning Committee for the Society, he is well versed in the Bylaws and Procedures associated with its operations. When not involved with AzPS issues, he is an active researcher within the department investigating renal mechanism with a special focus on collecting ducts and descending thin limbs of Henle. Many of his studies are collaborative efforts with Dr. William Dantzer who is renowned for his studies on renal mechanism. Lastly, Dr. Pannabecker has been a recipient of the APS Research Career Enhancement Award.

KEYNOTE LECTURER DR. JEFF SANDS



On Friday, November 20th, Dr. Jeff Sands, Professor of Physiology, Director Renal Division, Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research in the School of Medicine at Emory University, will be the Keynote speaker. He served two terms as Editor of the American Journal of Physiology-Renal Physiology and as a member of the APS Council for three years. His research is directed at understanding the physiology of the renal inner medulla and the urine concentration mechanisms. His current research is focused on defining the molecular physiology of urea transporters. At this time, the topic of his Keynote Lecture is unknown.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Within the immediate future, each member will receive an electronic Zoomerang Survey for nominations concerning The President-Elect, Councilor: Post Doctoral Trainee, Councilor: Graduate Student Member, and for The Arizona Distinguished Lecturer. The survey will close July 1. Individuals who served as officers for 2008-9 or selected as the Arizona Lecturer will not be eligible for re-nomination (Carrie Sharoff, Hilary Wakefield, Douglas Stuart). Since the Society is only as good as its leaders, nominate individuals who are motivated to make the "best" better.



CALL FOR PROGRAM NOMINATIONS

At the present time, the **Call for Abstracts** for will be sent to members on or about **August 15** with a return date of approximately **October 1st**. Unless notified to the contrary by the Program Committee, all submissions will be regarded as posters. In the August Program Committee, decisions are to be made after **August 5th** concerning the number of oral presentations and what other features should be scheduled. Therefore suggestions concerning symposia (topic and speakers must be identified), featured topics, point-counterpoint debates (topic and names), laboratory visitations, etc. are needed. Therefore between **now and August 5, send your program suggestions with details to azps@email.arizona.edu.**

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

As noted, the Society is only as "good" as its members. Most of us know individuals who aren't members but whose presence would enhance the Society. The Society consists of Regular, Post-Doctoral Trainees, Graduate Student and Undergraduate Student Members. The eligibility for membership is as follows:

Regular: is one who possesses an earned degree in the biological sciences or cognitive sciences who has conducted Physiological research and/or assumed teaching responsibilities in these areas within the State of Arizona.

Post-Doctoral Trainee: is one who possesses a doctoral degree in the biological or cognitive sciences and is engaged in an approved institutional training program to enhance research competency.

Graduate Student: is one who possesses a B.S. or M.S. degree or equivalent in the biological or cognitive sciences and is enrolled in an approved educational program to secure an advanced degree in the biological or cognitive sciences.

Once potential new members have been approached, encourage them to **APPLY VIA SURFACE MAIL** to the Chairman, Membership Committee, Department of Physiology, Gittings Building, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. Included must be a letter indicating reasons why membership is desired; a curriculum vitae (limited to 10 pages) which indicates educational background, publication record, relevant professional experience and a check for either \$25 (Regular), \$15 (Post-doctoral Trainees), and \$10 (Graduate Student Members). If the individual is not approved by the Membership Committee, the check will be returned.