Message from the Renal Section Chair
John Imig

Welcome Renal Section members as we prepare for EB19 in Orlando, Florida. The APS Renal Section Steering Committee is preparing for an exciting meeting.

Many thanks to outgoing Steering Committee members Michelle Gumz, APS Renal Section Treasurer and Alexander Staruschenko, APS Renal Section Awards Committee for their service to the APS Renal Section. Welcome to Anita Layton, APS Joint Programming Committee rep. APS Renal Section member Jeff Sands took over the reigns as APS President at the end of EB18. We also welcomed a new Executive Director, Scott Steen.

Finally, a big thank you to the APS Renal Section members for their continued strong financial support for the section and collaboration to maintain our high quality scientific sessions. The APS Renal Section Steering Committee looks forward to working with APS Renal Section members to keep our section strong.

EB18 was a highly successful meeting for the Renal Section. Featured topics and symposium scientific sessions continue to present the highest quality renal physiology research. Posters and Professors continues to grow in numbers and quality of science presented by our trainees. The Renal Dinner continues to be well attended and remains a highlight for EB by recognizing the Berliner, Gottschalk, Young Investigator, New Investigator and trainee awardees.

EB19 abstracts are due on November 14, 2018. Please note the deadline for award applications described in the Newsletter. We have an exciting APS Renal Section program thanks to our JPC representatives, Edward Inscho, David Ellison, and Anita Layton. As a reminder, EB19 will be one day less and end on Tuesday. The APS Renal Section Steering Committee has worked to maintain our scientific sessions and events. The Renal Dinner will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019. Daria Ilatovskaya, our Treasurer, has exciting news on the upcoming Renal Section dinner. We are able to subsidize Renal Dinner tickets for trainees because of the fundraising efforts of our Treasurer and the generosity of our section members. Our fundraising efforts are also focused on and necessary for the section trainee awards program. Please consider donating to the Renal Section to support our trainees.

See you in Orlando!
JOINT PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Edward Inscho, Chair
David Ellison, Co-Chair
Anita Layton, Incoming JPC Rep

Experimental Biology 2019 in sunny Orlando, FL (April 5 to 9) is fast approaching and promises to be another exciting meeting. Outstanding symposia are programmed, highlighting current advances in the field. The meeting provides an ideal venue to present your latest findings in highly interactive Oral and Poster sessions.

Oral presentations for the Young Investigator Featured Topic will be selected from the abstracts submitted to 1297-APS. The two other Featured Topics sessions (Advances in Renal Physiology I and II) will be programmed from the highest scoring abstracts submitted to the Renal Section topics below. The trainee authors of the top two scoring abstracts will be invited to serve as co-chairs for the oral session.

The abstract deadline for EB2019 is November 14, 2018. The abstract submission site can be found at http://experimentalbiology.org/2019/Abstracts/Abstract-Submission.aspx. Please be sure to submit your abstracts to one of the Renal Section Topics listed below.

**EB2019 Renal Section Abstract Topics**

1300-APS  Acute kidney injury
1301-APS  Renal complications of polycystic disease
1302-APS  Diabetic kidney disease
1303-APS  Hormone and autacoid effects on the kidney
1304-APS  Immune cells and inflammation impact on kidney function and hypertension
1305-APS  Kidney in hypertension
1306-APS  Nutrition, exercise and metabolic syndrome in renal function
1307-APS  Omics and systems biology of renal function and disease
1308-APS  Oxidative stress and hypoxia in the kidney
1309-APS  Renal hemodynamics, glomerular filtration, and the renal vasculature
1310-APS  Renal ion transport, transporter regulation, and trafficking
1311-APS  Renal pathology, toxicology
1312-APS  Renal translational physiology
1313-APS  Renal water transport, urea transport, and countercurrent mechanisms
1314-APS  Sex differences in renal function and disease
Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:30-10:00 Renal Section Young Investigator Award Featured Topic: At the Nexus of Circadian Biology and Renal Physiology
Presented by: Michelle Gumz the 2018 Renal Section Young Investigator Awardee

