FROM THE CHAIR

There are three issues that I will raise again with the members and fellows of the section. First, I was appreciative of the responses from many regarding the revitalization of the subsections/interest groups. A few of you expressed concern that revitalization of the subsections may splinter our membership. Although I “hear” the concern, I do not think it is warranted. The opinions of the vast majority reinforced my idea that the Cardiovascular Section had become too concentrated in a few areas. The way to reverse this trend is to re-establish the Cardiac and Splanchnic Circulation Sub-Sections, and/or create new ones. The Steering Committee and I need your input and have arranged a meeting time during the upcoming Experimental Biology Meeting on Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:00 PM in the New Orleans Hilton (Room to be announced). Please consider this notice your invitation, to which we need your RSVP (to me chillian@mcw.edu or to the CV Section Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Tomanek, robert-tomanek@uiowa.edu). Please reply quickly because space will be limited to 30 individuals (a buffet style lunch will be served). Active subsections could energize several aspects of our Section, including programming at the EB meeting and planning of APS Specialty Meetings (which would serve our membership and enhance our visibility and contributions to the APS). Many of you have mentioned dismay about programming of symposia and featured topics with regard to not having a particular interest or topic on the program. Subsections would likely prevent this from occurring, because representatives of each subsection could work directly with the CV Section Programming Committee to ensure representation at EB. My view is that this would enhance both the quality and broaden the appeal of our EB program. As some working points for our discussion here are a few issues (and more can be proposed) we should discuss: Should we create new subsections in addition to Cardiac and Splanchnic Circulation? Or should the current subsections be re-evaluated, and perhaps an entirely new approach be invoked. How will subsections be organized, e.g., student representation, elected posts? The second issue regards symposia and featured topics for EB 2003. The Cardiovascular Section is allotted 5 symposia and 4 featured topic sessions (we have two additional featured topics that are designated to the Wiggers and the Young Investigator awardees), so please send your ideas. I encourage innovation that moves beyond the traditional format: Controversies, Pro and Con points, etc. In addition to these symposia, we have the opportunity to work with other sections to propose symposia, and such jointly programmed sessions (if viewed as being sufficiently broad) may not count against our tally of 5. So, please work with members from other sections to develop broad-based symposia. If you have questions or need forms, please contact Julian Lombard (jlombard@mcw.edu).

The third item that I would like to revisit regards CV Section representation on Committees. Please let us know on which APS and CV Section committees you must be a fellow to serve on CV Section Committees you would like to join. If you need additional information (which committees have openings, forms, etc), please contact Gerald Meininger (gam@tamu.edu) for membership on APS committees and Kathy Lamping (klamping@blue.wesc.uiowa.edu) for membership on CV Section committees.
CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND FEATURED TOPICS FOR EB 2003
(San Diego, April 12-16, 2003)

Even though the abstract submission deadline has just passed for the Experimental Biology 2002 meeting, it is time to start thinking about Symposium and Featured Topics proposals for the Experimental Biology 2003 meeting. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 1, 2002. Symposium and Featured Topics proposals will be ranked by the Cardiovascular Section Programming Committee at their meeting during the Experimental Biology 2002 meeting in New Orleans. Symposium and Featured Topics proposal forms and guidelines can be obtained from Dr. Lombard or from Linda Allen at APS headquarters (lallen@aps.faseb.org). Please send your completed proposal forms to Dr. Lombard at the following address:

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Symposia topics should consider contributions by experimentation at multiple levels of investigation, addressing a specific question, conflicting issues and future directions. Each symposium receives $4,000 total to be distributed among the speakers for expenses. Speakers also receive free registration.

Featured Topics are similar to minisymposia in that they are pre-formed (prior to the mailing of the Call for Papers) oral sessions, including a session title, chairperson and not more than two featured presenters. All others presentations are selected from the submitted abstracts. APS provides $1,000 for each featured topic, which is used for support of travel or activities related to the featured topic session.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call or e-mail Dr. Lombard.

Thank you in advance for contributing to our continuing tradition of excellent programming at the Experimental Biology meetings.
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NOMINATIONS FOR CV SECTION AWARDS

Nominations for CV Section Awards should be sent to:
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The nominations should include 1) a letter of nomination, 2) a seconding nomination letter or letters, and 3) the candidate’s CV.

Young Investigator Award. Regular members or Fellows who hold a Ph.D., M.D. D.Sc. D.V.N. or D.D.S. are eligible. The candidate of a rank not higher than Assistant Professor or equivalent who has made substantive independent contribution and who holds promise, but is not yet an established investigator.

Berne Distinguished Lectureship. This award is for fellows of the CV Section who have made outstanding contributions and whose current research is particularly interesting, such that the presentation of the work would be expected to further interest in the CV Section meeting.

Wiggers Award. In honor of the founder of the Cardiovascular Section, Carl J. Wiggers, this award is given to fellows of the section and who have made outstanding and lasting contributions throughout their careers.

Procter and Gamble Travel Award. This award is intended for junior cardiovascular investigators in order to aid them in their travel expenses. To be eligible the young investigator must be within 10 years of receiving his/her doctorate and must have submitted a first-authored abstract to the 2002 EB meeting.