Physiologists in Industry Committee

**EB2012 PIC Symposium**
The symposium was held on Sunday, April 22 at 8 – 10 am. All scheduled speakers were able to present to an audience of close to 200 attendees. Feedback from PIC attendees as well as others indicates that the topic was well-received.

**EB 2012 Novel Disease Awards**
Committee-based scoring of this year’s applicants produced a clear winner in each category: Randy F. Crossland (pre-doctoral) and Emrush Rexhaj, Ph.D. (post-doctoral). Awards were presented at the APS Business Meeting, by a member of PIC in conjunction with Craig Plato, Ph.D. of Plato BioPharma, Inc.

At the PIC Business Meeting, the Committee discussed enhancements to the Novel Disease Model Award. The committee made several modifications to the award scoring to better align the scoring with the focus of the award, emphasizing both the novel approaches aspect and the emphasis on a specific disease. The Committee also discussed modifying the name of the award for clarification, but has not voted on a specific title. Finally, the Committee discussed ways to increase the impact of the award. The Committee would like to invite the postdoctoral Novel Disease Award winner to co-chair the following year’s PIC symposium.

**EB 2012 PIC Mixer**
The 12th annual mixer was held on Sunday, April 22, 6:45 – 8:00 pm, at the San Diego Marriott. The mixer attracted approximately 50 individuals across all levels of training. The mixer provided a chance for several discussions with many attendees.

**EB 2013 PIC Symposium**
This symposium will focus on Nrf2 signaling pathways in the pathophysiology of various diseases. The session is being coordinated and chaired by Eugene Shek, Ph.D. and Ira Smith Ph.D., both active PIC members.