I. News from the Chair

Greetings to all you, the fall season of 2008 has passed us by and the holiday season is here. The year has marched by quite quickly and abstract submissions for the Spring Meeting have and come and gone. It will not be long and we will be headed for the annual meeting in New Orleans. A lot of effort has gone into the planning of this year’s meeting giving all of you plenty of opportunities to participate in the science, educational and social events hosted by our Section and by APS.

There are two **Newsworthy Topics and New Developments** concerning our section that I thought you would all be interested in hearing about.

1. Beginning in 2009, the APS Council has agreed to increase the **sectional annual ancillary fund** contribution from $2000/year to $4000/year. This will be a great help to offset growing costs of running our annual banquet and funding of other sectional activities.

2. At this year’s Sectional Advisory Committee Meeting the topic of symposium and featured topic allocations among sections was discussed and a change in the distribution of available slots was implemented. The Cardiovascular Section has gained **one new symposium slot and 2 new featured topic slots** for its annual programming at the Experimental Biology meeting. This will provide the Cardiovascular Section with a total 6 Symposia and 9 Featured Topic to program. This will take place for the 2010 meeting. Also related to future programming for the APS, there has been considerable discussion about fully programming Wednesday at the annual meeting. This will result in yet additional slots to be allocated amongst the sections for programming. As of 2010, APS will increase funding for featured topics from $1000/featured topic to $2000/featured topic. This will be a tremendous enhancement for our programming activities.

Our Section Secretary/Treasurer has planned another terrific **Awards and Social Banquet** Program for our Spring Meeting. Dr. Tom Hintze, thomas_hintze@nymc.edu, has arranged for the banquet to be held at the **New Orleans Audubon Aquarium of the Americas Institute**. The banquet is scheduled for **April 7, 2009 from 6:30 to 10:00 pm**. The annual banquet has increasingly become a memorable event for all attending. It is a great way to catch up with your colleagues and engage in a little revelry. Mark your calendars and get your tickets now! Tickets are $60 each. Tickets are limited in number and sold on
a first come first serve basis. The ticket price includes admission to the aquarium. Last year we sold out so please make sure to purchase tickets early as ticket availability at the meeting cannot be guaranteed. Tickets are available by contacting Tom Hintze or Linda Allen, LAllen@The-APS.org.

I would like to send out a special plea to all of you to consider Nomination of yourself or a colleague for a committee in our section or within the APS committee structure. The nomination process is not difficult and can be found on line at the APS website. The APS and the Cardiovascular Section need the services of dedicated members.

Please take a few moments of your time and support our Awards Program by nominating deserving colleagues for one of our sectional awards. We are very interested in receiving as many nominations as possible. Our awards program is the most important way we can recognize and acknowledge the scientific contributions of our members. Our Cardiovascular Section Awards Committee Chair is Robert L. Hester, rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu, and he would be happy to answer questions and receive your nominations.

The continued success of our annual meeting is largely the result of our Scientific Programming. This is true every year but will take on even more importance in the future. Not only do we have additional programming opportunities but also our section must continue to strive to support major advances and breakthroughs in the cardiovascular field by highlighting this activity in our programming. I strongly encourage you to consider submission of a symposium or featured topic for 2010. Even better encourage and mentor one or more of your junior colleagues to consider and submit of a programming idea. Now is the time to submit your proposals for 2010. Please contact David Lefer, dlefer@aecom.yu.edu.

Do not forget to mark your calendars and make plans to attend the “Robert Berne Distinguished Lecture” and the “Carl Wiggers Memorial Lectureship”.

- Dr. D. Neil Granger, Louisiana State University, will present the “Robert Berne Distinguished Lecture”. It will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009, 10:30-11:30 AM in the La Nouvelle AB Room at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The title of Dr. Granger’s presentation will be “Mechanisms and Consequences of Inflammatory Cell Interactions with the Microvasculature”.
- Dr. David Harder, Medical College of Wisconsin, will present the “Carl Wiggers Memorial Lectureship”. It will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 3:15-5:15 PM in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 243. The title of Dr. Harder’s presentation will be “The Role of Brain Lipids in Cerebral Function”.

Our section Membership continues to show healthy growth. This year we have 119 new regular members and 93 new student members to welcome. I am particularly pleased to see the growth in our student membership category. As of the moment, including all of our membership categories we have 2,032 members. In addition we have 1,085 secondary and 697 tertiary affiliate members. The CV section also has 195 fellows.

