Message From Our Chair

Greetings NCAR Members:

I have three important items of information to pass on to you.

1) Changes in programming will be implemented for the EB2011 meeting. The major changes include extending the meeting until 5:15 pm on the last day (Wednesday) and “clustering” of section-sponsored sessions on specific days.

The last day of the meeting will include oral sessions (as well as posters) throughout the entire day, ending at ~5:15 pm. This change should encourage better attendance during the last day, particularly during the afternoon.

Section-sponsored sessions will be programmed either earlier or later in the week, thereby giving individuals the option to attend only a portion of the meeting without missing their own section’s sessions. Furthermore, each section has identified other sections with overlapping interests so that their sessions can be programmed on the same or adjacent days. In addition to these advantages, the new system will allow each section to gain one additional session.

NCAR sessions will be programmed on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday for EB2011 (see Program Grid, page 3). Other sections of interest to NCAR members (e.g., CNS, WEH, EEP, CV) also have sessions programmed on those days (see Program Grid).

The new plan is an experiment of sorts. If successful, it will also be used in 2012. If not, it will be modified or dropped. Success will be judged in part on how the new plan affects abstract submissions, attendance at specific sessions, and feedback from the membership.

Your initial feedback on the changes described above would be appreciated. Please answer the following two questions and email your answers to me (mark-chapleau@uiowa.edu). Feel free to include additional comments.

Do you typically stay for the entire EB meeting including the final day?

Do you think the new plan (extending the meeting on Wednesday...
afternoon and “clustering”) will be good, bad, or indifferent for you?

2) Please nominate qualified individuals for APS President-Elect and APS Council. Current officers and Council Members may serve only one term. Do not nominate a Past President for the office of President-Elect, or a current Council Member for the office of Councilor. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, **September 10, 2010**.

Follow the link to the nomination ballot:

http://www.the-aps.org/cgi-bin/Election/Nomination_form11.htm

Also, please submit nominations for the **2012 Cannon Award Lecture** and the **2012 Bowditch Award Lecture**. The lectures will be presented at EB2012 in San Diego, CA. The Bowditch lecturer must be 42 years of age or younger at the time of the 2012 lecture (April 22, 2012). Information and nomination forms can be found at the links below.

Your involvement is needed to assure consideration of qualified NCAR members for the above positions/awards.

Cannon Award: [http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society.htm#cannon](http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society.htm#cannon)

Bowditch Award: [http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society.htm#bowditch](http://www.the-aps.org/awards/society.htm#bowditch)

3) The deadline for submission of proposals for symposia, satellite meetings, and plenary speakers for the 2011 ISAN/AAS meeting in Buzios, Brazil (September 12-16, 2011) is approaching (**August 2**). Important information about the conference can be found at the web site: ([http://www.eventus.com.br/isan2011/](http://www.eventus.com.br/isan2011/)). A letter with instructions for preparing proposals is included at the end of this newsletter. Please email me your proposals by August 2. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, but need more time, please contact me.

Mark Chapleau (mark-chapleau@uiowa.edu)
Chair, NCAR Section

**2011 NCAR-Sponsored Symposia & Featured Topics**

Below are the selected NCAR Symposia and Featured Topics for EB2011

**Symposia**

1. Mechanisms of Peripheral and Autonomic Neuropathies  
   **Chairs:** Drs. Irina Obrosova and Mark Yorek
2. Real Progress in Translational Cardiovascular Research to Treat Disease  
   **Chairs:** Drs. Julian Paton and Benedito Machado

**Featured Topics**

1. Neural and Humoral Mechanisms in Human Hypertension  
   **Chairs:** Drs. Richard Auchus and Wanpen Vongpatanasin
2. Renal Nerves: Their Role in Cardiovascular Disease  
   **Chair:** Dr. Irving Zucker
3. Control of Sympathetic Nerve Activity: Coupling to Respiration  
   **Chairs:** Drs. Erica Wehrwein and Glenn Toney

Reminder-- all featured topics will include 4 abstracts that will be orally presented during the second hour of the session. If your research relates to any of the featured topic areas, please consider submitting a 2011 abstract to that particular topic category. This is done during the normal abstract submission process in November, but it’s never too early to begin planning!
IMPORTANT! MAKE SURE YOU ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE NCAR LISTSERV for up-to-date information and newsletters.

PLEASE NOTE! With the change in the APS web site to the new management system, it is possible that your subscriptions to listserv is has not been properly indicated. You should update your profile to make sure the listservs are checked.

Visit the [APS Home Page](#) Click on "Members Only" link.
Log in (Username is your email; default password is your member ID#)
Your profile screen will appear. Find the blue button labeled “Update Section Affiliation/Interest Groups”. Click this button and select those sections you wish to affiliate and subscribe to their listserv (maximum of three sections; unlimited number of interest groups).

Keep your ear to the ground and eye to the sky…. The next newsletter will be arriving soon!

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

Do you have comments or items of interest you would like to include in the Newsletter? Please contact Harold Schultz, NCAR Newsletter editor. hschultz@unmc.edu 402-350-6691

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Dear Colleague,

RE: Call for Plenary Speakers, Symposia & Satellites

We are delighted to announce a joint meeting between the International Society for Autonomic Research (ISAN) and the American Autonomic Society (AAS). This joint meeting is the first of its kind and will be held in Buzios, Brazil (http://www.eventus.com.br/isan2011/) between 12-16 September 2011. The theme of the meeting is: “Translating autonomic neuroscience”

The International Programming Committee (IPC) of ISAN-AAS 2011 wishes to invite you to submit proposals for Plenary Speakers, Symposia and Satellites. All submissions will be considered by the IPC, which has representation of both basic and clinical autonomic neuroscience (see enclosure for list of members) and from the local organising committee (LOC).