3:30-5:00 Renal Section Symposium: Mechanisms of Hypertension-induced Kidney Damage
Chairs: Ningjun Li and Minolfa C. Prieto

Monday, April 8, 2019

1:30-3:00 Featured Topic: Advances in Renal Physiology 1 (selected from highest scoring abstracts submitted to any Renal Section abstract category)
Chairs: David Ellison and highest scoring trainee abstract author

3:30-4:30 2019 Renal Section Carl Gottschalk Lecture - Dr. Ariel Gomez

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

8:30-10:00 Featured Topic: Advances in Renal Physiology 2 (selected from highest scoring abstracts submitted to Renal Section)
Chairs: Anita Layton and highest scoring trainee abstract author

1:30-3:00 Renal Section Symposium: Mighty Concepts of Mitochondrial Biology in the Kidney
Chairs: Sandeep K. Mallipattu and Ying Li

Submit Symposia Proposals for EB2020

We encourage everyone to submit a proposal for Renal Section Symposia at the Experimental Biology 2020 meeting. We especially encourage junior investigators to organize these sessions. This is a great opportunity to ask friends, or scientific competitors to give talks highlighting their work. Everyone gets complimentary registration and there are additional funds to help with travel expenses. The process is very easy.

There is a form (EB Section-Sponsored Symposia Form) available for download at the following website: http://www.the-aps.org/mm/Conferences/EB. Simply send (email) the completed form to one of us on the JPC by March 30, 2019, so that we have time to discuss the proposal at EB19. 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.
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.

We would like to send out a special thanks to the outgoing chair of the Awards Committee, Alexander (Sasha) Staruschenko who is rotating off in April, 2019. Jennifer C. Sullivan, PhD, Professor of Physiology from the Augusta University is incoming Co-Chair of the Renal Section Award Committee.

As in previous years, the APS Renal Section Awards Committee received a large number of applications in every category. The abstracts and applications were of extraordinary quality and the 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 2018 in San Diego. Sincere congratulations to all the awardees for their outstanding contributions to kidney research!!!
2018 Renal Section Predoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Award

This award recognizes the predoctoral students who were first authors on an abstract involving renal-based research at EB2018. In 2018 there were 26 applications. Of the 5 finalists (shown at right), the winner was Xiao-Tong Su from New York Medical College who presented poster entitled “Kir4.1 activity is essential for dietary Na⁺ intake induced modulation of Na-Cl cotransporter (NCC)”. Xiao-Tong is a graduate student working under the supervision of Dr. Wen-Hui Wang.

2018 Renal Section Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Award

This award recognizes the postdoctoral fellows who were first authors on an abstract presented at the EB meeting involving renal-based research. In 2018 there were 33 applications.

The 5 finalists were: Ryan Cornelius (Oregon Health and Science University); Yang Gao (University of Utah); Jose Angel Garcia-Pedraza (Henry Ford Hospital); Turgay Saritas (Oregon Health and Science University/University Hospital, Aachen, Germany), and Joana Martins (Institute of Anatomy, Zurich, Switzerland). This year’s winner (shown at right) was Joana Martins with her presentation entitled “Intravital imaging of the mouse kidney reveals axial differences in calcium signaling along the nephron”. Joanna’s research was done under the guidance of Dr. Andrew M. Hall.

2018 Renal Section Research Recognition Awards

These awards recognize meritorious research by young investigators (junior faculty) participating in the EB2018 meeting. In 2018 there were 8 excellent applications. The awardees (shown at right) were Paul Richard Grimm (University of Maryland College of Medicine), Suttira Intapad (Tulane University School of Medicine), Markus Rinschen (University of Cologne, Germany), and Aaron Polichnowski (East Tennessee State University).
News from the Treasurer

Daria Ilatovskaya

First and foremost, we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the past Treasurer, the amazing Michelle Gumz! During her tenure the Renal Section Endowment fund skyrocketed! We would like to ask all members to help us keep it growing so that we could steadily support our trainees and awards in the future. Please consider donating to Renal Section this year and don’t forget that if you choose to donate to Renal Endowment Fund, APS will generously match it!

