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21st American Peptide Symposium Set for June 7-12 2009 in Bloomington Indiana

The 21st American Peptide Symposium is scheduled for June 7-12, 2009 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. The central importance of peptide chemistry and biology in the life sciences, coupled with an unprecedented interest in the use of peptides as drugs separates this period from any other in the history of the Society. The meeting theme, "Breaking Away," embraces this spirit and aims to combine a bit of the past, the present and the future.

The meeting will occur at one of the most attractive academic settings in the United States. The geographic setting is reflective of the early growth years in the Society when academic excellence and student participation were of central importance. This symposium appears destined to represent one of the strongest rosters of leading edge scientific spokespersons presented in cost-effective, world-class facilities. The program has been designed to promote the translation of advances in basic research to discovery of new medicines, diagnostics, and delivery devices.

The format remains similar to historical symposia but empowered with a few elements that we are looking forward to bringing to you. The meeting opens with a Sunday social gathering at the center of the architecturally rich Indiana University campus. Monday and Tuesday represent two full days of scientific lectures focusing predominately on advances in synthetic, physical and analytical aspects of peptide chemistry. Wednesday is a transition day focused on synthetic and biosynthetic methods in protein synthesis, capped by the presentation of the Merrifield award.

The Symposium program moves to peptide biology and pharmacology on the last two days of the meeting. A particular emphasis has been placed on capturing the unprecedented success currently being experienced in peptide-based therapeutics. Metabolic and infectious diseases are two of the more prominent areas of discussion with a set of world-class therapeutic experts scheduled to participate. Each of the first four days will be capped with poster sessions that encourage communication and young investigator participation.

The social program is abundant and diverse. Whether your primary interest is the arts, athletics, outdoor activities or some combination, we have something to meet all needs. The campus and the Bloomington community are easily accessible and filled with enjoyable activities. Of particular note is the Wednesday night social event at the Musical Arts Center where the renowned Jacobs School of Music will stage a performance exclusively for Symposium guests, showcasing some of the School's extraordinarily talented performers. The Thursday night social banquet, *Mix, Mingle and Move, an evening of*



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Martinis, Moonshine and Music, is destined to be one to remember and unlike anything previously experienced at an APS meeting.

Bloomington Indiana is centrally located and easily reached through Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati, or even Chicago. The symposium will provide frequent bus service from the new Indianapolis airport to the Indiana University campus. The 21st meeting is destined to be a memorable event, possibly unlike any other that preceded it. Break away from your scheduled routine and plan to join us as we celebrate the past and launch the future of peptide sciences in Bloomington, Indiana. More details can be found at www.21staps.org

Richard DiMarchi and Henry Mosberg
APS Symposium Co-Chairs

21st APS: Important Dates

Call for Abstracts

November 15, 2008 – February 16, 2009
Letters of Acceptance – March 16, 2009

Late Breaking Abstract Submission

April 6, 2009 – May 15, 2009

Travel Award Application Submission

Deadline – February 16, 2009
Notification of Acceptance – March 16, 2009

Travel Award recipients will be posted online at the Symposium Update page.

Young Investigator Poster Competition Submissions

Deadline – February 16, 2009
Notification of Acceptance – March 16, 2009

Registration for Participants

Early: January 12 – March 27, 2009
Regular: March 28, 2008 – May 22, 2009
After May 22, registrations will only be accepted on-site.

Registration for Exhibitors

November 15, 2008 – May 1, 2009 or until available space is committed

2009 Makineni Lectureship Nominations

The Makineni Lectureship recognizes an individual who has made a recent contribution (within 2 years of the nomination deadline) of unusual merit to research in the field of peptide science and is recognized as an accomplished speaker. This award is intended to recognize original and singular discoveries rather than cumulative or lifetime contributions.

