As the abstract deadline for EB2008 approaches, we are all busy packaging our newest data for submission to the spring meeting. Hence, I offer our members these bulleted reminders of impending deadlines and upcoming events:

- **Abstract deadline for EB2008 is November 7, 2007.** Visit [www.eb2008.org](http://www.eb2008.org) to submit your abstract, reserve housing and register for the meeting.

- **Renal Section Awards.** Visit [www.the-aps.org/awardapps](http://www.the-aps.org/awardapps) to apply or to nominate someone else for an award. We offer awards for individuals at virtually every career stage (see detailed award descriptions at [www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb08/awards/renal.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb08/awards/renal.htm)):
  - All **graduate students** who are first author on EB2008 abstract should apply for the Renal Section Pfizer Predoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Award! **Application deadline November 7th.**
  - All **postdoctoral trainees** who are first author on EB2008 abstract should apply for the Renal Section Amgen Postdoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Award! **Application deadline November 7th.**
  - **Instructors or new Assistant Professors** who author an EB2008 abstract should apply for the Renal Section Research Recognition Award. **Application deadline November 7th.**
  - **Instructors or Assistant Professors** who are APS members are eligible for the New Investigator Award, which is not abstract-based. **Nomination deadline November 7th.**
  - **More advanced Assistant Professors** are excellent candidates for the 2009 Renal Section Young Investigator Award. **Nomination deadline April 2nd.**
  - **Established investigators** doing cutting-edge research are candidates for the 2009 Carl W. Gottschalk Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Renal Section. **Nomination deadline April 2nd.**
  - Our most **distinguished scientists & mentors** who are US citizens over the age of 60 are eligible for the 2008 Robert W. Berliner Award sponsored by Abbott Laboratories. **Nomination deadline November 7th.**

- **APS election results:** We congratulate David Pollock, who was elected to the APS Council earlier this year and, as a result, cannot complete his term as the Renal Section representative to the APS Committee on Committees (C-on-C). The Renal Section Steering Committee appointed Heddwen Brooks as our new representative to the C-on-C. If you are interested in serving on an APS committee (see info at [www.the-aps.org/committees](http://www.the-aps.org/committees)), contact Heddwen for assistance in completing the simple application process.

- **Upcoming Renal Section election (yes, we have one every year!):** In 2008, I will complete my term as Renal Section Chair and Sue Mulroney will complete her term as one of our representatives to the APS Joint Programming Committee (JPC). A Nominating Committee, chaired by our C-on-C
representative (as specified by our Section Operating Procedures), will prepare a slate of individuals to appear on the ballot for an election to be held in early 2008. When you receive the ballot, please take a minute to vote!

- **APS Task Force on Conferences:** Darwin Bell is chairing this task force that is charged with considering how the small (compared to EB) APS Conferences might be modified to better serve APS members. In particular, this task force is very interested in identifying topics that might provide the basis for biennial conferences. If you have any ideas or suggestions, contact Darwin.

- **Call for EB2009 symposium ideas:** Planning the program for EB is a vital responsibility of the Renal Section and our members! Contact Sue Mulroney or Tom Pallone for information about the relatively painless process of submitting a Symposium proposal for consideration by the Joint Programming Committee.

- **Symposium at the ASN meeting:** The APS Renal Section is co-sponsoring a symposium on *Epithelial Sodium Channels* at the ASN meeting (November 4th). Please support this event with your attendance.

- **2008 Renal Dinner** will be held on Tuesday April 8, 2008 (site TBA). **Ticket information** will be posted at [www.the-aps.org/sections/renal](http://www.the-aps.org/sections/renal) in February.

- **New at EB2008:** A special event, tentatively scheduled for Sunday April 9, will provide an informal setting for Excellence in Renal Research Award finalists (both students & postdocs) to discuss their research/posters with the Berliner Award winner, the Gottschalk Distinguished Lecturer, and the Renal Section Young Investigator Award winner. Poster judging will also take place at this event.