**EB2019 Renal Dinner:**

The main event will be held at Lafayette’s, aka Orlando’s Music Room, on April 8th, 2019 (Monday) – so save the date! http://lafayettes.com/orlando/

The venue is a short walk from the Convention center, the reception (drinks, appetizers and mingling) will start at 6 pm, and the formal dinner will commence at 7 pm.

Please check APS Connect Emails for the link to purchase Renal Dinner tickets, and remember that they sell fast! The price will be $85 for faculty and $45 for students/postdocs. Do not miss the Renal Section event of the year and the Awards ceremony!

If you have any questions, please contact Daria Ilatovskaya, ilatovskaya@musc.edu.

*See y’all in Orlando!*
We have another year!

Well, actually another 20 months. The APS Publications Committee asked our team to stay on an extra year until the end of June 2020. We have enjoyed working with you and are excited to continue this journey. We are determined to further improve our journal: enhancing the quality of our articles and raising our impact factor.

The importance of the circadian clock was thrust into the spotlight when the 2017 Nobel Prize was awarded to Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash, and Michael W. Young for their pioneering efforts to elucidate the molecular mechanisms that drive organisms' biological clocks. Recognizing the essential role that circadian rhythms play in overall health, we encourage authors to include the time of day at which measurements were made or data collected. Further, Dr. Michelle Gumz (University of Florida) is serving as Guest Editor for our Call for Paper, "Circadian rhythms or time-of-day effects in renal physiology, the urinary system, blood pressure or volume and electrolyte regulation." This Call solicits manuscripts specifically related to Circadian rhythms or time-of-day effects in renal physiology, the urinary system, blood pressure or volume and electrolyte regulation. Tick tock, it's time to recognize the kidney clock!

Earlier this month, our Associate Editor Dr. Jennifer Sullivan (Augusta University) was the Chair of the organizing committee for the APS Conference on Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolic Diseases: Sex-Specific Implications for Physiology (Knoxville, Tennessee). If you weren’t there—let me tell you that the meeting was an outstanding success. Not only was the science excellent, the attention that the organizers paid to trainees was exemplary.

To further explore and expand our understanding of the unique differences in cardiovascular, renal and bladder physiology of males vs. females, we encourage you to submit to our Call for Papers on "Sex and Gender in Renal Health and Function."
Hopefully many of you are enjoying our articles highlighted in APSselect. Truthfully, the monthly email that you get from APSselect is one that you shouldn’t ignore! Among these excellent articles we want to draw your attention to one by Roel Bijkerk and co-workers, "MicroRNA-132 controls water homeostasis through regulating MECP2-mediated vasopressin synthesis" (AJP Renal 315: F1129-F1138, 2018). This article is a great example of the studies that we are looking for in our Call "Epigenetics and microRNAs in Kidney Physiology and Pathophysiology". Epigenetics and micro-RNA represent critical regulatory mechanisms of gene expression that don't involve alterations in DNA sequence. There is increasing evidence that epigenetics and microRNA play important roles in the pathophysiology of many kidney diseases. If you are exploring the role of epigenetics and microRNA in any kidney diseases including CKD, AKI, ESRD, hypertension, and urothelial disorders, please consider submitting to this call!

We have two more ongoing (and popular) Calls.

One is on "Inflammatory Mediators in Kidney/Bladder Diseases and in Hypertension" and the other "Mechanism and Treatment of Renal Fibrosis". There is increasing evidence that immune cells and related cytokines are critical in the pathophysiology of numerous disorders and diseases most of which ultimately involve fibrosis. We are looking for papers that address the role of inflammatory pathways and fibrosis as they relate to the kidney and bladder and in the pathophysiology of hypertension.

**Important Point:** In case you are unaware, impact factor is based on referencing publications over the prior two-year period. If there is a scientific basis, please consider using current references from our journal in your manuscripts.