Please send a nomination letter (1,000 word limit) (self-nominations are acceptable) describing the candidate's original and singular contribution from the past two years, as well as a copy of the published paper dealing with this seminal contribution to the Awards Committee Chair. All required nomination materials should be sent electronically by November 1, 2008 to:

Samuel H. Gellman, Chair
APS Awards Committee
gellman@chem.wisc.edu

For further information, visit our website at <http://www.AmPepSoc.org>

Murray Goodman Memorial Prize 2008 Call for Nominations

Biopolymers and John Wiley & Sons are proud sponsors of the Murray Goodman Memorial Prize, an award recognizing outstanding accomplishments in one or more of the areas of biochemistry, biophysical chemistry, biophysics, and/or chemical biology.

Nomination packages shall contain (1) a statement of 1000 words or fewer, detailing the research accomplishments of the nominee, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) two letters in support of the nomination; and be sent by December 31, 2008 to:

Dr. Gary D. Glick
Editor-in-Chief, *Biopolymers*
Department of Chemistry
University of Michigan
930 North University Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1055 USA

Congratulations to Dr. Michael A. Marletta, recipient of the 2007 *Biopolymers* Murray Goodman Memorial Prize for contributions towards a molecular understanding of NO signaling and gas sensing using chemical and biophysical methods.



Dr. Michael A. Marletta

2009 Goodman Scientific Excellence and Mentorship Award Nominations

The Goodman Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated career-long research excellence in the field of peptide science. In addition, the selected individual should have been responsible for significant mentorship and training of students, post-doctoral fellows, and/or other co-workers. The Awards Committee may also take into account any important contributions to the peptide science community made by the candidate, for example through leadership in the American Peptide Society and/or its journals.

You may nominate an individual by submitting (1) a primary nomination letter (1,000 word limit), (2) a supporting letter from an established scholar (500 word limit), (3) a supporting letter from a student, post-doctoral fellow, or other co-worker (500 word limit), and (4) the nominee's curriculum vitae to the Awards Committee Chair. All required nomination materials must be received electronically by January 1, 2009.

All nominations materials should be sent to:

Samuel H. Gellman, Chair
APS Awards Committee
gellman@chem.wisc.edu

For further information, visit our website at <http://www.AmPepSoc.org>

The Goodman Scientific Excellence and Mentorship Award

Professor Murray Goodman passed away on June 1, 2004 at the age of 75 after a career of outstanding research, mentoring, and leadership that helped to define the field of peptide chemistry, structure, and biology. He was a world leader in developing creative and inter-disciplinary approaches to peptide synthesis, characterization, and optimization of their pharmacology. He smoothly combined synthesis of various linear and cyclic peptides, peptidomimetics (especially some novel mimetics using the notion of conformational constraint), and polypeptides, with conformational deduction via NMR, CD, and computations (dynamics/simulations) on the one hand, and pharmacology/ bioassays on the other, in a succession of innovations that have profoundly influenced peptide chemistry.

As just a sampling of his numerous accomplishments, Murray and his group developed stepwise synthesis of oligopeptides, from which he was the first to establish correlations between alpha-helix onset and oligomer length. He was among the pioneers who made effective use of N-carboxyanhydrides as "active monomer" ingredients in polypeptide synthesis by strong base initiators. He studied the fundamental problem of peptide racemization during polypeptide synthesis, proving that oxazolones were major intermediates; and prepared the first crystalline oxazolone. He recognized the role of aromatic, and azo-aromatic side chain interactions in polypeptides, and their contributions to secondary structure. Murray and his co-workers published a series of seminal papers on "template-assembled collagen-based polypeptides" including characterization of collagen-like triple helices incorporating peptoid residues. In later years, Murray's research had turned to elucidation of the structural determinants of the interactions of peptide ligands with membrane proteins, such as G-protein coupled receptors.

Equally noteworthy were Murray's contributions as an enthusiastic spokesperson for peptide chemistry and biology internationally, most visibly in his role as Councilor and later President of the American Peptide Society. As well, he was a founder, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Biopolymers* for almost 40 years, and the originator of the *Peptide Science* section of the journal that soon evolved into the official journal of the APS. But perhaps Murray was most proud of his role as a mentor whose lab attracted so many talented young scientists to the field, and who trained a truly international legion of students and post-docs, numbering well over 200, both from the U.S. and from peptide science centers in countries around the world including Italy, Israel, Japan, and Germany.

