Message from our Renal Section Chair, 
*Don Kohan*

I hope that everyone is looking forward to EB2017 in Chicago. If it is as successful as EB2016, it will be a great meeting! The Renal Section had three featured topic sessions and three symposiums that were outstanding – a big part of the credit goes not only to the participants, but to our JPC reps who organized the sessions, Pablo Ortiz and Paul Welling (Ed Inscho is our new JPC rep, replacing Paul Welling).

Once again, the Renal Dinner sold out (225 tickets). It was in a more informal atmosphere than usual – we surveyed all attendees and the general consensus was divided – great opportunity for mixing, but perhaps a bit more formal area for the awards and other presentations is needed. Michelle Gumz, our amazing Treasurer, has already booked a fantastic venue for EB2017 – please see her section.

The EB2016 Posters and Professors session was a huge success. We added 5 new pre-doc and 5 new post-doc Recognition Presentations (posters) to the Posters and Professors session, increasing the overall number of poster presentations from 10 to 20. In addition, 67 trainees and 45 faculty mentors formally participated in the faculty/trainee mentoring sessions held during P&P. For comparison, 14 and 35 trainees participated in the faculty/trainee mentoring program in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Michelle Gumz and other members of the Renal Section are busy fundraising. The Renal Dinner is solely supported by ticket sales and fundraising, while a number of our awards (Berliner, predocs and postdocs) are entirely subsidized by fundraising. I encourage you to donate – the link is on the Renal Section website (http://www.the-aps.org/mm/hp/Audiences/Sections/Renal). You can designate your contribution to go to either the Endowment (your contributions are matched by APS) or the General Fund (money can be immediately used to support any Renal Section ventures, including the Renal Dinner).

EB2017 abstracts are due on November 17, 2016. Also, please note the deadline for award applications described below. I strongly encourage you to nominate someone for an award.

*See you in Chicago!*
Firstly, the Renal Section would like to thank all of our Renal Section Awards Committee judges. It is a hard job to critically evaluate many abstracts in various areas of renal physiology and we very much appreciate their ongoing commitment to this important endeavor. As in previous years, the APS Renal Section Awards Committee received high numbers of applications in every category in 2016. The abstracts and applications were of high quality and competition was extremely strong. In addition to the finalists and awardees listed, there were many other highly meritorious applicants that the Committee was unable to recognize individually. Thank you very much to all participants in this year’s competition. See details elsewhere in the newsletter for how to nominate others – or yourself – for Renal Section awards. The following Renal Section awards were bestowed at EB 2016 in San Diego. Sincere congratulations to all awardees!!!

**2016 Renal Section Predoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Award** recognized predoctoral students who were the first author on an abstract involving renal-based research at EB. In 2016 there were 21 applications. Of the 5 finalists (seen right), the winners were Jeffrey Pressly and Luciana Veiras.

**2016 Renal Section Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Award** recognized postdoctoral fellows who were the first author on an abstract presented at the EB meeting involving renal-based research. In 2016 there were 34 applications. Of the 5 finalists (seen right), the winners were Paulo Cáceres and Emma Olesen.

**2016 Renal Section Research Recognition Awards** recognized meritorious research by young investigators (junior faculty) participating in the EB meeting. In 2016 there were 10 excellent applications. The winners were Daria Ilatovskaya, Oleg Palygin (both Medical College of Wisconsin), Tengis Pavlov (Henry Ford Hospital), and Nirupama Ramkumar (University of Utah).
**Renal Section New Investigator Award** recognizes an outstanding investigator in the early stages of his/her career (not above the rank of Assistant Professor). This year’s **winner**: Prabhleen (Sheena) Singh (*University of California San Diego*)

Deadlines for several of the 2016 Renal Section awards are just around the corner (November 19, 2016 for the Berliner, Predoctoral, Postdoctoral, Research Recognition, and New Investigator awards; February 25th 2017 for Young Investigator and Gottschalk awards). A full list of all the awards and eligibility criteria are at: [http://www.theaps.org/mm/awards/sections/renal.aspx](http://www.theaps.org/mm/awards/sections/renal.aspx). Please do not forget to apply for Awards. We are looking forward to your applications!!!

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**APS Fellow (FAPS) Report**

*Volker Vallon*

After the inauguration of the APS Fellow Program in 2015, the program has been opened for the submission of applications from APS members. The election and designation of APS Fellow (FAPS) is honorific and acknowledges outstanding scientific and professional accomplishments, as well as leadership and service to the Society. The first round of submissions and evaluations has been completed in 2016. A total of 14 applications were received. This included 2 submissions from members of the Renal Section, and it is my great pleasure to inform you that both Robey Brooks and Don Kohan were **elected to FAPS status**, congratulations!

