The sixth annual meeting of the Iowa Physiological Society (IPS) was held on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, 2001 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa in conjunction with a meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science (IAS). The concurrent meeting format allows students, teachers, and researchers at various educational levels (high school through university) and with varying interests to interact.

Dr. Irving Zucker, Chairman of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, gave the keynote address, "Reflex control of sympathetic nervous system in heart failure." A generous Lectureship Award from the American Physiological Society supported this presentation. A brief talk was also given by Dr. Martin Frank, Executive Director of the American Physiological Society, concerning the American Physiological Society. Oral presentations concerning the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic, current trends in tuberculosis, and mechanosensitive channels in sensory neurons were given.

Eleven posters made up the remainder of the presentations. On Friday, April 20 posters were placed on display and the abstracts were distributed. That allowed time for question development for the formal poster discussions which occurred on Saturday April 21.

Separate business meetings of the IPS and the Physiology Section of IAS were held on Saturday, April 21. The new President of the Iowa Physiological Society is Ron Torry, Ph.D. (Associate Prof of Pharmacology, Drake University, Des Moines, IA 50311); his e-mail address is ron.torry@drake.edu. Our treasurer is Mark Chapleau, Ph.D. (Internal Medicine, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242); his e-mail is mark-chapleau@uiowa.edu.
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