2010 AWARD WINNERS

At the EB 2010 meeting in Anaheim, CA, the Section made the following awards to faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students. The recipients of the awards were chosen by the Section Steering Committee and the postdoctoral and graduate student awards were based on the excellence of research presented at the meeting.

New Investigator Award

Phillip Atherton
University of Nottingham, Division of Clinical Physiology

Virendra B. Mahesh Award for Excellence in Endocrinology

Gordon Smith
Washington University, St. Louis, Division of Geriatrics and Nutritional Sciences

Mead Johnson Research Award in Endocrinology and Metabolism

Abid Kazi
Penn State University, College of Medicine, Department of Cellular and Molecular Physiology

Sarah Lindsey
Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Hypertension and Vascular Disease Center

Endocrinology and Metabolism Section Research Recognition Award

Madhan Subramanian
Michigan State University
Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation

Lijun Tang
Wake Forest University Health Sciences
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Annie Whitaker
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans
Department of Physiology

Alencia Woodard-Grice
Vanderbilt University
Department of Clinical Pharmacology
EB10 Award Winners (Lt to Rt): Phillip Atherton, Abid Kazi, Gordon Smith, Madhan Subramanian, Lijun Tang, Sarah Lindsey, Alencia Woodward–Grice, Annie Whitaker

NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to their new roles on the Section Steering Committee. Members of the Committee serve three-year terms and can serve more than one term consecutively.

Secretary-Treasurer:
Josh Anthony
Mead Johnson Nutrition

Liaison with the Physiologists in Industry Committee:
Joe Brozinick
Eli Lilly

We are still looking for someone to serve as Section Chair. If you are interested in serving or in making a nomination please contact Jim Rose (jimrose@wfubmc.edu). It is an excellent opportunity to become more involved in the Society and to help shape it and the Section in the future. Please consider participating.

NEW COUNCILOR

We are happy to announce two new section representatives for Councilor to the APS. They are Esther Sabbam, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, New York Medical College and Michael Symonds, PhD, Professor, Division of Human Development, University Hospital,
Nottingham, UK. We must extend a sincere “Thank You” to Patricia Molina and Jeff Schwartz for their excellent service as councilors during the previous term.

**NEWS FROM THE JOURNAL**

After more than 3 years as Editor-in-Chief (EIC), Amira Klip, has stepped down from her leadership role at the American Journal of Physiology – Endocrinology & Metabolism. Succeeding Amira as EIC will be Charles Lang, one of the past Associate Editors (AEs) of the journal and a past Chair for the Endocrinology & Metabolisms section of APS. A full accounting of his vision for the journal can be found at [http://ajpendo.physiology.org/cgi/reprint/299/1/E1](http://ajpendo.physiology.org/cgi/reprint/299/1/E1).

The journal has seen great growth in the number of manuscripts submitted and its impact factor under the leadership of Dr. Klip. The AEs for the next 3-year term include: Sue Bodine (UC Davis), Patricia Brubaker (Univ Toronto), Cheryl Conover (Mayo Clinic), Andre Marette (Laval University), Kelle Moley (Washington University), Michael Quon (NIH), Assaf Rudich (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and Gary Schwartz (Albert Einstein).

**Journal Statistics: AJP – Endo**

Time to first decision – 21 days
AJP – Endo continues to lead all AJP journals in time to first decision

Rejection rate – 69%
The rejection rate has risen over the past 5 years from 45% to now nearly 70%, in an attempt to publish studies which are more mechanistic and less descriptive in nature.

Although journal impact factors have their limitations, we should be particular excited that the Impact Factor for AJP – Endo rose from 3.9 (2008) to 4.4 in 2009.

The number of ethical cases (e.g., duplication of data, duplication of publications, figure manipulation, etc) have been on the increase for the past several years for essentially all of the AJP journals. Authors are encouraged to review the journal’s Ethical Policies and Procedures ([http://www.the-aps.org/publications/journals/apsethic.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/publications/journals/apsethic.htm) and rules governing Figure Manipulation ([http://www.the-aps.org/education/profskills/figure%20manipulation_player.html](http://www.the-aps.org/education/profskills/figure%20manipulation_player.html)).

