A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We held elections in December, 2009. I would like to welcome Chair and Section Advisory Committee Representative: Eric Delpire, Ph.D. Vanderbilt Univ.; Councilor and Committee on Committees Representative: My Helms, Ph.D. Emory Univ. Sch. of Med.; Program Officer: Neil Bradbury, Ph.D. Rosalind Franklin Univ.; Trainee Advisory Committee Representative: Jennifer Bomberger, Ph.D. Dartmouth Med. Sch. and Physiologists in Industry Committee Representative: Kelly Pitts, Ph.D. Amgen Colorado. I will rotate off as Chair to a three year term as Sage. I would like to thank everyone who stood for office, and to thank everyone who is serving and who has served for their outstanding service. I know that they will continue serve the Section and the Society in the future. I am confident that the Steering Committee will continue to serve the Cell Section with Distinction.

Carole Liedtke and Cathy Fuller have organized an outstanding program for Cell with several outstanding Symposia and Featured Topics. This is a lot of hard work, and I thank them on behalf of the Section.

Mike Romero organizes the newsletter, and Kelly Pitts has been helping. We have been getting the newsletter out on a regular basis, and My Helms has helped arrange a facebook site that includes information of interest to the Section.

Sergio Grinstein will be our Davson Lecturer. We will be seeking nominations for the 2011 Davson Lecturer as well as after dinner speaker for 2011.

We look forward to seeing you at the Cell Dinner which was organized by Mike Romero on Monday April 26, from 6:00-11:00 PM at Naples Ristorante e Napolini, where we will announce the winners of our competitions (organized by Roger Worrell) for awards and where Simon Lewis will be our after dinner speaker. A wonderful evening is guaranteed. At the time of this writing, dinner tickets were still available. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible (http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb10/banq_tix/camps.htm).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Section, and I look forward to seeing you and hearing about your work at the 2010 EB meeting in Anaheim.

John Cuppoletti, Chair
AJP-CELL PHYSIOLOGY EDITOR’S NOTE

The Associate Editors (John Geibel, Michael Goligorsky, Sophie Latersztajn, Alicia McDonough, Kathy Sweedner, Jason Yuan) and I continue our efforts to attract and publish articles that will be of interest to members of CaMPS. A new initiative that we have recently launched is THEME articles, which are a series of reviews organized around a particular topic. The first THEME, which was handled by Sophie Latersztajn, is on autophagy. Several of the articles in that THEME are available on-line and will start appearing in print this spring. We urge members of CaMPS to propose topics and authors for additional THEME articles; several such topics are currently under discussion. Such articles are in addition to other Reviews and Editorial Focus articles that highlight original studies. Although some of our Review articles are invited, we are happy to consider unsolicited Reviews: proposals for such reviews should summarize the rationale for such a Review and the aspects that will be covered. Decisions regarding Proposed Reviews generally involve the input of multiple Associate Editors. Our intention with these various types of articles is to help advance knowledge and understanding among readers about a variety of topics in cell physiology.

In addition, we recently received and have tentatively approved for publication an article that provides a Historical Perspective in cell physiology. The Associate Editors and I hope that this will be the first of additional articles that provide such a Perspective. A well-known investigator who reviewed this first article wrote, “I read through the manuscript and it is FABULOUS! It is ready to publish as is. Anyone reading it should want to now start focusing on cell physiology. The review has convinced me this is where I should be focusing my efforts. Thanks for letting me read this wonderful treatise.” The Associate Editors and I are currently considering other Historical Perspective topics.

These pieces of “good news” have occurred in the face of an important setback: in 2009, AJP-Cell (along with other APS journals) has had a substantial (16% in the case of AJP-Cell) decrease in number of submissions, in particular, of original articles. Grant writing efforts, such as those resulting from ARRA, may have contributed to the decrease in submissions. The rejection rates for all the APS journals in 2008 and 2009 are 53% and 56% while for AJP-Cell the numbers are 48% and 43%, respectively. The Associate Editors and I urge members of CaMPS and their colleagues to submit original articles to AJP-Cell. We are strongly committed to providing speedy evaluations that provide constructive criticisms. We look forward to working with members of CaMPS and others with an interest in cell physiology to enhance the quality and appeal of AJP-Cell.

