I. News from the Chair

January 18, 2010

Dear Members of the Cardiovascular Section,

I hope you have all had a productive year and a good holiday season. It has been a busy year for the section and we have a lot to look forward to for the upcoming meeting in Anaheim. I hope many of you are going to attend.

I wanted to draw your attention to a couple of items. First, as you plan for attending EB 2010 please support the Cardiovascular Section sessions by submitting your abstracts to the sessions we sponsor. Also, please consider being a part of our future programming for 2011. If you have ideas with respect to novel topical areas, cutting edge fields or advances in your areas of research that would make a good symposium topic then I encourage you to submit a Symposium and/or Featured Topic application. Good programming is the heart of the meeting and it is our goal as a section to provide our members and the Society with the most recent and exciting advances in the cardiovascular field. The application process is not difficult and the chair of our section programming committee is more than happy to offer guidance in submitting an application.

A second item, I would like for all of you to consider is attendance at this year’s Cardiovascular Awards Banquet. This is a great way to show your support for the section, honor the awardees and mostly have a good time! Our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Tom Hintze, has selected an outstanding venue for the affair that is sure to create an enjoyable atmosphere and memorable evening of socializing and catching up with colleagues. This year the banquet will be held at the Marconi Automotive Museum.

If you are interested in being more involved, I would encourage you to consider playing a role in service to the APS and to your section by nominating colleagues or yourselves for committee membership. The same applies to our awards programs. We have many talented scientists in our section with distinguished records of achievement. Please take a few moments to nominate deserving candidates. The nomination
process can be accessed on line through the APS website. Additionally any questions can be directed to the section chairs for our nomination committee and awards committee.

Lastly, I always like to hear from members if you have suggestions or questions regarding any aspect of our sections activities.

Best wishes to all of you. See you in the spring.
Gerry Meininger

**Keynote Lectures**
Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend our two keynote lectures, the “Robert Berne Distinguished Lecture” and the “Carl Wiggers Memorial Lecture”.

**Robert M. Berne Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Cardiovascular Section.**
Monday, April 26, 2010 – 8:00-9:00 AM
**Location:** Convention Center, Ballroom B

**Speaker:** Dr. Frank M Faraci, The University of Iowa. The title of Dr. Faraci’s presentation will be “Mechanisms of Protection for Vascular Disease in the Brain”.

**Carl Wiggers Memorial Lectureship of the APS Cardiovascular Section.**
Tuesday, April 27, 2010 - 3:15-5:15 PM
**Location:** Convention Center, Ballroom B

**Speaker:** Dr. David Harrison, Emory University School of Medicine. The title of Dr. Harrison’s presentation will be “Hypertension, Inflammation and Adaptive Immunity”.

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**2010 Berne Distinguished Lecturer**

**2010 Wiggers Memorial Lecturer**
II. Secretary’s Report

“Come to our dinner and enjoy the views”
Mark your calendars and get your tickets now! Tickets are $60 each and limited in number and sold on a first come first serve basis. The banquet is to be held at the Marconi Automotive Museum (http://www.marconimuseum.org/). The banquet is scheduled for Monday, April 26th, 2010 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Buses will load in front of the Anaheim Convention Center at 5:45 PM. The tickets can be ordered online at: https://www.the-aps.org/cgi-bin/ecom/eticket/ticket_list.cgi.
The deadline for ticket purchase is March 19, 2010. Tickets will NOT be sold onsite! Tickets are sold on a first-come-first served basis. Tables are available.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Nominations Committee:

Cardiovascular Section Nominating Committee: Updates and Upcoming Elections

Updates: We would like to welcome our new committee members that were elected in February 2009 and officially appointed at the EB meeting in April: Steven R. Houser, PhD, Chair of Physiology and Director, Cardiovascular Research Center, Temple University School of Medicine and James G. Dobson, PhD, Professor and Interim Chair of Physiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Michael A. Hill, PhD, will be appointed as the new Chair of the Nomination Committee when Pam Lucchesi’s term ends after the 2010 EB Meeting.

As part of our efforts to increase nominations to the Section Standing Committees, all members who attend the Section Banquet in New Orleans in April were asked to fill out nomination forms. An incentive of a free ticket to the CV Section Banquet at EB 2010 was given to encourage submission of completed forms. We are happy to announce that Allison Fox-Robichaud from McMaster University and Karen Stokes from LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport were selected at random.

Nominations Needed! The Nominating Committee continues to serve the Section by soliciting nominations for membership on various CV section committees, organizing the ballot, voting and making recommendations to the CV Steering Committee. The January 31st 2010 deadline for nominations is rapidly approaching.

