Congratulations to all our 2019 Cell and Molecular Physiology Section Award Winners!

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Message from the Chair- My Helms

Dear colleagues,

It is an honor, and quite humbling, to be elected to serve as the Chair of the Cell Section. We all owe Kenneth Gagnon a debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts as our outgoing Chair. I certainly hope to build on the great work that he has done. I am also immensely grateful to the current members of our steering committee for their steadfast commitment to fostering education, scientific research, and dissemination of information to Cell Section members.

As Chair, my priorities include building on the endowment and increasing our support for young investigators through awards. Endowments serve as a foundation and central pillar to future research and training. Through endowments, the base funds are generally held and only the interest accrued is used to finance specific goals such as our section’s research recognition travel awards for trainees. Of equal import, here, the APS will match the endowment funding. Thus, amounts raised are effectively doubled through the kind assistance and generosity of the APS. Please consider making a gift to the Cell Section today! The only gift too small is no gift at all. We appreciate each and every gift from everyone in the APS community. Additional information on how to contribute can be found in the May 2019 Cell Section Post-EB newsletter. Our continued efforts jointly as a section, and individually as APS members, act to increase endowment funding and further our sections’ goals.

The opportunity for me to join a shared commitment to deliver a wide array of programs that advance the discipline of physiology is a significant one. I am extremely proud of, and am fully committed to, the prospect of carrying the American Physiological Society’s vision and mission forward as a fully engaged member of the society. Although I recognize the critical need to continue to grow the Trainee Endowment Fund so that our section can continue to foster and to support the next generation of Cell and Molecular Physiologists, I am also focused on unifying all Sections/Interest Groups and maintaining an inclusive and kind culture.

Very truly yours,

My N. Helms
Congratulations 2019 CaMPS Award Winners!

2019 Postdoctoral Research Recognition Award
Ian Thornell

2019 Robert Gunn Student Award
Vanessa Dela Justina
Bianca Quade
Amanda Eccardt
Katherine Adler
Mohammed Haq
Phinea Romero

NOTE: Spencer Cushen was also a winner, but not an awardee because he received another APS award this year.

CaMPS Finalists - Poster Session at EB 2019

Charles Okechukwu
Amity Eaton
Scott Frendo-Cumbo
Phinea Romero
Ngonidzashe Madungwe
Corbin Azucenas
CaMPS Trainee International Travel Award

The committee has tabled the 2019 Trainee International Travel Award. The next target meeting and the deadlines will be announced in January 2020.

Look out for the details in the next edition of the CaMPS newsletter!!
It was a pleasure to meet many CaMPS Members during the EB2019 conference and I would like to thank the organisers for a very enjoyable CaMPS Dinner and associated “bingo” game.

Following the first announcement at the conference, I am delighted to communicate that the winner of the AJP-Cell Physiology Paper of the Year 2018 Award is Dr. Merla J. Hubler (photo below), from the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University. The winning paper is “MFehi adipose tissue macrophages compensate for tissue iron perturbations in mice”, by Merla J. Hubler, Keith M. Erikson, Arion J. Kennedy and Alyssa H. Hasty, doi: https://doi.org/10.1152/ajpcell.00103.2018. Many congratulations to Merla and colleagues and thank you for choosing to publish in AJP-Cell Physiology! The Paper of the Year competition will run again for 2019. As a reminder, eligible papers are those accepted within 2019 which have a student or post-doctoral researcher (the latter within 5 years of award of the Ph.D) as the single first author, and which have been ranked most highly at the first round of review by the external peer-reviewers. These papers are then ranked independently by the senior Editors of AJP-Cell Physiology.

I would also like to thank Associate Editor Prof. Thomas Hawke, EAB member Dr. Christopher Perry, and the three invited Speakers, Profs. Anna Kashina, Sandra Cooper and Leslie Leinwand, for a truly outstanding AJP-Cell Physiology/CaMPS co-sponsored Symposium at EB. The topic was “New and Emerging Roles of the Cytoskeleton in Striated Muscle” and each of the speakers showcased research of the highest quality in compelling presentations. It was great to see that this Symposium drew a large audience. A related Theme of Reviews begins in the current issue of AJP-Cell Physiology and a Call for Papers in this area will continue until June 30th 2019.

As is traditional, some APS Journal metrics were announced at the general Editor breakfast meeting. I am delighted to let you know that AJP-Cell Physiology continues to offer the fastest average time to first decision of all the APS research Journals with an average time of 14 days. This is particularly pleasing in view that submissions to AJP-Cell Physiology increased by 55% in 2018.

AJP-Cell Physiology welcomes submissions of manuscripts related to the full scope of research into the cellular and molecular basis of physiological processes. New Calls for Papers include “Making Cell Culture More Physiological” (discussed in the last Editor’s column), and coming up in the next few months, “Extracellular Vesicles in Cell Physiology” and “New and Emerging Roles of the Cytoskeleton”. If you have suggestions of authors or topics for future Calls and Themes, please contact the AJP-Cell Physiology office at ajpcell-office@bristol.ac.uk. For regular updates, please follow the AJP-Cell social media: https://twitter.com/AJPCellPhys and https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Journal-of-Physiology-CellPhysiology/178277545642714.
YOUR CaMPS SECTION NEEDS YOU!

Becoming a CaMPS representative on APS committees really helps gives our section a voice and to influence society decisions. However, as a section we are not well represented. We need more of our section YES YOU!! to apply for committees.

There are lots of committees that you could consider joining. Some do have a requirement for prior experience but many do not. Some committees are very competitive, some are less so. Some have TRAINEE positions available. But there will definitely be at least ONE that YOU could apply for. All committees require you to go through the nomination process and be supported by another member of APS. As your representative on Committee on Committees, I can help you identify positions that might suit you, advise you on how you make the best application, and help guide you through the process.

Let’s get ready for the next application round!

Becoming a committee member is great for your CV, it will enhance your skill set, improve your LEADERSHIP SKILLS, and aid your CAREER PROGRESSION.

APPLY NOW!!

Yours Truly,

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