Paul A. Insel,
American Journal of Physiology-Cell Physiology, Editor-in-Chief

TRAINEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SECTION

Greetings CaMPS Section Members,

My name is Jennifer Bomberger and I am your newly elected trainee representative for the Cell and Molecular Physiology Section Steering Committee. I would like to begin by thanking my predecessor, My Helms (Emory University), for her fantastic work as the trainee representative and ongoing service in the CaMPS section. On a personal note, I am incredibly grateful for My’s guidance and continued support as I transition into this new role. Following My’s lead, my role as the trainee representative is to serve as a liaison between trainees and junior investigators in this division and the CaMPS Steering committee. My primary goal is to communicate trainee concerns and needs to the Steering committee and work with the Steering
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committee to see that relevant trainee matters are addressed. Along these lines, please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions and concerns regarding career development or trainee issues within the CaMPS section.

I would like to take this chance to notify you and/or your trainees of several exciting opportunities and new developments for trainees in the CaMPS section.

1. New for CaMPS section trainees: get involved by participating on the Trainee Subcommittee! Here’s your chance to provide input on CaMPS section trainee events and participate in section activities. We envision several trainee subcommittee positions to help coordinate and organize trainee events at national meetings and smaller venues. I encourage trainees interested in getting more involved in the section to please contact me.

2. Experimental Biology 2010 in Anaheim, CA! With the EB 2010 meeting now a little over a month away, please check out the EB website for the full program for the meeting (http://experimentalbiology.org). Of note, the APS career development track, with many informative sessions ranging from manuscript writing, to non-traditional career programs, to teaching and laboratory management seminars and more. In addition, the trainee advisory committee (TAC) is also sponsoring a symposium on the peer review process, entitled “Publish, Not Perish: How to Survive the Peer Review Process,” on Monday April 26. Details for this symposium can be found in the APS career development track in the EB program. Please be sure to also purchase your ticket for the Cell dinner at EB (http://www.the-aps.org/sections/cell/index.htm). This is always a great time and excellent opportunity to network with prominent physiologists in your field. Not to be missed!!

3. Check out our CaMPS section Facebook page. (http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=214270420610). Email and ask me to make you a friend (jbomberger@dartmouthedu). Our numbers on Facebook are growing and I think this is a great tool for networking and keeping members informed of section happenings. Please join us!

Finally, while it is my goal to keep section members informed of all opportunities available to trainees and junior investigators through CaMPS and the greater APS, I encourage you to also visit the APS website and subscribe to the CaMPS list-serve. This is one way to stay updated on section events and opportunities for trainees. In addition, exceptional career development resources are available through the TAC list-serve at http://www.the-aps.org/trainees and the TAC Facebook page.

I hope to see you at EB2010.

Best wishes,
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CaMPS AWARDS

The Cell and Molecular Physiology Section Awards finalists for EB 2010 have been chosen and those on the finalist should have been notified. All finalist will be expected to present their posters on Monday April 26th from 9:00am-10:00am in the Anaheim Marriott Orange County Ballroom Salon 2 for the second stage of judging. Winners will be announced at the CaMPS Banquet awards ceremony which will be held 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Naples Ristorante e Napolini. Awards conferred will be:

- New Investigator Award - ($1,000 plus reimbursement of the advance EB registration fee)
- Research Recognition Awards - (2 awards - $500 plus reimbursement of the advance EB registration fee for each)
- Robert Gunn Student Awards - (2 awards - $300 plus reimbursement of the advance EB registration fee for each. Priority is given to an undergraduate researcher for the second award.

Roger T. Worrell, Ph.D., CaMPS Awards

PHYSIOLOGISTS IN INDUSTRY (PIC) MESSAGE

Section representative: Kelly Pitts, Ph.D

The APS PIC is sponsoring a Symposium at EB ‘10 entitled "Novel Opportunities for the Treatment of Heart Failure" on Sunday, April 25 from 8:00 – 10:00 am in Anaheim Convention Center Ballroom A. Approximately 5 million Americans have heart failure (HF), and although there is an array of interventions to treat this disease, many HF patients still experience poor outcomes. Further, many patients present in an acutely decompensated state, with >280,000 patients dying each year from HF with an associated financial burden of $35 billion in 2008 alone. In this symposium, new insights into cardiac function and novel emerging therapies to treat HF will be discussed including a) the roles and potential of miRNA-based approaches as therapeutics in heart failure, b) cardiac phosphorylation cascades and the use stem cells as emerging potential targets in the treatment of heart failure, c) novel natriuretic peptides and vasopressin antagonists as therapeutics for decompensated heart failure and d) the latest clinical trial efficacy of selective adenosine A1 antagonists in heart failure. Attendees will gain an appreciation for the new and emerging therapeutic approaches to modify the pathophysiology of HF.