Finally thanks again for submitting manuscripts and serving the critical role of reviewing for our journal.

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**Many, many thanks to Dr. Nadya Zheleznova our Renal Section Dinner and Posters and Professors photographer at EB2018!**

The EB2018 Renal Dinner and Posters and Professors photos may be accessed at the following links:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/S4waXBdCr7pwRAi92
https://photos.app.goo.gl/QJtn83esXwNTYjCj1
Greetings from the Renal Section Trainee Advisory Committee Representative and Subcommittee!
The TAC’s role is to help APS support trainees, graduate and undergraduate students, postdocs, and junior faculty in academia, industry and government.

This year at EB the annual networking event “Posters and Professors” was a great success. We want to thank all the mentors that participated in the event and helped facilitate networking for trainees, as well as our great trainees. We hope to see you again next year!!!

The 2019 EB abstract deadline is November 14! Our section has many awards for trainees so as you prepare to submit your first authored abstract for EB 2019 remember to apply to some of them. Instructions can be found at http://www.the-aps.org/mm/awards

Here are some of the awards geared for Trainees at EB 2019:

- Predoctoral Excellence in Renal Research Awards (Deadline – November 21, 2018)
- Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Awards (Deadline – November 21, 2018)
- Caroline tum Suden/ Frances A. Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Awards (Deadline – November 14, 2018)
- Dale J. Benos Early Career Professional Service Award (Deadline – January 24, 2018)
- Graduate Student Ambassador (Deadline – November 21, 2018)
- Martin Frank Diversity Travel Fellowship Award (Deadline – November 21, 2018)
- Translational Research Award for Pre-doctoral Student (Deadline – November 14, 2018)
- Translational Research Award for Postdoctoral Fellow (Deadline – November 14, 2018)
- International Early Career Physiologist Travel Awards (Deadline – November 13, 2018)

Join us on FACEBOOK!

Please consider following the APS Renal Section, The American Physiological Society, and APS Trainees – it’s a great way to stay in touch with the Section and get all the important updates. Email us at aps.renalsection@gmail.com.

Contact TAC via Email!

Feel free to address the Renal TAC with any questions or concerns! We are here to do our best to improve Renal Section Trainees experience. Current Renal Section Trainee Advisory Subcommittee Members and email addresses are listed on the last page of this newsletter.
Committees in particular need of Renal Section representation are: Communications, Conference, Ray G. Daggs, International, and Publications. If there are other committees of interest to you, you are also most welcome to apply. For more details please see: http://www.the-aps.org/mm/hp/Audiences/APS-Committees/nominations.

How does the process work?

Nominations are submitted through the online system: (https://apps.the-aps.org/awardapps/login/index.cfm).

All nominations from across the APS are reviewed by the Committee on Committees (CoC) in early 2019 to identify the most suitable candidates; then CoC makes recommendations to APS Council.

To boost your chances of success:

1. Clear address why YOU are perfect for this committee assignment, highlighting your relevant background and experiences. Don’t forget to show that you understand the committee’s mission!

2. Have a strong support letter reinforcing why you are such a great fit, ideally written by an APS member known to the society more broadly.

3. Avoid nominating for committees that already have several members from the Renal Section or your institution – broad and diverse representation is important.

This is a competitive process. Be strategic in your application but don’t be discouraged if you aren’t selected on the first try! And please do let me know if you are interested, I’m here to help!
Physiologists in Industry Committee
Romer Gonzalez-Villalobos

PIC Translational Research Awards

The Physiologists in Industry Committee “Translational Research Award” is given to one postdoctoral fellow and one doctoral student each year. This award recognizes a trainee whose performed research that is translatable to industry applications and has been designated by PIC as an outstanding example of experimental research. The winner of the 2018 postdoctoral award was Dr. Paramita Pati, University of Alabama at Birmingham, for the project entitled “Evidence for circadian control of endothelial function in mice on a high fat diet”. The winner of the predoctoral award was Jianxiang Xue, University of South Florida, for the project entitled “Inducible intestinal epithelial cell-specific NHE3 knockout causes diarrhea and more alkaline luminal content”.