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### NEW APS AWARD: Early Career Professional Service Award

The **Early Career Professional Service Award** honors an early career stage (graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, Assistant Professor or equivalent position) member of the American Physiological Society. The Award will honor someone who is judged to have made outstanding contributions to the physiology community and demonstrated dedication and commitment to furthering the broader goals of the physiology community. This can be by serving on professional committees, participating in K-12 education outreach, participating in scientific advocacy and outreach programs, or by otherwise strengthening and promoting the physiology community. (Current members of the APS Trainee Advisory Committee are ineligible.) For further information, visit [http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society/earlycareer.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society/earlycareer.htm)

**Award:** $1,000 and complimentary registration to Experimental Biology meeting  
**Deadline:** January 25, 2008  
**Apply online at** [http://www.the-aps.org/awardapps](http://www.the-aps.org/awardapps)

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### Call for Nominations

**The Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology**  
*Sponsored by Abbott Laboratories*

The Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology is the most prestigious award of the APS Renal Section. The award recognizes distinguished lifetime achievement in renal physiological research by a living American scientist. Candidates should satisfy the following criteria:

- A world-renowned, distinguished scientist who has been a major contributor to the field of renal physiology over a lifetime, including accomplishments in research, teaching, training and activities within the APS.
- U.S. citizen, at least 60 years of age.
- Must be able to attend EB2008.
All application/nomination materials must be submitted online [http://www.the-aps.org/awardapps] by November 7th. Questions should be directed to John D. Imig at: jdimig@mcg.edu. Nominations are automatically carried forward for consideration in the following years. The 2008 award recipient will be selected by the Berliner/Abbott Award Committee, composed of the Renal Section Awards Committee Chair (John D. Imig), the Chair of the Renal Section (Pamela K. Carmines), and the Editor of AJP-Renal Physiology (Thomas R. Kleyman).

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2007 Renal Section Awards
John Imig, Awards Committee Chair

The Pfizer Predoctoral and Amgen Postdoctoral Awards for Excellence in Renal Research are presented each year for outstanding presentations by students and postdoctoral fellows at the Experimental Biology meeting. The awardees were selected from a pool of student and postdoctoral finalists, who were judged on their presentations at the meeting.

There were two first place awardees in the graduate student category this year. One award was presented to Gustavo Ares, for his presentation entitled, “cGMP inhibits surface NKCC2 levels in thick ascending limbs by decreasing cAMP”. Gustavo is a doctoral student at Henry Ford Hospital, and his mentor is Dr. Pablo Ortiz. The second 1st place award went to Julie Kang for her presentation entitled “Uric acid triggers renin release and causes glomerular hyperfiltration”. Julie is a doctoral student at the University of Southern California under the supervision of Dr. János Peti-Peterdi.
There were two awardees in the postdoctoral category for 2007. The first place award went to Dr. Ildikó Toma for her abstract entitled “GPR91 triggers paracrine signaling in the JGA”. Ildikó’s research was done under the guidance of Dr. János Peti-Peterdi at the University of Southern California. The second place award went to Dr. Vladimir Pech for his abstract entitled “Angiotensin II activates H+-ATPase in type A intercalated cells in mouse cortical collecting duct”. Vladimir is a post-doctoral fellow at Emory University with Dr. Susan Wall.

APS-Sponsored Renal Section Awards 2007
The Renal Section Research Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Scot Wildman (University College London). The APS New Investigator Award for 2007 was given to Dr. Pablo Ortiz (Henry Ford Hospital). The Young Investigator Award went to Dr. Volker Vallon (University of California at San Diego).

We would like to thank the judges who contribute their time and expertise to evaluate the abstracts and presentations. These individuals support these young scientists and the renal section by their efforts both before and during the meeting. The success of this year’s program is a tribute to their commitment. This year’s judges were Christine Maric (Georgetown), Pablo A. Ortiz (Henry Ford Hospital), Sylvie Breton (Harvard), James Stockand, (San Antonio), Magdalena Alonso-Galicia (Merck), Brooks Robey (Dartmouth), Basil Hanss (Mt. Sinai), and Chair John Imig (MCG).

Congratulations to all the awardees for their outstanding contributions to kidney research!
We are once again inviting students and postdoctoral fellows to submit their first author, kidney related abstracts to the Renal Awards Program, regardless of the programming topic to which the abstract is submitted. We remind all Renal Section members to encourage their students and postdoctoral fellows and new investigators to apply and participate in the Renal Section Awards Program.

We also encourage renal section members to submit applications and nominations for the Renal Section Research Recognition Awards, the Renal Section New Investigator Award and the Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology. The deadline for submission is November 7, 2007 and a brief description of each award is given below.

The Renal Section Research Recognition Awards recognizes the meritorious research by young investigators (junior faculty) who participate in the annual Experimental Biology Meeting. To qualify for this award, the applicant must have finished post-doctoral work, may not be a senior faculty member. Candidates must author an abstract for the EB meeting.

The Renal Section New Investigator Award recognizes an outstanding investigator in the early stages of his/her career. Candidates should be investigators who have made meritorious contributions to the scientific areas represented by the APS Renal Section. They should not be above the rank of Assistant Professor or a comparable position in a research track at an academic institution or in industry.

The Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology recognizes distinguished lifetime achievement in renal physiological research by a living American scientist. Candidates must be U.S. citizens 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.

Instructions for applying for all Renal Section awards are provided in the EB 2008 call for abstracts and through the APS Renal Section Website [http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb08/awards/renal.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb08/awards/renal.htm). All EB2008 awards will be applied for on-line.

**CHRISTINE MARIC WINS 2008 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

The Renal Section of the American Physiological Society is pleased to announce that the 2008 recipient of the Young Investigator Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology is Dr. Christine Maric. She is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. She is also the Director of Diabetes Research at the Center for the Study of Sex Differences: in health, aging and disease at Georgetown University.

Christine Maric received her PhD from the University of Melbourne, Australia in 1997. She completed her post-doctoral training at the University College London, UK and at the University of Melbourne, Australia with Peter Harris and Daine Alcorn. She joined the Department of Medicine, Georgetown University Medical Center as an Assistant Professor in October of 2001. Christine was one of the first to
demonstrate a physiological function of angiotensin II AT_2 receptors and has also demonstrated that the AT_1 receptors are osmotically regulated in the renal medulla. Her current research interests are the contribution of sex hormones in the pathophysiology of diabetic renal complications. She has recently shown that estrogens are renoprotective in diabetes and that the loss of the female gender as a protective factor in diabetes is due to low levels of circulating estrogen and imbalance in the expression of renal estrogen receptors.

The Renal Section of the American Physiological Society is pleased to announce that the 2007 recipient of the APS Lazaro J. Mandel Young Investigator Award is Dr. Heddwen Brooks, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Physiology, College of Medicine, University of Arizona. The Lazaro J. Mandel Young Investigator Award is given annually to an individual demonstrating outstanding promise based on his/her research program in epithelial or renal physiology. Deadline: November 1, 2007

http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society.htm#Mandel

Chris Baylis delivered the 2007 Carl W. Gottschalk Distinguished Lecture of the APS Renal Section

The Carl W. Gottschalk Distinguished Lecturer, Chris Baylis (left) and Pam Carmines (Renal Section Chair) at the 2007 Renal Dinner. Dr. Baylis discussed her groundbreaking work on nitric oxide deficiency in renal disease.
The new AJP:Renal Physiology editorial team started on July 1st. Our new Associate Editors are Gerry Apodaca, Darwin Bell, Jeff Garvin, Lisa Satlin, Kumar Sharma and Susan Wall. Ms. Amy McEver was a superb managing editor of the Journal under Jeff Sands. I thank Amy for agreeing to continue to serve as the Journal’s managing editor.

We have had a busy summer, as submissions to the Journal continue to increase. We received 57 submissions in the month of July, which represents the greatest number of monthly submissions for the past 6 years. The Journal’s 2006 impact factor was 4.2. Our impact factor has remained relatively stable over the past several years.

When you have a manuscript that has been accepted for publication by the Journal, you should notice that page proofs will arrive within several weeks, and the final print version of the manuscript will be published within several months. I would like to thank the AJP:Renal Physiology management team in Bethesda, including Stephanie Demma and Mark Goodwin, who recently made significant strides in reducing the time from acceptance to the final publication to 2.4 months.

On a final note, I would like to thank Jeff Sands and my fellow Associate Editors who served with Jeff during his tenure as Editor, Doug Eaton, Susan Wall, Pam Carmines, Tom Hostetter and Sharon Anderson. As a group, their hard work and dedication to the Journal have contributed to its success. I encourage you to continue to submit your best work to the Journal, so that it will continue to be the premier journal in our field.

Joint Programming Committee Report
Darwin Bell, Sue Mulroney and Tom Pallone

With EB2008 just around the corner, we hope you are all preparing your abstracts, and getting ready to attend another terrific set of Symposia, Feature Topic talks, Award Addresses, and Poster Sessions. The main line-up will be:

Gottschalk Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Renal Section: Peter Aronson, PhD
Young Investigator Awardee: Christine Maric, PhD

Symposia:
New insights into the urine concentrating mechanism, Jeff Sands, MD, Organizer
Newly-emerging signaling pathways in the renal microcirculation, Rodger Loutzenhisser, PhD, Organizer
Ciliopathies: common themes in diverse genetic disorders, Lisa Satlin, MD, Organizer

Cross-Sectional, Translational Symposium (sponsored by the Liaison with Industry Committee and Co-Sponsored by WEH and Renal Sections):
Recent advances in the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system for the investigation and treatment of hypertension, Christine Schnackenberg, PhD, Organizer
In addition, please remember that the Featured Topic oral sessions are ABSTRACT-DRIVEN, and if you’re interested in having a session around your favorite topic, think about mobilizing other labs to submit abstracts, too. The more interest, the greater the chance your topic will be highlighted.