In addition, the APS Translational Physiology Group and the PIC are co-sponsoring a Symposium entitled “Integrins: New Insights and Therapeutic Targets” on Wednesday, 28 April from 8:00 – 10:00 am in Anaheim Convention Center Ballroom C. Integrins form a large family of transmembrane proteins required for cell adhesion, morphogenesis, migration, polarity and differentiation. Integrins interact with both the extracellular matrix and intracellular domains to mediate a host of intracellular signalling pathways and signal transduction. Recent advances have provided new information regarding the structure, activation and signaling cascades in both physiological and pathological conditions. Furthermore, integrins are presently under study as potential treatment option for a wide range of disorders including inflammatory diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, cancer,
cardiovascular disease, and antiplatelet/anticoagulant therapies. This symposium will review a) factors leading to integrin activation and key signaling pathways elicited by them, b) the pharmacological and toxicological profile of the gastrointestinal-selective, anti-inflammatory therapeutic vedolizumab in non-human primates, c) the signals regulating focal adhesion formation and cell mobility, and d) targeted siRNA delivery to leukocyte-implicated diseases. Attendees will gain an appreciation of recent information regarding integrin function, activation and potential treatment utilizing integrins. Look for the full program on-line at http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/eb10/program-day.html.

The PIC Novel Disease Model Award will be granted to each a graduate student and a postdoctoral fellow who submit the best abstracts at EB ’10 that describe a novel disease model. The model can be in vitro or in vivo but should clearly emphasize the potential utility of the system for future research related to a disease. The award is $500 for the graduate student and $800 for the postdoctoral fellow categories, respectively, is sponsored by the PIC and the APS, and will be presented at the APS Business Meeting on Tuesday, 27 April.

You’re invited! Come meet, eat and socialize with your fellow Physiologists who are working in the corporate and/or industrial sector. The 10th Annual Liaison with Industry Committee Mixer at EB ’10 is on Sunday, April 25th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Marriott, Orange County Ballroom Salon 2. Free Hors d’oeuvres will be available along with a low cash bar and information on the roles of Physiologists in Industry. This is a great opportunity to network with Industry APS members — we hope to see you there!

The APS PIC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 4/25, 6:45 – 7:55 am Marriott, Grand Ballroom in Salon J — this is the committee’s annual opportunity to have a face-to-face meeting to discuss committee business and new initiatives. Please feel free to contact your PIC section representative if there are issues to be brought to the attention of the PIC.

CELL & MOLECULAR PHYSIOLOGY SECTION
SPONSORED EVENTS, EB 2010

Hugh Davson Distinguished Lectureship
of the APS Cell and Molecular Physiology Section

Sergio Grinstein
University of Toronto, Canada

Imaging Phagocytosis: Receptors, Phospholipids, and the Cytoskeleton
Tuesday, April 21, 2010 at 3:15 pm
Convention Center, Ballroom C

Cross Sectional Symposia
Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress at the Crossroad Between Fatty Liver, Leptin Resistance, Obesity, and Diabetes
Chairs: I.T. Villavazo
Sunday, April 25, 2010, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Convention Center, Ballroom B
SPONSORED EVENTS CONT.