I want to extend my personal thanks to all of our sections committee Chairs and their member for their hard work this year. The Section functions because of your commitment and interest in our mission and activities. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and at the banquet. Happy Holidays to you all!

Gerry A. Meininger, Ph.D.
Section Chair
Keynote Lectures

Robert M. Berne Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Cardiovascular Section.
Monday, April 20, 2009 — 10:30-11:30 AM at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center— Room: La Nouvelle AB Room

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II. In Memoriam
William Halpern, Ph.D.
1923-2008

Dr. William Halpern died on July 29, 2008 at the age of 84, after a brief struggle with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Halpern received his Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1969, where he remained as a member of the faculty for 21 years. During this period, Professor Halpern developed several novel experimental systems for small artery research, including a wire myograph apparatus (in conjunction with Dr. Michael Mulvany) and a pressure/perfusion arteriograph system (with Dr. George Osol and Mr. George Coy at the University of Vermont). A series of papers published in journals such as Nature and the American Journal of Physiology described the in vitro methodology and established myogenic behavior as a primary mechanism for resistance artery diameter control. After retiring from the University of Vermont in 1990, Dr. Halpern founded Living Systems Instrumentation, a highly successful company known for its innovations in vascular research, where he continued to work until only a few weeks before his death. Dr. William Halpern is survived by his beloved wife, novelist Shelby Hearon, and his two sons – Russell and Alex – and their families. With his passing, the world has lost an original thinker, an outstanding physiologist, and a fine human being. (George Osol)

David F. Bohr, Ph.D.
1915-2008

David F. Bohr, professor of physiology at the University of Michigan died Tuesday, November 4, 2008. He was 93 years old and lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Bohr was born in Zurich, Switzerland, lived for five years as a boy in Cuba, and received most of his childhood education in southern California. In 1933, he entered the University of Michigan, matriculated in 1936 in its medical school and graduated in 1942. Bohr interned at Henry Ford Hospital for one year before being assigned by the U.S. Army to a Dutch hospital ship for three years of duty as laboratory officer and detachment commander (1943-46). Dr. Bohr trained for two years as a research fellow at the University of California in San Francisco (1946-48). Following this fellowship, he returned to the University of Michigan, and in 1957 was promoted to the rank of professor. Bohr’s rich career touched on many aspects of cardiovascular research, ranging from ion transport in red blood cells from hypertensive animals to the central actions of mineralocorticoids to elevate arterial blood pressure. However it was his work on the role played by the vasculature in the development of hypertension that was his fundamental contribution to the field. Two of his favorite publications were published in Science. In the first, he demonstrated that calcium not only causes contraction of vascular smooth muscle, but also in higher concentrations decreases excitability to cause relaxation or inhibition of contraction. In the second, he quantified the
calcium requirement for contractile activity of vascular smooth muscle and skeletal muscle and showed that the calcium dependency for the contractile apparatus of the two machines was identical.

Over the years, Bohr was the recipient of many awards, including the 1984 Ciba Award for Hypertension Research and the Gold Heart Award from the American Heart Association. In 1977, he gave the Wiggers Lecture for the American Physiological Society. Bohr received the A. Ray Daggs Award from the American Physiological Society in 2005. In 2007, Dr. Bohr received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Bohr was a dedicated educator who inspired and mentored numerous scientists and students, and many remember him as an important role model. He was as kind, fair and generous as he was brilliant. Bohr's legacy is one to be remembered.

Dr. Bohr served many scientific societies including the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association and the American Physiological Society. He served on the Hypertension Task Force for the National Institutes of Health from 1978-79. From 1965-68 he was a member of the Committee on Physiology of the National Board of Medical Examiners (1965-68) and he also served on the Cardiovascular Review Panel for the Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences (1968-72). As president of the American Physiological Society (1978-79), Dr. Bohr visited Cuban medical schools and observed Cuban health care, and promoted exchange of information between Cuban and American physiologists. He instituted a Standing Committee on Career Opportunities in Physiology to try to help young people during their early careers. He also initiated a meeting between the American Physiological Society Animal Care Committee and representatives of animal welfare groups.

Bohr served on the Editorial Boards of the Hypertension, Circulation Research, American Journal of Physiology and the Journal of Applied Physiology. He was a co-editor of the circulation section of the American Journal of Physiology, and as Associate Editor of the American Journal of Physiology: Heart and Circulatory Physiology. He also served as editor of the Handbook of Physiology, Vascular Smooth Muscle.