APPLY for a 2019 PIC Translational Research Award.

The deadline for the 2019 Physiologists in Industry Committee “Translational Research Award” is Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Applicants will be evaluated on their first-author EB meeting abstract, supplementary description of their project and career goals. We encourage postdoc and graduate students with outstanding translational research to apply.

Physiologists in Industry Committee Mixer

The Annual Physiologists in Industry Committee Mixer at the Experimental Biology meeting is a great opportunity to network with industry and academic APS members. Every year trainees as well as seasoned scientists from several backgrounds engage them in discussion about careers, research, and opportunities in industry positions. We look forward to free hors d’oeuvres and drinks (cash bar) at the PIC Mixer at EB 2019!

EB 2019 PIC Symposium

In order to foster greater interaction among sections, academia, and industry, the 2019 PIC symposium will focus on basic sciences topics with preclinical stages of development and translation that has broad appeal to cross sectional APS members. I am pleased to announce the 2019 symposium has a renal theme. Indeed, the title of 2019 PIC symposium is “SGLT2 inhibitors: from basic physiology to clinical success” on Sunday April 7th, 2019 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM in room W311B. The session will be coordinated and chaired by Pati Paramita, Ph.D and myself.

We look forward to seeing you at these events at EB2019 in Orlando.

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Industry Liaison/Renal Section

Posters and Professors event at EB2018. Trainees networking with Dr. Robert Hoover. See the links to photos on page 8.
The APS Local Undergraduate Research Awards in Physiology (LURAP).

LURAP allows APS Members to recognize excellence in undergraduate physiology research at their home institutions. The award fosters interest in physiological research for undergraduates, encourages them to continue with physiological studies, and provides networking with APS members at their home institutions. The award package includes a certificate, an APS t-shirt, and a free one-year undergraduate membership. Visit www.the-aps.org/lurap for more information.

Check out awards from the APS.

There are a number of awards for various career stages from undergraduate to senior physiologists! Visit www.the-aps.org/mm/awards to see the list and the fall deadlines!

Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships (UGSRF).

The UGSRF program supports up to 12 full-time undergraduate students ($4,000 stipend, $1,300 EB travel support, $300 grant to research host) to work in the laboratory of an APS research host for 10 weeks during the summer of 2019. The intent of this program is to excite and encourage students with little or no research experience to pursue a career as a basic research scientist. Research hosts must be members of APS in good standing. The criteria for applications have been updated, so be sure to visit www.the-aps.org/ugsrf for application instructions. The deadline to apply is February 1st.

Professional Skills Training (PST).

The APS PST Program promotes the development of key professional skills among graduate and postdoctoral students and new investigators by offering effective live and online interactive courses. Visit http://www.the-aps.org/pst for more information. The next live course offered is Writing and Reviewing for Scientific Journals, which takes place January 10-13, 2019 in Orlando, FL.
Dear Renal Section Members:

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 third round of submissions and evaluations has been completed in 2018. A total of 20 applications were received and all were successful, but this time no applications had been submitted from members who list the Renal Section as their primary affiliation.

Currently, 9.6% of all APS members with FAPS status list the Renal Section as their primary affiliation. This is similar to the percentage of Primary Renal Section members within the APS, which is 7%.

The annual deadline for the application process is February 1, 2019 and therefore, I want to encourage the members of the Renal Section to review the nomination process and the requirements, obtain two (2) written recommendations from current APS Regular or Emeritus members, and submit your application/nomination. Please see the following APS link for further details: http://www.the-aps.org/mm/awards/APS-Fellows-Program

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

Best regards and thanks for your application,

Volker Vallon
Renal Section FAPS Committee Representative
From the President of APS
Jeff Sands

This has been an exciting year for the American Physiological Society. An editorial in Physiology entitled: “APS - moving forward to aid our membership” (Physiology 33: 370-371, 2018) highlights many of the changes that have occurred in the past.

