The John F. Perkins Jr. Memorial Award for International Physiologists Committee

The John F. Perkins, Jr. Memorial Award for International Physiologists promotes cultural exchange and scientific collaborations by providing supplementary aid to families of foreign scientists working for a minimum of 3 months in the U.S. In this way, young scientists are able to bring their families and thus make full use of the cultural exchange as well as the scientific benefits associated with an international collaboration. This award is intended to support family visits to the US for postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty from overseas. Application for the Perkins Award must be made jointly by the host, who must be an APS member, and the visiting scientist. The recipient receives funds generally not exceeding $5,000.

Applications for the Award are accepted in the spring and fall, with application deadlines of April 15 and October 15. Unfortunately, the committee did not receive any applications for either deadline in 2011. To try and encourage more applications, a notice of award will be published in *The Physiologist*. Also, in addition to submitting a written report about the families’ activities, the recipient will be asked to submit a short report on “what receiving this award has meant to both the recipient and the host scientist.” This report may also be published in *The Physiologist*. 