All submissions must follow the guidelines below and be sent to Mark Chapleau (mark-chapleau@uiowa.edu) by 2nd August 2010.

A). Guidelines for Plenary Speaker Proposals

Please submit a CV with your proposed speaker, her/his title and confirmation that the speaker would attend the meeting if invited. Please make sure that the topic of the speaker falls within the theme of the meeting.

B). Guidelines for Symposium Submissions

1. Each symposium will be 2 hours long and may include either 3 or 4 invited speakers with each speaker allocated either 25 min (20 min + 5 min for discussion), 30 min (25+5), or 35 min (30+5). It may have a Chair and co-Chair or just a Chair. Please note that if the Chair or co-Chair gives more than brief introductory remarks, the proposal must list them as a speaker.

2. We plan to include 1-3 shorter presentations related to the theme of the symposium, selected from accepted abstracts, particularly to allow early career researchers the opportunity to present their work in a more formal setting. The flexibility in choosing the number of main speakers and the duration of their presentations (see #1 above) will allow the organizers to leave time for these shorter presentations (10 min + 5 min for discussion).

3. The IPC’s primary consideration is to generate the highest quality scientific program. Where possible it is important that proposals have equal contributions from both basic and clinical scientists. If necessary, the IPC will dovetail symposia to ensure equal weighting of clinical and basic science within a session (i.e., merging 2 symposia if needed). In addition, the IPC will sequester symposia proposals.

Please consider that the chairperson sets up teleconferences between their speakers so all are aware of what the others will speak on. This will allow good integration across talks leading to a coherent symposium addressing the limitations of current clinical approaches as well as basic science developments that could overcome these limitations.
4. Please note that the LOC is still in the early stages of fund raising so we cannot yet promise any financial support for invited speakers. However, registration fees for invited speakers will be waived and the LOC will be able to provide internal regular transfers (round-trip) from the International Airport of Rio de Janeiro (Tom Jobim) to Búzios, with the proviso that all speakers register by the required date. We also hope to be able to assist financially with accommodation costs.

5. Prior to proposal submission, please ensure that all speakers have confirmed directly with you that, should your Symposium be selected, they will definitely attend the meeting, noting the conditions of the limited financial support as described in point 4.

6. The person proposing the symposium is responsible for all communication with the speakers, including being a primary contact for speakers during the submission and review process, informing the speakers if the symposium bid was successful or not, ensuring that speakers submit abstracts, complete registration requirements and provide information to audiovisual staff as required.

7. Diversity of speakers (seniority, geographical representation, gender) and timely topics will be important aspects of the selection process. The most successful topics will summarize advances or present conflicting views in rapidly developing areas and provide the audience with an overall view.

8. In your submission please provide:
   (i) Title of symposium
   (ii) Names and addresses (including email) of proposer, Chair(s) and speakers
   (iii) Tentative titles of individual presentations
   (iv) One recent, full citation of a published work for each speaker
   (v) Confirmation that all speakers and Chairs have agreed to participate
   (vi) Overall objectives of the symposium (limit 1500 characters) and why the proposal is timely
   (limit 500 characters)
   (vii) Short summary of the symposium (limit 500 characters) to be used for publicity and fundraising purposes.
   (viii) Possibility that the symposium might be sponsored or speaker costs might be shared, defrayed from other sources.
   (ix) Any other information which you consider makes the proposal attractive

C). Guidelines for Satellites
1. It is essential that those who are interested in organizing a satellite will need to find a Brazilian partner who is willing to contribute and assist in the local organisation of the satellite. 
2. Satellite organizers will need to raise funds to support their satellite and this must be done in consultation with the LOC.
3. The IPC will explore the possibility that a number of symposia on a similar theme become a satellite; this will be proposed to each organizer for their agreement.

Thank you and best wishes

Julian Paton and Mark Chapleau
Co-Chairs of the IPC for ISAN-AAS 2011
AUSTRALIA:
Janet Keast – visceral afferents
Vaughan Macefield – human studies, CNS imaging

JAPAN:
Miyako Takaki – Gi tract
Yasumasa Okada – pulmonary/respiratory

EUROPE:
Julian F. Paton (England, Chair)
Marcus Drake (England) – urogenital systems
David Grundy (England) – gastrointestinal system
Jens Tank (Germany) – cardiovascular/autonomic: basic and clinical

NORTH-AMERICA:
Mark W. Chapleau (USA, Chair)
David Robertson – clinical autonomic disorders, translation, genetics
Nisha Charkoudian – human cardiovascular physiology
Clif Saper – CNS, inflammation, fever, translation
Christopher Gibbons – autonomic disorders, neuropathies including diabetes
David Linden – gastrointestinal neuroscience
Bruce Lindsay – respiratory

SOUTH-AMERICA:
Benedito H. Machado (Brazil) – central cardiovascular autonomic neuroscience
Carlos E Negrão (Brazil) – exercise, gender, heart failure, human