The annual deadline for the application process is February 1 and, therefore, I want to encourage the members of the Renal Section to review the nomination process and the requirements and submit your application/nomination. Please see the following APS link for further details: [http://www.the-aps.org/mm/awards/APS-Fellows-Program](http://www.the-aps.org/mm/awards/APS-Fellows-Program)

I am hoping that the APS Renal Section will quickly establish a good representation of its outstanding and accomplished members among the APS Fellows. Please contact me in case you have any further questions.

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**Physiologists in Industry Committee (PIC) Report**

*Romer Gonzalez Villalobos*

The Physiologists in Industry Committee (PIC) is sponsoring an exciting symposium with The Environmental & Exercise Physiology Section, at EB2017, entitled “Nitric Oxide Pathway Modulation for Therapeutic Intervention and Exercise Enhancement” on Sunday, April 23, 10:30–12:30pm. This symposium will explore recently discovered therapeutic compounds and nutritional supplementation as ways to enhance NO pathway signaling in health and disease. It will also provide a great opportunity for interaction between academia and industry colleagues.

The PIC Novel Disease Model Award, sponsored by Novo Nordisk Research Centre China, granted awards to a graduate student and a postdoctoral fellow who submitted the best abstracts at EB2016 describing a novel disease model. The 2016 awardee for pre-doctoral student was Renato Gaspar, (Federal University of Maranhão) and for postdoctoral fellow was Kavaljit Chhabra, Ph.D., (University of Michigan). Please consider submitting your abstract for this award, due on Nov 17th, 2016.

At the annual APS PIC meeting on April 3, 2016 it was announced that. Dr. Eugene W. Shek, the current PIC chair, will complete his 3 years term at the end of 2016. Dr. Matthew R. Zahner will become the new PIC Chair starting on January 1, 2017. Please, join me in welcoming Dr. Zahner for his new role.

Lastly, feel free to contact me with new ideas, suggestions or questions.
Committee on Committees Report

Fred Palm

Get yourself involved in the APS and make a difference! The Renal Section has a longstanding tradition to actively influence the future direction of the APS. One way of doing so is that members get involved in the different APS committees (complete list and information of the different committees is available at http://www.the-aps.org/mm/hp/Audiences/APS-Committees/nominations). In order for the Renal Section to continue making a difference in the APS, it is of outmost importance that the section’s members get actively involved at all levels. Serving on a committee is also a very important way for that individual to get insights into how the Society works. Especially young scientists are encouraged to seek this opportunity since both APS and the Renal Section wish to continue the tradition of fostering tomorrow’s leaders in the field. Deadline for submitting the nomination forms is January 16th, 2017 for 2018 committee appointments. Nominations should be submitted via the online system (https://apps.the-aps.org/awardapps/login/index.cfm). Once all nominations from the different APS sections have been compiled, the Committee on Committees (CoC) will meet and agree on who should be suggested for each of the vacant positions. However, it should be remembered that the CoC only makes recommendations; it is the APS Council that makes the final decision!

As your CoC representative, I will make every possible effort to defend the interests of the Renal Section, but I really need your help! In order for a nomination to be successful, it is of outmost importance that especially two things are given extra attention: 1. Your statement why you are the best and most qualified to serve can really make a difference; and, 2. The support letter should preferentially be written by someone known to the greater Society and highlight your qualifications and merits for this particular assignment. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees please let me know and I will provide addition information and feedback before you submit your nominations.

Trainee Advisory Committee (TAC)

Daria Ilatovskaya

Greetings from the Renal Section Trainee Advisory Committee Representative! The TAC’s role is to help APS support trainees – graduate and undergraduate students, postdocs and junior faculty in academia, industry and government.

As you are working on your first authored abstract for EB2017, remember to apply to the Postdoctoral or Pre-doctoral Excellence in Renal Research Awards! (more information and other APS awards here http://www.the-aps.org/mm/awards/sections/renal and on the APS website).

Don’t forget that at the Experimental Biology meeting we’ll be waiting for you at the yearly Posters and Professors event where you can meet new people, enjoy some wine and snacks and talk to a Professor of your choice in a friendly atmosphere – another good reason to submit an abstract to Renal Section!