Humoral Factors in Renal Injury and Hypertension
Chair: J.P. Granger
Monday, April 26, 2010, 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm
Convention Center, Ballroom C

Novel Redox Signaling in Ion Channel Regulations and Pathophysiology
Chair: My Helms
Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Marriott, Platinum 1/2

CaMPS Symposia

Ion Transport in Cancer
Chair: Cathy Fuller, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Co-chair: Ken Gagnon, Vanderbilt University
Sunday, April 25, 2010, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Convention Center, Room 303C

Systems Biology Approach to Monitor Intercellular Networks
Chair: Sylvie Breton, Harvard Medical School
Co-Chair: Bruce Molitoris
Monday, April 26, 2010, 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm
Convention Center, Room 303C

Cytoskeleton-associated motors and tethers in epithelial polarity and trafficking
Chair: Bruce Stanton, Dartmouth Medical School
Co-chair: Dennis Brown, Harvard Medical School
Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Convention Center, Room 303C

CaMPS Featured Topics

Ion Channels
Chair: Carole M. Liedtke, Case Western Reserve University, and Per Svenningse, University of Southern California
Sunday, April 25, 2010, 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Convention Center, Room 303C

Caveolar microdomains, signaling and disease
Chair: Paul Insel, University of California San Diego
Monday, April 26, 2010, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Convention Center, Room 303C

Epithelial Barrier Function in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
Chair: Michael Fromm, Freie Universitaet and Humboldt Universitaet, Germany
Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Convention Center, Room 303C

Cell and Molecular Physiology Section: Message from Joint Programming Reps

Call for Symposium Proposals and Featured Topic Proposals Symposium

Complete the Symposium Form and email it to the JPC reps at carole.liedtke@case.edu and cfuller@uab.edu by April 30th to be considered.
for EB2011. The JPC representatives will review the proposal for adherence to CaMPS guidelines and, if approved, send the proposal to APS Headquarters Staff. Guidelines will be sent out on the CaMPS Listserve and will be posted on the CaMPS website.

Each APS symposium organizer will be allocated monies for use in the reimbursement of relevant travel expenses (airfare, per diem, housing, etc.) of invited speaker(s), both member and nonmember. The amount provided to each organizer from APS funds will not exceed $4,000. The allocation of funds will be at the discretion of the symposium organizer(s). The organizer may raise additional funds from outside sources. Invited speakers of APS (not guest society)-sponsored symposia will receive complimentary registration over-and-above the $4,000 allotment.

Maximum session length is 2 hours. Be sure to allow sufficient time for discussion. CaMPS guidelines call for inclusion of underrepresented minority groups (ethnicity, age, gender, etc) as well as researchers working in industry. Use COMPLETE names (DO NOT USE INITIALS) when listing participants and chairperson(s).

Membership in the Society is NOT a requirement for speaker participation or travel reimbursement.

Featured Topic
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. Featured presenters, or invited speakers, may present work not represented by a submitted abstract. All other presentations are selected from the submitted abstracts. Abstract authors choose the preferred featured topic category from the call for papers as an indication that they are willing to present their research in both an oral and poster format. Either the chairperson of the featured topic or the primary sponsoring section’s Joint Program Committee Representative is responsible for selecting which abstracts to include in the featured topic session.

A featured topic may also be organized by a section AFTER the submission of abstracts.

Featured Topics of this type would be organized based on the number of high-quality abstracts submitted in a particular area by the general membership of the Society. In contrast to the first type of featured topic, the themes for these featured topics are entirely generated by area(s) of research that the general membership deems important and timely. CaMPS guidelines recommend that trainees or underrepresented minorities rather than senior investigators be selected for the oral presentation. Programming of these featured topics will be performed by the section’s Chair, Joint Programming Committee, and/or by the appointed Chair of the featured topic.

Complimentary advanced registration will be provided to no more than two invited speakers who are presenting in the featured topic. CaMPS provides $2,000 for travel expense reimbursement. The allocation of funds will be at the discretion of the featured topic chair(s).
CaMPS BANQUET – EB 2010 (ANAHEIM, CA)

EB 2010 is drawing near, and this means that preparations for this year’s CaMPS Banquet (Monday April 26, 2010) are underway. Happily, attendance at the annual Banquet has been increasing over the past 3-4 years, and I would like to maintain that trend. EB has not been in Anaheim since 1994, so we have the opportunity to explore some new venues.

New this year:

* PRE-dinner mixer for Trainees
One of our trainees (Ryan Downey of Texas Tech) suggested this on Facebook. We thought it was a great idea to have our younger colleagues meet each other. For up to the minute information, see the Facebook page! We will try to start a message board on the Facebook page to have a rough head-count.