**Editorial Board**

The journal is looking for interested individuals to serve on the Editorial Board. Please contact Chuck Lang ([clang@psu.edu](mailto:clang@psu.edu)) if interested.

**EB 2011**

Now is the time to begin thinking about participating in the EB 2011 meeting to be held in Washington D.C. April 9-13. The section is sponsoring several sessions that promise to be at the forefront of endocrinology and metabolism.
**Berson Lecture**

The Berson lecturer will be Dr. Cristos Mantzoros, M.D, DSc, FACP, FACE Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Professor in Environmental Health, Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Mantzoros is an internationally recognized expert on obesity and diabetes. His current research involves the discovery and study adipokines, important in the pathogenesis of diabetes, obesity, and associated disease states, including cardiovascular disease and malignancies. The Mantzoros group was also the first to conclusively demonstrate the role of leptin in regulating the neuroendocrine response to energy deprivation in humans and that administration of leptin corrects neuroendocrine and reproductive abnormalities associated with acute and chronic energy deprivation in humans. The Berson Lecture will be held Monday April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 146A.

**Symposia and Featured Topics**

The E&M Section will sponsor three symposia and two featured topics, in addition to the Berson Lecture at EB2010.

**Symposium #1:** How much do we actually know about the function of intracellular signals in the regulation of in vivo protein metabolism and muscle plasticity?

**Chairs:** Phillip Atherton and Michael Rennie  
Sunday, April 10  
3:15 p.m. Room 145B

**Symposium #2:** Oxidants, Immunity, Beta Cells and Diabetes  
**Chairs:** John Corbett and Clayton Matthews  
Tuesday, April 12  
10:30 a.m. Room 146B

**Symposium #3:** Sex difference contributions to the developmental origins of health and disease.  
**Chairs:** Mark Nijland and Jeffrey Gilbert  
Tuesday, April 12  
3:15 p.m. Room 145B

**Featured Topic #1:** Brain – Gut Interactions  
**Chair:** Willis Samson  
Monday April 11  
8:00 a.m. Room 154A

**Featured Topic #2:** Brain – Adipocyte Interactions  
**Chair:** Gina Yosten  
Tuesday April 12  
8:00 a.m. Room 154A
Abstract Topic Categories

FEATURED TOPICS:
(NOTE: if selected for inclusion in a featured topic, abstracts will be presented twice: once as a poster and once in the oral session)
1091-APS Brain-adipocyte interactions (Yosten)
1092-APS Brain-gut interactions (Samson)

POSTERS:
1093-APS Cardiovascular endocrinology, including renin-angiotensin-aldosterone
1094-APS Connective tissue and bone metabolism
1095-APS Growth, growth hormone, IGF, and thyroid
1096-APS Immunooendocrinology
1097-APS Insulin, glucagon and other pancreatic hormones
1098-APS Lipid, lipoprotein and cholesterol metabolism
1099-APS Neuroendocrinology, hypothalamus and pituitary
1100-APS Obesity and satiety
1101-APS Protein, amino acid and carbohydrate metabolism
1102-APS Reproduction and sex hormones
1103-APS Stress and trauma including adrenal gland

The Experimental Biology meeting is an excellent venue for postdoctoral fellows and graduate students in your laboratory to present their work. In addition, (as you can see from the information above), there are multiple awards to which fellows and students may apply that offer a financial prize and payment of the meeting registration. Please consider submitting abstracts in the Section classification this fall. The deadline for abstract submissions is November 8th, 2010

FINAL COMMENTS

It is now time to start the planning for EB 2012. Thus, we need suggestions for symposia topics, featured topics and the Solomon Berson lecturer. The initial steps in planning for the 2012 meeting begin in December and the deadline for receiving suggestions about symposia and featured topics is February 2011. Your suggestions for symposia topics and featured topics should be sent to our joint programming committee representative, Rick Samson at: samsonwk@SLU.EDU. Nominations for the Solomon A. Berson lecture should be sent to Jim Rose (jimrose@wfubmc.edu). We look forward to receiving your suggestions for these important opportunities for the Section to highlight research in Endocrinology and Metabolism