APS Conference Committee Report  
June 2015  
Mike Brands, Committee Chair  

Summary of Activity, July 2014 to June 2015  

1. Annual APSCC meeting at APS held October 17, 2014  
   A. APSCC Representative Reports for 2014 conferences  
      i. Institute on Teaching & Learning, June 23-27  
         - 102 attendees (90 for the ITL, 12 for PST); discussed strengths and weaknesses  
         - Location (Bar Harbor, Maine) was source of some criticism  
      ii. Comparative Approaches to Grand Challenges in Physiology, Oct. 5-8  
         - 412 attendees (Intersociety meeting)  
         - Strengths and weaknesses discussed, San Diego was a strength  
      iii. Decided to include these reports in the review package for any repeating meeting proposals.  

   B. 2015 Approved Conferences Update and Assignment of Representatives  
      i. 14th International Conference on Endothelin: Pathophysiology and Therapeutics  
         - September 2-5, 2015, Savannah, GA  
         - Organizers: David Pollock, Anil Gulati and Adviey Ergul  
         - Program and budget finalized; Mike Brands is APSCC rep.  
      ii. Physiological Bioenergetics: From Bench to Bedside  
         - September 9-12, 2015, Tampa, FL  
         - Organizers: Victor Darley-Usmar and Sruti Shiva  
         - Program and budget submitted; Andreas Beyer is APSCC rep  
      iii. Sex and Gender Differences  
         - November 17-20, 2015, Annapolis, MD  
         - Organizer: Jane Reckelhoff  
         - Program and budget submitted; Dane Crossley is APSCC rep  

   C. 2016 Conference Proposals - Approved  
      i. Institute on Teaching and Learning  
         - Organizer: Barbara Goodman  
         - Preliminary proposal approved with suggestions and questions  
      ii. Inflammation and Immunity  
         - Organizer: David Harrison  
         - Preliminary proposal approved with suggestions and questions  

   D. 2016 Conference Proposals - Pending  
      i. Intersociety meeting from EEP Section  
         - Organizer: P. Darrell Neuffer  
         - Preliminary proposal submitted, additional information requested from organizer in regards to schedule, speakers and topics-May 2015  
         - Additional information provided by organizer, APSCC currently in discussion over addition information-June 2015  

   E. Requests for Funds for Conferences not Managed by APS
i. low probability of APS serving as a funding body for other conferences  
ii. Approved endorsement w/out financial support for 2015 Stem Cells and Cellular Therapies in Lung Biology and Lung Diseases Conference  
iii. Approved endorsement w/out financial support for the Banff Inflammation Workshop 2015

F. Financially Viable Conferences  
i. Discussed factors that contribute to financial success for a conference  
ii. APS staff should give the APSCC budget updates for proposals  
iii. Priority of APS conferences is on the best science, w/fiscal responsibility

G. Promote interaction between APSCC and JPC, e.g. at JPC Spring meeting at EB


3. February 2015, APSCC e-mail discussion and voting on the full proposal for the 2016 Institute on Teaching and Learning proposal. Vote to approve and recommendation forwarded to Council. March 9, 2015, Dr. Goodman informed of approval.

4. March 2015, preliminary proposal for 2016 conference on Integrative Biology of Exercise by Dr. Neufer submitted. Extensive committee discussion on this one. Many strengths, but weaknesses included no information on: names of plenary lecture speakers, titles for any of the sessions, session chairs, tentative speakers. The APSCC was in favor of the conference, but requested more information. Dr. Neufer submitted a revised proposal. Committee deadline for review and voting is June 26, 2015.

5. Following the June 26 vote on Dr. Neufer's conference proposal, the APSCC will be asked to submit conference ideas for 2017 in time for consideration at our October 2015 Meeting. Goal will be to have a list of at least 3 conferences with organizers identified, hopefully with outline of preliminary proposal for at least 1 conference.

6. Next APSCC Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2015 at the APS Headquarters’ office in Bethesda, MD.

Recent Conference History
2011  
7th International Symposium on Aldosterone and ENaC, September  
Physiology of CV Disease, Gender Disparities, October

2012  
Autonomic Regulation of CV Function, July  
Integrative Biology of Exercise, October

2013  
None

2014  
The APS Institute on Teaching and Learning, June
Comparative Approaches to Grand Challenges in Physiology, October

2015
14th International Conference on Endothelin: Pathophysiology and Therapeutics, September
Physiological Bioenergetics: From Bench to Bedside, September
Sex and Gender Differences, November

2016
Institute on Teaching and Learning (approved), June 2016
Inflammation, Immunity, and Cardiovascular Disease (approved), August 2016
Integrative Biology of Exercise (APSCC vote pending)

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