To recognize the excellence and scope of all these qualities, APS has established the Goodman Scientific Excellence & Mentorship Award, the first of which will be presented at the 21st American Peptide Symposium in Bloomington, Indiana, to be held June 7 to 12, 2009. The Award will recognize "an individual who has demonstrated career-long research excellence in the field of peptide science." In addition, the selected individual should have been responsible for significant mentorship and training of students, post-doctoral fellows and/or other co-workers. Leadership in the American Peptide Society and/or its journals will also be considered.

Murray Goodman was an influential scientist with a research career of sustained excellence. The Goodman Award, endowed in 2007 by Murray's wife, Zelda Goodman, stands as a fitting tribute to the legacy of this extraordinary man.

Charles Deber, University of Toronto

Upcoming Council Elections

There will be an election in the spring of 2009 to select the next APS President-Elect and Treasurer, along with six Council Members and five Nominating Committee Members. The current APS Nominating Committee will be developing a slate of candidates for these positions and is asking for your input. These positions are very important in the leadership of the Society and in determining our future direction. If you have suggestions for candidates for any of these positions, please email them to me before January 15, 2009. Please remember that your dues must be current for the 2009-2010 membership term in order to participate as a candidate or to exercise your voting rights. Thank you for your assistance in this important task.

Sincerely,
Deborah Heyl-Clegg, Chair,
APS Nominating Committee
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Nominating Committee Members:
Deborah Heyl-Clegg, Roger Freidinger,
Antonello Pessi, Michael Pennington,
Robert P. Hammer, Claudio Mapelli,
Maria Bednarek

Extracts from the Bylaws of the Society:

II.1.C.3 Nominations for expiring Council seats are to be solicited from the membership. Nominations by the Nominating Committee may not be limited to those individuals' names provided by the membership. Petition nominations for the Council receiving the signature support of twenty-five Active Members and received by March 1 of the

odd numbered year will automatically be placed on the ballot.

II.1.D.2 Write-in votes for Active Members not on the ballot shall be accepted. If a write-in candidate receives a number of votes among the five highest and that candidate accepts the position of Councilor, that person shall be elected as a Councilor. If this write-in candidate does not accept that position, the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected as a Councilor.

In Memoriam: Wayne L. Cody, Ph.D.

Wayne L. Cody, 48, died of natural causes in his sleep Nov. 10, 2007. He was born on May 1, 1959, in Albany, N.Y., the son of Livingston and Virginia (Moore) Cody.

Dr. Cody earned a doctorate degree from the University of Arizona. As a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry, he was an especially productive student with 18 publications in the primary literature and major contributions to the structure activity and conformation activity relationships of melanotropins, which have remained central to accomplishments in this area since the mid-1980s.

As a research fellow with Parke-Davis-Pfizer, he made very important contributions to the design of endothelin receptor antagonists, which had important impact in medicinal chemistry and in drug design. He also made important contributions to the design and synthesis of cyclic inhibitors of thrombin, to the design of inhibitors of SH2 domain, to the discovery of inhibitors of complement factors, especially Factor Xa inhibitors.

Dr. Cody was very active in the American Peptide Society, and as an

editor and external reviewer for several prestigious journals. He was also a scientific reviewer for the NIH.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Wayne Cody Endowment Scholarship in Department of Chemistry at the University of Arizona Foundation. Checks should be made out to UA Foundation/Dr. Wayne Cody Endowed Scholarship, and sent to UA Foundation, Scholarship Development Office, 1111 N. Cherry Avenue, Room 312, Tucson, AZ 85721.

Professor Victor Hruby has authored a memorial for Dr. Cody, which can be found on our website.