See you in San Diego!

PASSING UP ON A GOOD DEAL?

Folks, your renal representatives to the Joint Program Committee (JPC) want to get more of the good citizens of the renal community to submit symposium proposals for the Experimental Biology Meetings. This is a great opportunity to ask four of your closest friends, enemies, or scientific competitors to give talks highlighting their work. Everyone gets complementary registration and there are additional funds to pay most, if not all, of the participants travel expenses. What more could you want? All you have to do is go to the following website: [http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb.htm) and fill out a simple and painless form. That is it! And, if you think you’re too junior and that this is only for experienced investigators, this is nonsense. Let’s keep the great quality and innovative symposia in the pipeline!

APS CONFERENCES

The APS Council recently approved the establishment of an APS Conference Committee whose purpose is to facilitate, improve, and energize APS Conferences. To simplify the application process, an online submission site within the APS website is currently being developed. This site should be active by the end the year. It will contain information on APS Conferences, instructions on how to organize a meeting, and the application procedure, which consists of providing an overall meeting abstract and minimal additional details. Application deadlines will be April 1, August 1, and December 1. Anyone who is a member of APS can submit an application for an APS Conference. For more information or to submit an application prior to the activation of the online submission site, please contact: P. Darwin Bell, Chair at BellPD@MUSC.EDU or Linda Allen: APS Representative at: LAllen@The-APS.ORG.

Liaison With Industry Committee (LWIC) Report

Craig F. Plato

The LWIC is sponsoring a Symposium entitled "IBS-C and Chronic Constipation: Mechanisms and Novel Treatments" at EB2008 on Monday, April 7th from 3:15 – 5:15 PM. This symposium organized by Shaila Basavappa, Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology Section representative to LWIC, will focus on two GI disorders that affect ~15-25% of the US population, Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) and chronic idiopathic constipation. The proposed mechanisms underlying these conditions and potential treatments and their cellular pathways will be presented. LWIC is also organizing a Translational Symposium entitled “Recent Advances in the Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System for the Investigation and Treatment of Hypertension” at EB2008 on Sunday, April 6th from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. This symposium organized by Christine Schnackenberg, former W&EH Section representative to the LWIC, will focus on recent molecular, cellular, whole-animal, and clinical advances in the Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System. Look for the full program on-line at [http://www.eb2008.org](http://www.eb2008.org).
The Disease Model Award will be granted to a graduate student and a postdoctoral fellow who submit the best abstracts at EB2008 that describe the novelty of the model and the potential utility of the system for future research related to a disease process. The model can be in vitro or in vivo. The award is $500 for the graduate student and $800 for the postdoctoral fellow and is sponsored by the LWIC. See the call for abstracts this Fall for application details and in the Spring newsletter.

You're invited! Come meet and eat with your fellow physiologists who are working in the corporate sector. The 8th Annual Liaison With Industry Committee Mixer is on at EB2008. Look for details in the Spring newsletter.

APS Trainee Advisory Committee Report
Jen Pluznick

Dear Renal Section,

Greetings from your Trainee Advisory Committee (TAC) Representative! The TAC is currently hard at work on a various number of projects - here are a few highlights:

- Please don’t miss our EB 08 symposium “Marketing yourself on paper for academic positions,” which will be held Sunday morning (April 6) from 8-10am. Also, you can find the powerpoint presentations from our previous sessions on-line on the APS website – with audio! You can find these TAC symposia (along with other great symposia) at http://www.the-aps.org/careers/careers1/mentor/wrkshp.htm - don’t forget to take advantage of this chance to “virtually” hear these great talks.

- The TAC has developed a new award, known as the “Early Career Professional Service Award,” for an early career APS member who has made outstanding contributions through professional service. Information on this award can be found at http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society/earlycareer.htm. The deadline is January 25, 2008, and the award includes $1000 and complimentary registration for EB. Please considering applying for this award if you are eligible, or forwarding this information to anyone who may be a candidate for this award.

- Trainees: Please don’t forget to visit the Trainee Web Page (http://www.the-aps.org/trainees/) and to sign up for the Trainee Listserv as well as the Renal Listserv. This will keep you “connected” and up-to-date on Awards, Job Postings, and other relevant information.

- Finally, we’d like to urge all trainees (and mentors!) to periodically review the professional skills document, which can be found at http://www.the-aps.org/education/skills.htm. This is a very helpful professional development tool, and a fantastic resource.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you!