Renal Section is on FACEBOOK! We are growing, join us! Please consider following the APS Renal Section, The American Physiological Society, and American Physiological Trainees – it’s a great way to stay in touch with the Section and get all the important updates. Awards and EB deadlines will be posted, along with other important info. We don’t spam ☺️

Inspire the next generation of Physiologists. Sign up to host an Undergraduate Researcher! Contact the APS Education Office for more information (ahood@the-aps.org).
Joint Programming Committee Report

Pablo Ortiz (Chair)
Ed Inscho (Co-Chair)

We have been busy planning EB 2017 in Chicago (April 22-26), and it promises to be a truly excellent meeting. Outstanding symposia are programmed, highlighting current advances in the renal physiology (from ion transport to renal hemodynamics), renal cell biology and pathology fields. As always, the meeting provides an ideal venue to present your latest findings in highly interactive Oral and Poster sessions. The abstract Deadline for EB2017 is fast approaching. It is Nov 17, 2016. Abstracts can be submitted at: http://www.call4abstracts.com/eb/index.php

Please be sure to submit your abstracts to Renal Section Topics. The Renal Section has increased the number of topics available for this year.

- To increase participation of trainees even further, abstract submission will be linked to award eligibility. Starting this year, trainees must submit an abstract to a Renal Topic to be considered for an Award from the Renal section. Also, author trainees of the two top scoring abstracts are invited to co-chair a Featured Topic.

- The abstract topic list has been expanded to better capture all of the exciting work in Renal Research, and make the program even more inviting to everyone in the renal community. Please invite your colleagues to submit an abstract, and make the APS Renal Section a home.

Talks will be selected from abstracts submitted to the 1) Young Investigator Featured Topic (one session) and 2) the Renal Topics listed below (Two sessions). Please submit abstracts of your latest best work to the topics listed below:

| 1345-APS | Renal Section Young Investigator Award Featured Topic (O. Pochynyuk) |
| 1351-APS | Hormone and autacoid effects on the kidney |
| 1352-APS | Oxidative stress and hypoxia in the kidney |
| 1353-APS | Renal epithelial acid-base mechanisms |
| 1354-APS | Renal hemodynamics, glomerular filtration, and the renal vasculature |
| 1355-APS | Renal transport, trafficking, and regulation |
| 1356-APS | Kidney in hypertension |
| 1357-APS | Renal pathology, toxicology |
| 1358-APS | Renal water transport, urea transport, and countercurrent mechanisms |
| 1359-APS | Sex differences in renal function and disease |
| 1360-APS | Aging and renal function |
| 1361-APS | Nutrition, exercise and metabolic syndrome in renal function |
| 1362-APS | Omics and systems biology of renal function and disease |
| 1363-APS | Renal translatiional physiology |
| 1364-APS | Acute kidney injury |
| 1365-APS | Immune cells and inflammation impact on kidney function and hypertension |
| 1366-APS | Cilia in renal function |

PLEASE!!! Submit Proposals: We encourage you to submit a proposal for Renal Section Symposia for EB2018. We especially encourage junior investigators to organize these sessions. No grey hair required! This is a great opportunity to ask friends, enemies, or scientific competitors to give talks highlighting their work. The process is easy. Download the EB Section-Sponsored Symposia Form (http://www.the-aps.org/mm/Conferences/EB) and simply email the completed form to one of us by March 20, 2017. Symposia are evaluated on theme, diversity of speakers/chairs (gender, race, stage of career), and potential impact. After review, selection, and final revision, your Renal JPC representatives will submit the selected symposia to APS. Please do not send the form directly to APS. We would like to see more proposals from renal section members for Cross Sectional Symposia. Please consider working with colleagues in other sections to propose one of these highly attended symposia. Deadline for these is earlier, usually in early March, so start contacting your colleagues from other sections now.
EB2017 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, April 22, 2016
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Room W196C
Pre-EB Meeting of the Epithelial Transport Group (ETG)
Young Investigators Symposium

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Room W190B
APS Workshop:
Using Ultrasound to Teach CV Physiology and Anatomy
(Chairs: D. Silverthorn, G. Guttmann)

3:15 PM – 5:15 PM
Room W196A
APS Workshop:
Choosing the Right Diet for Your Animal Model
(Chairs: K. Lund, D. Ney)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Skyline Ballroom W375A
Cannon Award Lecture: Michael Welsh

Sunday, April 23, 2016
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Room W194B
APS Renal Section
Young Investigator Award Featured Topic (Pochynyuk)
Other talks in this FT are abstract driven (please submit to 1345-APS Renal Section Young Investigator Award)

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Room W194B
Renal Symposium:
Mining protein-protein interactions to study renal transporter regulation
(Chairs: G. Chen, D. Brown)
Speakers: G. Chen, F. MacDonald, P. Ortiz, H. Moeller

3:15 PM – 5:15 PM
Room W193
ETG Symposium:
MicroRNAs in Kidney and Epithelial Transport Physiology, Development and Disease
(Chairs: J. Loffing, H. Cai)

