Welcome to the summer 2008 Issue of the Respiration Section Newsletter! We are very excited to have Kaushik Parthasarathi and Chris Wilson as the newsletter editors for the section. They will keep you updated on Section activities and deadlines. Another newsletter issue will follow closely on the heels of this one, and will include a reminder to submit your abstracts to EB09 in New Orleans, and other pertinent information regarding the spring meeting.

Kaushik is an Associate Research Scientist at the St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center, Columbia University, New York in the department of Medicine and he is studying the role of endothelial connexins in lung inflammation. He earned his Ph.D. in Bioengineering from the Pennsylvania State University. In October, he will be joining the Department of Physiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center as Assistant Professor. Chris is an Assistant Professor in Pediatrics and Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland. Chris studies the neural control of breathing and modulation of respiratory pattern. His Ph.D. in Physiology was completed with Ann Bonham at the University of California, at Davis.

If you have information you would like disseminated in the newsletter, do not hesitate to contact Kaushik (kp257@columbia.edu) or Chris (cgwilson@case.edu). Their complete contact info is below.

In this newsletter, we have included a list of representatives of the Section Steering Committee, and their roles with their contact information. We are thrilled that so many new faces have stepped up to contribute to section activities and taken on new responsibilities. As we continue to fill various positions on APS committees with those of you who have been nominated and volunteered, we will keep you updated on these appointments.

I hope you have had a wonderful summer, and look forward to the coming year. May your research go well, your families be healthy, and most of all, may you plan to ATTEND EB09!
RESPIRATION SECTION AWARDS

GILES F. FILLEY MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY & MEDICINE

The Respiration Section serves as the review committee for the Giles F. Filley Award Memorial Awards.
Award: $20,000
Contact: Executive Office

The Giles F. Filley Memorial Award recognizes excellence in respiratory physiology and medicine. The award is given to an investigator who holds an academic rank no higher than assistant professor. The award is presented annually to an individual demonstrating outstanding promise based on his/her research program in respiratory physiology and medicine. Each recipient receives a $20,000 award designated for use in the research program. The award is announced during the APS Business Meeting held at the Experimental Biology meeting and at the Respiration Section Dinner.

The recipient receives complimentary registration to attend the meeting and a plaque recognizing his or her designation as a Giles F. Filley Awardee. Applications are accepted from members of APS working within the U.S., reflecting Giles F. Filley's contributions to the national research community through his membership in APS. Because of Giles F. Filley's long association with the University of Colorado, Denver, preference for one award, on a competitive basis, is given to an individual affiliated with that institution. The award does not include any indirect cost reimbursement.

The 2008 Giles F. Filley Award recipients were Ellen Burnham, University of Colorado, Denver & Anke Di, University of Illinois at Chicago

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NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

The Respiration Section New Investigator Award ($1,000 plus reimbursement of the annual meeting advance registration fee) recognizes an outstanding investigator in the early stages of his or her career. Candidates should be investigators who have made meritorious contributions to the scientific areas represented by the APS Respiration 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 (e.g. Scientist, Sr. Scientist, Research Investigator, etc.). They should receive nominations from at least two regular members of the APS. Candidates will be judged on their publications, how the publications relate to the Respiration Section and evidence for independence and promise (grant funding, peer review activities, etc.). Although this is not an abstract-based award, awardees are expected to attend EB and make an oral or poster presentation. The candidate must be an APS member in good standing. Candidates must provide curriculum vitae, 2 nomination letters from APS members, and 3 reprints. Awardees are recognized at the Respiration Section Banquet at the EB meeting. All application materials must be submitted online (www.the-aps.org/awardapps) by November 10, 2008.

Questions should be directed to Marilyn P. Merker, Section Chair, at: mmerker@mcw.edu

RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD

The Respiration Section Research Recognition Awards ($500 and reimbursement of the annual meeting advance registration fee) recognize outstanding research by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who submit their abstract to a Respiration Section topic category at the Experimental Biology meeting. Awardees will be asked present their work at a special evening poster discussion session during the meeting. The selection is made from among the abstracts submitted to Respiration Section abstract topic categories by the Joint Program Committee Representatives. To be eligible for the award, the student or fellow must be the first author and presenter. Awardees will be recognized at the Respiration Section Banquet at the EB meeting. Questions should be directed to Marilyn P. Merker, Section Chair, at: mmerker@mcw.edu

Did you Know?
The EB 2008 Julius H. Comroe, Jr. Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Respiration Section was given by Stella Kourembanas, from the Children's Hospital - Boston, Brigham & Women's Hospital & Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center on the topic Pulmonary Vascular Disease: New Insights on Mechanisms and Emerging Treatments.
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Join a committee of the Respiratory Section & ensure that your ideas are heard!

New Regular Members

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US Environmental Protection Agency

* Transferred from student membership

New Student Members

January: Juan M. Cordovez
February: Manoj Bhaskaran, Stephen Timothy Buckley, Letitia A. Weigand, Ximeng Yang
March: Oneica N. Poole, Inefta M. Reid
May: Arne P. Neyrinck, Amali E. Samarasin, Jiro Terada
August: Daniel A. Popa
Welcome to all Respiratory Section Trainees and kudos to our new Trainee members (see list below).

EB 2008 was a tremendous success for all trainees. We organized the symposium “Marketing yourself on paper for academic positions”. In case you missed it, you can download the power point presentation at http://www.the-aps.org/trainees/EBsymposia.htm. In addition, in the same web address you can find information about previous symposia with power point presentations available to download.

We were pleased to announce Diane H. Munzenmaier from the Medical College of Wisconsin as the first Early Career Professional Service awardee. This award honors a Trainee for their outstanding contribution to the Physiology community. The award includes $1000 and complementary registration to the EB meeting. Don’t miss the opportunity, you can be our next winner!!! Apply online at http://www.the-aps.org/awardapps next deadline: January 23, 2009.

Upcoming EB meeting. The EB 2009 will be in New Orleans and the abstract submission is rapidly approaching (November 5). Multiple awards are given by the Society and our Section. In addition, check out all the different awards available exclusively for Trainees at http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb08/awards/index.htm.

Want to be informed? Sign up for the Trainee Listserv and keep up with the most updated news from our Section and Society. Just e-mail Education@The-APS.org and write “Trainee Listserv” in the subject section and you will be automatically included.

Don’t forget to visit our Trainee web page where you can find information from topics related to balancing family and science to how and where to apply and find a job. The newly designed web page is frequently renewed and user friendly. http://www.the-aps.org/trainees/index.htm.

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