David Bohr took great pleasure in the game of tennis throughout his life. Family, friends and students enjoyed his ready sense of humor, his compassion, optimism and love of learning.

A memorial service, titled David Francis Bohr, M.D., Gentleman Scientist, will be held on Saturday January 31, 2009 in Ann Arbor at the Michigan League, League Ballroom (www.umich.edu/~league) from noon to 4:00PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to the David F. Bohr Quasi Endowment, Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan, 1301 E. Catherine, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109 (www.physiology.med.umich.edu).

References

III. 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. This includes admission to the aquarium. Tickets are available by contacting Linda Allen, LAllen@The-APS.org.
IV. Committee Reports

A. News from the Committee on Committees Rep. Pre-ExpBiol’09 Report (David Busija, Ph.D):

The CV Section would like to solicit applications for APS committee assignments for the upcoming January 16, 2009 deadline. The COC will select candidates at the Experimental Biology 2009 Meeting, and recommend these candidates to the APS Council for final approval. For each committee member selected at that time, the start date will be January 1, 2010. The term of appointment is for 3 years. Almost all committees will have vacancies starting 1/1/2010. While applicants are encouraged to apply for all committees, the CV Section has the most immediate need for well qualified candidates for the following committees: 1) Animal Care and Use; 2) International Physiology; 3) Perkins Memorial Fellowship; 4) Porter Physiological Development; 5) Senior Physiologists; and 6) Women in Physiology. The application process requires completion of two forms—an applicant form and an endorsement form.

Please consider serving on these committees or recommend other CV Section members to the CV Steering Committee. I encourage all CV Section members who are interested in serving on APS committees to send their names to me at dbusija@wfubmc.edu.

B. Nominations Committee:

Cardiovascular Section Committee Nominees/Volunteers 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 2009 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 in 2010:

**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 Section. Trainees are defined as graduate students and post-doctoral fellows or equivalent.

**Nominating Committee**: Solicits and compiles nominations for elected and non-elected positions for all CV section committees and for all APS ad hoc committees.

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

**Banquet Committee**: The annual Banquet is an important forum at which awards are presented, business and research are discussed and members can reconnect with colleagues or form new contacts.

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).

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NOMINATION FORM: CV SECTION COMMITTEE 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,     Nominating 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: ______________________

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? _______

Return the completed Nomination to:

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C. Joint Programming Committee (David Lefer, PhD, and Bill Jackson, PhD):

Cardiovascular Section Symposium Programming

Please submit your applications for Symposia and Featured Topics for consideration for Experimental Biology 2010. The deadline for receipt is February 16, 2009. Forms can be obtained at:

http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb.htm

Please copy Bill Jackson and David Lefer, co-chairs of our Programming Committee with your submissions. They would also be happy to respond to any questions.

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D. Fellowship and Membership Committee:

Dear all,
Since the Experimental Biology meeting there were no new application for membership or fellowship. My term as chair of this committee will expire next year and I have sent my suggestion for my replacement to Dr. Gerry Meininger.

We continuously encourage all Fellows to submit nominations of talented junior researchers working in the field of cardiovascular physiology, pathology, genetics, etc., for membership and to nominate established researchers that are members of the CV section for Fellowship in our section.

Sincerely,

Akos Koller
Chair
Membership and fellowship Comm.

Please contact:
E. Industry Liaison Committee of the CV Section (Christopher Hardin, PhD):

The APS-CV Section Industry/Foundations Liaison Committee is developing an expertise database for CV section members who would like to donate some limited time as consultants to industry and foundations that need cardiovascular expertise. We are looking for CV section members who would be willing to donate up to 2 hours of their time per year to do consulting work (reviewing documents, discussing science, etc.) for industry and foundations. Those entities would then make contributions to the CV section. This is a great way to help out the CV section while perhaps building your own interactions with the interested companies.

We ask that you indicate your interest by sending an email to Georgia Stine (GStine@The-APS.org). If there is sufficient interest, we will set up an expertise database for our potential sponsors to access. The database will have your contact information, 10 recent publications and 10 key phrases describing your expertise.

We hope you will participate in this novel initiative. It can be a great way to help the CV section and to build your own working relationships with appropriate companies and foundations.

Our current projects have been:
1) Continuing to fundraise for the banquet and the CV section by solicitations to industry
2) Trying to create the expertise data base to accomplish several goals (fundraising for the CV section, facilitating connections and collaborations between members and industry, etc.)
3) Submission of translational symposia for future EB meetings.