Of particular interest to Renal Section members, Experimental Biology 2019 in Orlando will end Tuesday night with the Nobel Lecture. Wednesday is gone, or more specifically, programming on Wednesday is gone. In addition to the excellent scientific content programmed by the Renal Section Joint Program Committee members, I want to call everyone’s attention to the three APS-wide lectures. The Cannon Award lecture will be given on Sunday evening by Dr. Peter Aronson from Yale. The Bowditch Award lecture will be given on Monday evening by Dr. Jennifer Pluznick from Johns Hopkins. The Nobel Lecture will be given on Tuesday evening by Dr. Peter Agre from Johns Hopkins. Thus, while Wednesday may be gone, I hope that you will plan to stay in Orlando until Wednesday and attend all three of these lectures.

EB 2019 will feature the first APS-ASPET Joint Presidential Symposia series on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday mornings. The three symposia will be on the topic of the Microbiome, and there will be a workshop on Saturday. I want to thank Dr. Eddie Morgan, ASPET president, and the members of our program committee: Julia Cui, Hyunyoung Jeong, Laura McCabe, and Jennifer Pluznick, for putting together an exciting and diverse scientific program on the Microbiome.

You may have seen the recent “Save the Date” for the first APS/ASN Conference on the Control of Renal Function in Health and Disease. While this conference previously existed as the Renal Hemodynamics Summer Research Conference, this is the first time that it is occurring under APS, and the first time that APS and the American Society of Nephrology have co-sponsored a summer conference. The conference will occur June 23-27, 2019, at the Boar’s Head Resort in Charlottesville, VA. The combined expertise of the APS and ASN should make for a very exciting scientific program.

Another exciting development is the launch of the APS post-doctoral fellowship program. Both mentor and mentee must be APS members. There will be no citizenship requirement so that this program will potentially benefit all APS members, regardless of citizenship or location. The details of this program and the application process will be forthcoming soon.

As you can see, it has been, and will continue to be, an exciting year for APS. I hope that all Renal Section members will plan to attend EB, participate in the exciting scientific program, and have the opportunity to meet our new executive director, Mr. Scott Steen. Scott has brought his energy and experience to APS, and is working with Council, Committees, Sections, and APS Staff to move APS forward to aid our members and the discipline of Physiology.
Save the Date: June 23–27, 2019
APS/ASN Conference:
Control of Renal Function in Health and Disease
Formerly Known as the Renal Hemodynamics Summer Research Conference

You're Invited!

We would like to invite you to participate in the 2019 American Physiological Society (APS)/American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Summer Conference, Control of Renal Function in Health and Disease, which will be held June 23–27, 2019, at the Boar’s Head Resort in Charlottesville, Va.

What’s New:

Held every three years, this meeting has previously been organized as a Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Summer Conference. APS will sponsor the 2019 conference in conjunction with ASN, but the general FASEB conference format will be preserved. Participants rank this recurrent meeting as one of the very best they attend, mainly due to the opportunity for interaction with colleagues.

We’re also excited for you to experience our new venue. The Boar’s Head Resort is owned and operated by the University of Virginia Foundation and is situated at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The resort is just minutes from the University of Virginia and two hours from the Washington, D.C., area airports, providing convenient travel for domestic and international participants.

Scope and Opportunity:

The invited presentations will emphasize unpublished data and current work, allowing attendees access to the latest developments in research on kidney function and dysfunction. Students, postdocs and junior faculty are highly encouraged to submit an abstract. A call for abstracts will be available in the late fall of 2018. The program committee will be designing many talks from the submitted abstract pool. This meeting is a great opportunity for young investigators to interact with established investigators and leaders in the field in an intimate, collegial environment. Limited reimbursement will be available for trainees and junior investigators.

Please email any questions to the organizers, Edward Inscho and Pablo Ortiz. We look forward to your participation in an excellent and enlightening conference.

With kind regards,

Ed and Pablo

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