* Banquet entertainment / theme
Since we’re in Anaheim (last Anaheim meeting was 1994) – are there particular venues that CaMPS would like to explore (there is always the somewhat kitsch-Disney theme). I would like some feedback on likes of the past few years. Music? I want to hear from you!

Tickets are still available
Door prices will increase for non-trainees to $60.00
This is YOUR CaMPS section, and we want to have your input!

Michael F. Romero
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THE HUGH DAVSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP

The Davson Lectureship was initiated to honor the legacy of esteemed physiologist, Professor Hugh Davson (1909-1996). Prof. Davson made innumerable contributions throughout his career to our understanding of cell membranes and their role to the maintenance of fluid composition in the cell and in distinct body compartments including the eye and the central nervous system.

The 2010 Hugh Davson Distinguished Lecture will be presented by Dr. Sergio Grinstein.

The 2010 Hugh Davson Distinguished Lecture
“Imaging phagocytosis: receptors, phospholipids and the cytoskeleton”
Tuesday, April 27, 3:15 PM
Anaheim Convention Center Ballroom C

Dr. Grinstein has had a long and stellar career as an outstanding biochemist, physiologist and cell biologist. His research interests have centered around two main areas. The first is the regulation of ion transport and the pH of intracellular compartments. He has developed a number of molecular probes and imaging techniques that have opened the doors to measuring the ion content in different compartments of live cells by non-invasive methods and for identifying the properties of the molecules responsible for ion transport. The second area of his research deals with the molecular mechanisms used by white blood cells to eliminate infectious organisms. Specifically, he has studied the processes whereby macrophages and neutrophils migrate to sites of infection, ingest microbes and destroy them.

Nominations sought for the 2011 Hugh Davson Distinguished Lectureship

In 1993, the APS initiated a lectureship to honor the legacy of Professor Hugh Davson who made innumerable contributions throughout his career to our understanding of cell membranes and their role to the maintenance of fluid composition in the cell and in distinct body compartments.

The Sections seeks once again to honor this legacy by selecting a meritorious scientist to present the 2011 Davson Lecture. Nominations of scientists who have made critical and substantial contributions to current understanding of cell and molecular physiology are accepted from all Society members. Please submit nominations to Bruce Schultz at bschultz@vet.ksu.edu.

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OF FINAL NOTE:
“Trends in Animal Rights Activism and Extremism” APS Animal Care and Experimentation Committee
3:15-5:45 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010
Room 303B, Anaheim Convention Center

Animal rights activists frequently ask for information about research projects using the federal Freedom of Information Act or state open records laws. These are laws intended to promote openness in government, which the information generally has to be released unless it falls under specific exemptions. UCLA Senior Counsel Amy Blum will discuss how researchers and their institutions can minimize this risk of releasing information that can be misused.

In recent years, the radical fringe of the animal rights movement has increasingly adopted violent tactics pioneered by animal rights extremists in the U.K. University of Iowa Director of Animal Resources Paul Cooper will discuss how institutions should prepare themselves to respond effectively to an animal rights break-in.

Due to a growing recognition among researchers that keeping a low profile does not provide protection against activists, the symposium will feature two talks on public outreach. UCLA neuroscientist David Jentsch, who organized the first large scale U.S. march in support of humane animal research, will discuss ways for scientists to become pro-active research advocates. In addition, UCLA neurobiology doctoral candidate Megan Wyeth will discuss public outreach for the early career scientist. Jentsch founded an organization at UCLA called Pro-Test for Science, and Wyeth has received a Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach from Americans for Medical Progress to assist other institutions in establishing Pro-Test chapters. Therefore, the last half hour of the session will be an informal discussion with Jentsch and Wyeth for those interested in establishing a Pro-Test for Science chapters.

PHOTO CONTEST*

Want to see your beautiful cell images featured in the next edition of the CaMPS newsletter? You can! Send your original images to Kelly Pitts (kelly.pitts@amgen.com) with a brief description by September 15, 2010. Members of the CaMPS committee will select a group of images to become the artwork for the fall newsletter. All featured images will include a caption referencing the “artist” and their affiliation. You won’t want to miss out on sharing your images with your fellow CaMP-ers!

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