F. NIH/NHLBI Liaison Committee (Virginia Miller, PhD):

The NIH session is entitled "Improving NIH peer review. Maintaining the national strategic value of peer review" and will be held on Monday, April 20 from 5:45 until 7:15 PM. Tony Scarpi and colleagues will give this session and will be chaired by Dr. Irving H Zucker. Tentatively, it is scheduled in room 243 of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center however, I am trying to find a larger room. I will not know room availability until January after we freeze the scientific program.

G. Awards Committee:

Cardiovascular Section Awards Committee

There are 5 Awards to be presented by the CV section. The information about these awards can be found at [http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb09/awards/cardio.htm](http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb09/awards/cardio.htm)

- 2010 Cardiovascular Section Carl J. Wiggers Award
- 2010 Robert M. Berne Distinguished Lectureship
- 2009 CV Section Research Recognition Award
This year we currently have 1 application for the Wiggers Award and 0 for the Berne Lectureship. The Awards Committee appreciates all applications. We would ask the CV Section membership to provide nominees for the 2010 Wiggers and Berne Awards. We are still accepting applications.

We have 44 applications for the Research Recognition Award, 3 applications for the Clinical Science Young Investigator Award Sponsored by Portland Press, and 5 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 New Orleans.

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

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ALL materials for each award application/nomination MUST be submitted on line at: http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb06/awards/cv.htm by the deadline indicated.

The Carl J. Wiggers Award ($1,000 honorarium plus complimentary registration to the meeting) is presented to a scientist who is a Fellow of the Cardiovascular Section of the APS, who has made outstanding and lasting contributions throughout his/her career to cardiovascular research. This award is in honor of the Cardiovascular Section's founder, Carl J. Wiggers, whose research defined fundamental pressure-flow relationships in the cardiovascular system. In addition to publishing definitive texts on circulatory physiology, Dr. Wiggers founded Circulation Research and trained numerous future department heads as well as several presidents of APS. The nomination package should consist of: (1) a letter of nomination; (2) one or more seconding letters (preferably from someone outside of the nominee's institution); and (3) a CV of the candidate. All materials and letters of support should be submitted in January of the year before the award is presented. All application materials must be submitted online at
The Berne Distinguished Lectureship ($1,000 plus complimentary registration to the meeting) award is presented to a scientist who is a Fellow of the Cardiovascular Section of the APS, who has made outstanding prior contributions to cardiovascular research, and whose current research is particularly interesting, such that the presentation of this work would be expected to contribute to further interest in, and growth of, the Cardiovascular Section. This award is in honor of one of the most distinguished members of the Cardiovascular Section, Robert M. Berne. The nomination package should consist of: (1) a letter of nomination; (2) one or more seconding letters (preferably from someone outside of the nominee's institution); and (3) a CV of the candidate. All materials and letters of support should be submitted in January of the year before the award is presented. All application materials must be submitted online at (www.the-aps.org/awardapps) by January 31, 2009 to be considered for the 2009 award. Questions should be directed to Dr. Robert Hester, Chair of the CV Section Awards Committee at: rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu.

The Cardiovascular Section New Investigator Award ($1,000 plus reimbursement of advance annual meeting registration fee) recognizes outstanding investigators in the early stages of their career who have made meritorious contributions to the scientific areas represented by the APS Cardiovascular Section. Candidates must be an APS member in good standing and 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 candidate must provide their curriculum vitae, a list of the 3 publications (but not their reprints) that best represent their own new area of investigation along with a ~500-word summary of this work, two nomination letters from regular APS members, and a first- or senior-authored abstract from their laboratory that will be presented at EB2008. Candidates will be judged on their new development(s), how their new area of investigation relates to the Cardiovascular Section, and evidence of their independence and promise (funding, peer review activities, etc.). The awardee is expected to attend the Experimental Biology meeting. All application materials must be submitted online (www.the-aps.org/awardapps) by the EB abstract deadline, January 31, 2009. Questions should be directed to Dr. Robert Hester, Chair of the CV Section Awards Committee at: rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu.