The success of our Section depends upon strong committee members who can help fulfill the mission of the APS and act as our advocates. This is your chance for your voice to be heard! The following CV Section Committees have openings:
**Awards Committee:** Reviews nominations and prepares a slate of candidates for each of the CV Section’s awards (Berne, Wiggers, New Investigator, Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator, and Research Recognition Awards).

**Fellowship Committee:** evaluates candidates for fellowship and make recommendations to the CV Steering Committee concerning the eligibility of candidates for fellowship.

**Industry-Foundations Liaison Committee:** Promotes interactions between academia and industry within the CV Section and to raise money for the Young Investigator Award and Section activities.

**Trainee Committee:** Addresses the concerns of CV trainees and encourage participation within the CV Section.

**NIH Liaison Committee:** Facilitates dialogue with the NHLBI to better communicate the concerns of the CV Section.

Nominees must be members with a primary or secondary affiliation with the Cardiovascular Section. Self nominations and simultaneous consideration for multiple committee positions **ARE** encouraged. If you are interested or if you have a colleague you would like to nominate, please send the following supporting material:

A. A completed CV Section Nomination Form (see next page)
B. A 4-page NIH style biosketch or 4 page CV of the applicant
C. Acknowledgement that the nominee is willing to serve (if not a self-nomination).

Send Completed Nominations by **January 31, 2010** to:

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NOMINATION FORM: CV SECTION APPOINTMENTS

(Use this form for yourself or another individual)

DATE _______________

List of Committees available for Service:

- Awards Committee
- Industry-Foundations Liaison Committee
- Section Program Committee
- NIH-NHLBI Committee
- Fellowship Committee,
- Banquet Committee

PROPOSED COMMITTEE(S) __________________________________________

NAME OF NOMINEE

_________________________________________________________________

First        Middle       Last

MAILING ADDRESS ________________________________________________

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TELEPHONE NO: __________________________

FAX NO. __________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS (required): __________________________

Is the Nominee a CV Section member who participates in APS meetings? ______

Have you verified that the Nominee is willing to serve on the Committee? ______
Call for Nominations for the Cardiovascular Section Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee members are elected by the entire APS Cardiovascular Section membership. There are currently several open positions on this committee. Nominees must be members with a primary affiliation with the Cardiovascular Section. Self nominations and simultaneous consideration for multiple committee positions ARE encouraged.

If you are interested or if you have a colleague you would like to nominate, please send the following supporting materials by January 31, 2009:

A. A completed CV Section Nomination Form (see at the end of the Committee’s report)
B. A 4-page NIH style biosketch or 4 page CV of the applicant
C. Acknowledgement that the nominee is willing to serve (if not a self-nomination).

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name of Nominee ________________________________________________________________

First        Middle       Last

Institution/Address _________________________________________________

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E-MAIL Address (required) _____________________________ Tel #: ______________________

Is the Nominee a CV Section member who participates in APS meetings? _________

Have you verified that the Nominee is willing to serve on the Committee? _________

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**B. Fellowship and Membership Committee:**

Dear all,

I would like to report that two fellows were elected recently by the Fellowship and Membership Committee.

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Traditionally we give them a placket at the Experimental Biology meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Akos Koller  
Chair  
Membership and fellowship Comm.

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**C. Awards Committee:**

**Cardiovascular Section Awards Committee**

There are 5 Awards that are presented by the CV section.  
* 2011 Cardiovascular Section Carl J. Wiggers Award  
* 2011 Robert M. Berne Distinguished Lectureship  
* 2010 CV Section Research Recognition Award  
* 2010 CV Section Clinical Science Young Investigator Award Sponsored by Portland Press  
* 2010 CV Section New Investigator Award
The 2010 Wiggers Award winner, Dr. David Harrison, and the Berne Lectureship winner, Dr. Frank Faraci will be giving presentations at the EB meeting in Anaheim.

This year we currently have 2 completed applications for the 2011 Wiggers Award and 0 complete application for the 2011 Berne Lectureship. **We would ask the CV Section membership to provide nominees for the 2011 Wiggers and Berne Awards. We are still accepting applications.**

We have 89 applications for the Research Recognition Award, 12 applications for the Clinical Science Young Investigator Award Sponsored by Portland Press, 8 applications for the New Investigator Award. The deadline for these applications has passed.

The winners of these Awards will be recognized at the CV section Dinner at EB in Anaheim.

Applications for the Berne and Wiggers awards can be found on-line at: [http://www.the-aps.org/awards/section.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/awards/section.htm)

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