Monday, April 24, 2016
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Room W192C
Abstract Driven Orals “Featured Topic”
Recent Advances in Renal Physiology and Kidney Disease I
(Chairs: Top Abstract Author Trainee and P. Ortiz)

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Room W192A
ETG: Steve Hebert lecture and Featured topic

3:15 AM – 4:15 PM
Room W190A
APS Renal Section
Carl Gottschalk Lecture 2017: Paul Welling

Tuesday, April 25, 2016
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Room W192C
Abstract Driven Orals “Featured Topic”
Recent Advances in Renal Physiology and Kidney Disease II
(Chairs: Top Abstract Author Trainee and E. Inscho)

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Room W192C
Renal Symposium:
Regulation of glomeruli physiological function: podocytes and beyond
(Chairs: D. Ilatovskaya, J. Reiser)
Speakers: S. Quaggin, B. Molitoris, O. Palygin, M. Rinschen

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM
Room W192C
Sex Differences Symposium:
Sex differences in diabetes, obesity and blood pressure control
(Chair: H. Brooks)

Wednesday, April 26, 2016
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Room W192C
Renal Symposium:
New insights into the regulation of renal blood flow in health and disease
(Chairs: A. Polichnowski, J. Williams)
Speakers: R. Liu, C. Wilcox, L. Evans, K. Griffin

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM
Skyline Ballroom W375A
APS Nobel Prize Lecture: Louis Ignarro
As I begin my second term as Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Physiology – Renal Physiology, I look forward to working with a talented group of editors, in shaping the journal to ensure that it maintains its place as the leading publication addressing renal physiology. I am excited to announce that we increased our submission rate by over 20% and our impact factor has increased to 3.390. None of these achievements would have been possible without your continued support and the outstanding work of our Managing Editor, Amy McEver.

One of our major efforts is to expand our clinical readership. A year ago we began a series of Perspectives Articles, where clinicians introduce opportunities for translational research. The Perspectives Article series is flourishing, and the submission rate of clinical manuscripts has jumped. In July we welcomed a new Associate Editor, Adam Whaley-Connell (University of Missouri) who is primarily in charge of clinical research papers.

We continue to encourage the submission of manuscripts under one of our special Calls for Papers: 1. Renal hemodynamics; 2. Imaging techniques in renal (patho)physiology research; 3. Inflammation and inflammatory mediators in kidney disease; 4. Gender and hormones in lower urinary tract function; and, 5. Mechanism and treatment of renal fibrosis and treatment. Papers accepted under these calls will be published under a distinct heading and will receive special attention and handling. If you have recently submitted a paper in one of these areas and would like it included in the call, please contact Amy McEver (amcever@emory.edu). We are also seeking Review articles. If you would like to submit a Review, please contact us, or send us suggestions of potential authors or topics.

Our Facebook page has become increasingly active and popular. Be sure to like our page (http://www.facebook.com/AJPRenal) and visit often for updates of recent publications, research opportunities, and news in renal research.

We look forward to seeing you at the ASN Renal Week 2016 in Chicago. Our Editorial Board will once again have a reception; invitations to follow. All are welcome, and if you would like to attend please send a note to Amy McEver. As always, we appreciate the effort that goes into reviewing for our journal.

Call for Nominations – Due November 19, 2016
2017 Robert Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology

The 2017 Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology is the most prestigious award of the APS Renal Section. The award recognizes the distinguished lifetime achievement in renal physiological research by a living scientist. Candidates must be at least 60 years of age, and must have been a major contributor to the field of renal physiology over a lifetime, including accomplishments in research, teaching, training and activities within the APS.

Call for Nominations – Due February 25, 2017
2018 Carl W. Gottschalk Distinguished Lectureship

The 2018 Carl W. Gottschalk Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Renal Section recognizes a world-renown, distinguished scientist who has made major contributions to understanding physiological processes through state-of-the-art research, and who is an engaging speaker. The candidate’s area(s) of research expertise need not be in renal physiology, but should be of interest to Renal Section members. The candidate need not be an APS member or a US citizen. The recipient will deliver the Carl W. Gottschalk Distinguished Lecture at EB2018.
Call for Nominations – Due February 25, 2017

2018 Renal Section Young Investigator Award

The 2018 Renal Section Young Investigator Award recognizes an outstanding young investigator pursuing research in renal physiology, pathophysiology or hypertension. Candidates must be less than 41 years of age or less than 15 years beyond earning their first doctoral degree, and must have published original work in Am J Physiol – Renal Physiology (or similar journal) during the preceding four years. Candidates will be judged on their nomination letters, funding record and publications. Applicants must have a primary affiliation to the Renal Section to be considered for this award. The recipient will present the Young Investigator Award Lecture and organize/chair a featured topic session at EB2018.

More Career Opportunities from the APS

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