Best,

Jen Pluznick
Jennifer.pluznick@yale.edu
Final Report

The FASEB Summer Conference on “Renal Hemodynamics: Biomolecular Control Mechanisms Integrating Vascular and Tubular Function” was held on July 7 – 12, 2007 at Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, VT. The conference focused on our most current level of knowledge about renal hemodynamic function in health and disease. Their is growing recognition of the importance of renal microcirculation and its integration with renal tubular excretory functions as pathogenic mechanisms in the development of hypertension, a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases such as diabetes and end-stage renal disease. Accordingly, some sessions focused specifically upon renal hemodynamics and renal damage in hypertension, diabetes, and obesity. Our FASEB Opening Address Speaker, Professor Friedrich C. Luft, Chief of Nephrology and Hypertension Section, Medical Faculty of Charite Hospital and Humboldt University of Berlin, began the meeting with a lecture on novel mechanisms involved in innate immunity in hypertension-induced renal damage. The initial scientific sessions focused on new genetic approaches and their utility in advancing our understanding of basic cellular mechanisms related to renal hemodynamic physiology. Examples include regulation of renin synthesis and release, signaling between early distal tubular cells and glomerular arterioles in the juxtaglomerular apparatus and autocrine / paracrine regulation of sodium excretion. The latter included recent advances in the areas of nitric oxide, eicosanoids, purinergic agents, endothelin and reactive oxygen species. Later scientific sessions expanded on many of these intrarenal regulatory mechanisms as they affect renal hemodynamics and excretory functions under various pathophysiological conditions with particular focus on hypertension, diabetes and end-organ damage. Highlights included a “Perspectives” session of mechanisms of pressure natriuresis by L Gabriel Navar, Peter Bie, Robert M Carey and Allen W Cowley, Jr, followed by a round-table panel discussion among the speakers in addition to answering questions from the audience. Also popular were three evening sessions that featured short “hot-topic” talks by young investigators selected for presentation based on the 65 submitted abstracts.

The group was highly interactive and the meeting was considered very successful. The rather unique aspect of having a large number (~75) investigators to serve as either speakers or chairs or both was very favorably received. About 155 (33% women) scientists attended the meeting. Countries represented by more than 5 participants included the USA, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, and Sweden. Scientists also came from France, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, and Spain. The meeting had significant support from NIH, American Heart Association, and pharmaceutical companies. The meeting highlighted the research of many new investigators. Twenty 20 travel awards were provided to young investigators (Marcela Herrera, Detroit; Michael Hulstrom, Bergen; Kirsten Madsen, Odense; Linda Magnusson, Copenhagen; Yukiko Magai, Kagawa; Daisuke Nakano, Augusta; Norma Ojeda, Jackson; Mona Oppermann, Erlangen; Fredrik Palm, Washington; Leah-Anne Ruta, Clayton; Michael Ryan, Jackson; Elisabeth Samsoe, Bergen; Jennifer Sassar, Gainesville; Arnold Sipos, Los Angeles; Kin Siu, Stony Brook; Tiffany Thai, Chapel Hill; Carmen Troncoso-Brindeiro, Omaha; Jan Williams, Milwaukee; and Jing Yang, Omaha).

Evaluation of the meeting by participants was very positive and attendees were highly enthusiastic about holding another (our eighth) meeting in three years (2010). Attendees strongly expressed their collective opinion that the FASEB Summer Conference in Saxtons River is consistently the best meeting for our particular field of interest.

A business meeting was held on the last day of the meeting. The attendees selected the co–chair of the 2007 meeting, Dr. Jeffrey L. Garvin (Henry Ford Hospital), to serve as chair and organize the next meeting in the summer of 2010. Dr. David M. Pollock (Medical College of Georgia) will serve
as the co-chair of the Organizing Committee for the 2010 meeting. The organizing committee and attendees were very pleased with the staff support from FASEB in both Bethesda and Saxtons River. **William J. Arendshorst**, Chair, 2007 FASEB Summer Conference Organizing Committee

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**From the Newsletter Editor**  
**János Peti-Peterdi**

As the new Renal Section Secretary and Newsletter Editor I would like to first thank David Ellison for serving in this role for the past three years and for doing a great job. We all enjoyed his informative and easy to read newsletters. I will do my best to continue this tradition and hope that my Hunglish (short for Hungarian-English☺) will serve me well. Your comments are greatly appreciated!

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The American Society of Nephrology will hold its annual meeting between October 31- November 5, 2007 in the Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA. We expect this to be another great program and hope that many of the Section members will be able to attend.

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Physiological Society (UK) focused meeting: Renal Cortex: Physiological Basis of Glomerular and Tubular Diseases  
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