The Cardiovascular Section Research Recognition Awards ($500 and reimbursement of the annual meeting advance registration rate) are designed to promote submission of abstracts to the Experimental Biology meeting from junior investigators (doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows) and to aid them in their travel expenses. To be eligible, doctoral students must be engaged in their dissertation research while postdoctoral fellows must have earned an MD, PhD or equivalent degree within the past 3 years. Applicants must have submitted a first-authored abstract to the Experimental Biology Meeting under an APS Cardiovascular Section topic category. Applicants must provide a copy of theirsubmitted abstract. It is expected that awardees will attend the Experimental Biology meeting and present their research. Up to nine Research Recognition Awards will be made each year based upon those abstracts judged to be most meritorious. All application materials must be submitted online (www.the-aps.org/awardapps) by the EB abstract deadline, January 31, 2009. Questions should be directed to Dr. Robert Hester, Chair of the CV Section Awards Committee at: rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu.

The Cardiovascular Section Young Investigator Award Sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb ($750 and reimbursement of the annual meeting advance registration fee) was founded in 2001 by a contribution from Bristol-Myers Squibb. This award is intended for Regular Members of the Cardiovascular Section of APS who have received an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree within the last 5 years. Candidates must be an APS member in good standing, should hold an academic rank which is not higher than that of Assistant Professor or equivalent, have already made a substantive independent contribution, and hold future
promise but are not, as yet, well established. The candidate must provide their curriculum vitae, a list of the 3 publications (but not their reprints) that best represent their independent line of investigation along with a ~500-word summary of this work, one nomination letter, a seconding letter (preferably from someone outside the nominee's institution), and a first- or senior-authored abstract from their laboratory that will be presented at the annual meeting. Candidates will be judged on their professional development, independence, and how their research program relates to the Cardiovascular Section. The awardee is expected to attend the Experimental Biology meeting. All application materials must be submitted online (www.the-aps.org/awardapps) by the EB abstract deadline, January 31, 2009. Questions should be directed to Dr. Robert Hester, Chair of the CV Section Awards Committee at: rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu.

Cardiovascular Section Clinical Science Young Investigator Award sponsored by Portland press ($500 plus a free personal subscription to Clinical Science online www.clinsci.org) recognizes an outstanding junior investigator involved in cardiovascular research. To be eligible, the investigator must have earned an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree within the past 3 years and have submitted a first-authored abstract to the Experimental Biology Meeting under an APS Cardiovascular Section Topic Category. It is expected that the awardee will attend the Experimental Biology meeting and present his or her research. The awardee will be recognized at the Cardiovascular Section Banquet during the EB 2009 meeting. All application materials must be submitted online (www.the-aps.org/awardapps) by the EB deadline, January 31, 2009. Questions should be directed to Dr. Robert Hester, Chair of the CV Section Awards Committee at: rhester@physiology.umsmed.edu.

H. Trainee Committee:

Cardiovascular Section Trainees:
Have you visited the APS Trainee Webpage recently? The website was recently re-designed making it easier to navigate the wide-range of information available for trainees. The webpage can be found at http://www.the-aps.org/trainees/index.htm. Trainees are encouraged to download the Professional Skills Document which is found within the skills link. The document was designed as a professional development tool for physiology trainees and their mentors. While at the Trainee Webpage all trainees should also be sure to sign-up for the APS Trainee Listserv. The listserv is a great way to stay up-to-date with the latest trainee-relevant topics such as EB2009 related news, travel and section awards, and career development opportunities.

The Cardiovascular Section Trainee Committee currently has openings for new members. The CV Trainee Committee’s goal is to address the concerns of CV trainees and encourage participation within the section. Trainees are defined as graduate students and post-doctoral fellows or equivalent. If you are interested in serving on the CV Section Trainee Section please contact Bryan Helwig at bryan.helwig@us.army.mil for details regarding nomination packets.

Experimental Biology 2009 will once again offer multiple sessions targeted at APS trainees. The APS Trainee Advisory Committee is sponsoring a session for trainees entitled “Mentoring Strategies: Beyond the Bench”. The symposium will address effective mentoring, supervising employees, capitalizing on diverse personalities in the environments, and using constructive approaches to resolve conflict. Further information regarding EB2009 trainee-relevant sessions will be sent via listserv in the coming months. The APS Trainee Advisory Committee has created a Facebook group page designed specifically for trainees! The APS Trainees group is public and provides a great venue for APS Trainee related news, updates, and physiology-relevant discussions. In addition to the APS Trainees Group, the APS also has a group page for regular APS members.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding trainee-related issues feel free to contact Bryan Helwig at bryan.helwig@us.army.mil.

Bryan Helwig, CV Trainee Advisory Committee Representative
**Future News Items:**

Do you have any items of interest you would like included in a future CVS Newsletter? If so, send them to the attention of Thomas H. Hintze, Ph.D., Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas_Hintze@NYMC.EDU.

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