SECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTIONS

The GI/Liver Section would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our outgoing members Ernie Wright and Ken Mandel. They both have done a wonderful job during their tenure on the committee. Thank you very much! Several members of our steering committee will be completing their three-year terms on the committee by April 2003. A Nominating Committee (Linda Samuelson, Nigel Bunnett, Helen Raybould and Matt Grisham) has been formed to identify qualified candidates for election to the GI/Liver section steering committee.

If you or anyone you know are interested in serving on the GI/Liver section steering or programming committee, please contact Matt Grisham or any one of the members of the Nominating Committee – We are anxious to hear from you!

NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am very excited about assuming the position of chair of the Section Steering committee from Helen Raybould. Helen did an outstanding job of promoting the Gastrointestinal/Liver Section for the Experimental Biology meetings. Helen deserves our heart-felt thanks for a job well done. I would also like to introduce our new steering committee members: Chris Cheesemon, Curtis Okamoto and Ron Ferraris. Welcome aboard!
FALL PREVIEW – EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY 2003

April 11-15 2003, San Diego, CA
Gastrointestinal Programming at EB 2003

Chris Cheeseman and the Programming Committee has done a great job of organizing our Section Symposium and Featured Topics. Here is a listing of the GI/Liver Section Program for EB 2003:

**EB 2003**

**Symposium** Saturday, April 12th 3:15-5:15 pm
**Recent advances in the study of intestinal hexose transport proteins.**
Chaired by Ron Ferraris and Chris Cheeseman.
Speakers:
- Ernest Wright, UCLA. SGLT proteins.
- George Kellett, Univ. of York, UK. Trafficking of GLUT2 into the BBM.
- Ron Ferraris, New Jersey Medical School. Control of fructose absorption.
- Edith Brot-Laroche, (France) Hexose transport in intestinal GLUT2-/- mice.
- Chris Cheeseman, Univ. of Alberta, Canada. Putative new GLUT isoforms in the small intestine.

**Featured Topic number 1.** Saturday, April 12th, 8:00-10:00 am.
**New Insights on neuro-immune interaction in autonomic regulation**
Chaired by Yvette Tache, (Abbott Award winner)
Speakers:
- Paul Sawchenko, Clayton Foundation Laboratories for Peptide Research, The Salk Institute.
  Title: Circuits and mechanisms underlying immune influences on HPA and other acute phase responses.
- Gerlinda Hermann, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
  Title: Tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF) and the brainstem regulation of gastric function.

**Featured Topic number 2.** Tuesday, April 15th, 8:00-10:00 am.
**Trafficking of Membrane Transporters in the GI Tract and Beyond.**
Chairs: John Forte and Chris Okamoto
Keynote Speakers:
- Dr. Dennis Brown, Massachusetts General Hospital, Dept of Medicine, Renal Unit.
Other speakers to be announced.

**Featured Topic number 3.** Sunday, April 13th, 8:00-10:00 am.
Abstract driven.

**Featured Topics**

DO YOU WANT TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT TO EB 2003? SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT TO ONE OF THE FEATURED TOPICS ABOVE OR TO THE POSTER SESSIONS – SEE LIST OF DESCRIPTIONS ON NEXT PAGE.
Award Lectures

We are pleased to announce that the Davenport Award for 2003 is awarded to Jeffrey Gordon, M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine. His lecture will be presented at EB 2003. In addition, we are fortunate to have Yvette Tache’, Ph.D. receive the Abbott Award. Dr. Tache’ will also present her lecture at EB.

GI Section Student and Postdoctoral Travel Awards

We hope that you will encourage your graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and medical residents to apply for our section travel awards to attend EB 2003. In addition, APS funds several different types of travel awards. Further details in the EB 2003 Call for Abstracts.

Descriptions for Poster Sessions

Below is a list of the GI/Liver descriptors that should be used for abstract submissions not directly related to a specific Featured Topic. If you are not submitting under a Featured Topic category, we encourage you to submit your EB 2003 abstract using one of these descriptors that designates your presentation as GI/Liver related.

1118 – APS Epithelial channels, pumps and transporters
1119 – APS Epithelial-microbial interactions: lessons in communication
1120 – APS Growth factors
1121 – APS Development and adaptation
1122 – APS Regulatory peptides and hormones
1123 – APS Motility
1124 – APS Secretion and absorption
1125 – APS Pancreas
1126 – APS Gastrointestinal pathophysiology
1127 – APS Liver physiology and pathophysiology

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