Wayne L. Cody

Exciting Transitions at Your Journal, *Biopolymers-Peptide Science*

My five-year term as Editor-in-Chief of *Biopolymers-Peptide Science*, the official journal of the American Peptide Society, is ending. I will miss serving the Society in this way and striving to provide a journal that optimally showcases the broad spectrum of exciting science carried out by peptide scientists worldwide. But I am confident of a bright future for *Peptide Science* because we have been able to recruit a fantastic new editor. We happily announce to the Society that its journal will be in terrific hands starting in 2009: Joel Schneider of the University of Delaware will assume the helm. Joel has a wonderful background in peptide science, having trained with Jeff Kelly and Bill DeGrado. Moreover, he has creatively developed and spearheaded a research program exploiting the novel characteristics of designed peptides that enable them to possess desired materials properties. These peptides have a great deal of potential as novel biomaterials. Joel's expertise encompasses peptide synthesis, conformational analysis, chemical biology and structure. He has creative ideas to catalyze growth and excitement in the next chapter of the journal's life, and I predict a lively and healthy time for our journal under Joel's oversight.

Reflecting on where we are now as I pass on the editorship to Joel, I am convinced that the value of *Biopolymers-Peptide Science* is enhanced by the inclusion of topical reviews, called "Current Trends in Peptide Science" (which have been edited by Charles Deber), as well as original research articles. Additionally, we have had the luxury of offering theme issues based on meetings or organized by guest editors to provide a focused view of a significant research area in peptide science. In a recent issue, we gathered papers from Young Investigators in Peptide Science, and we intend for these to continue as a mechanism to highlight the work of the coming generation of peptide researchers. This mixture of types of articles and themes makes our journal a true reflection of the science being done by our community. I believe it works and that it is unique.

Over the period of my editorship, *Peptide Science* has honored the passing of major figures in our field whose careers have had great impact on peptide science, including Murray Goodman, Arno Spatola, and most recently Bruce Merrifield. Putting these memorial issues together has been bittersweet—they serve as tributes and outpourings from our community to these friends and colleagues. But of course, they are also concrete reminders of the losses. For me personally, I can't think about my tenure as Editor without remembering Arno Spatola's effective persuasion (as all who knew him will understand very well!); he was responsible for identifying candidates to be the next editor of the Society journal and was assigned to urge me to put my name up for the position—there was certainly no way I could say no. How painful to then find myself putting together an issue honoring Arno after his abrupt and tragic passing during my first year as Editor.

Many have helped to make my term as Editor smoother and more rewarding: I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them: the Associate Editors who work tirelessly on behalf of the journal—Claudio Toniolo, Sylvie Blondelle, Yuji Kobayashi, and Charles Deber, who also is the guardian of the Current Trends series; the Editorial Board, who serve the journal in many ways; and the Wiley editors I've worked with—first Swapna Spadhye, then Elizabeth Cox, as well as those who manage the review process and production—Lisa Brodsky, Matthew Hollender, and previously Carol Ann McNelis. It's been a fun ride, and couldn't have happened without you.

Good luck to you in your editorship, Joel, and may everyone send you their most significant papers!

Lila M. Gierasch
Editor-in-Chief

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For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.AmPepSoc.org>

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Benefits of Membership in FASEB

Your American Peptide Society member benefits also include membership in FASEB.

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) exists to advance biological sciences through advocacy and education to lead to improvements in human health. The strength of FASEB comes from the 21 Member Societies (including the American Peptide Society) and the more than 80,000 individuals who belong to these organizations. In Washington, DC, FASEB is *the* voice of the bench scientist in biology and is the primary liaison between the biomedical research community and the federal government.

NIH Update

NIH has announced a timeline for implementation of their peer review policy revisions. A number of FASEB's recommendations have been adopted, including: better training, guidelines, and feedback to reviewers and SROs; increased flexibility in terms of service; emphasis on Early Stage Investigators; and providing scores for streamlined applications. In addition, the application length will be reduced to 12 pages, beginning with January 2010 receipts, and NIH will be piloting "virtual" review meetings. Still under consideration, with no fixed date for implementation, is "separate percentiling of new and resubmitted applications," permitting only one amended application, and clustering clinical research applications for review. Details will be forthcoming in upcoming NIH Guide notices.

Worldwide Events

AAPS Annual Meeting & Exposition

November 16 - 20, 2008

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists

Atlanta, Georgia

For more information: <http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/annualmeeting>

American Society for Matrix Biology Annual Meeting

December 7-10, 2008

Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, California

For more information: <http://www.asmb.net>

17th International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides (REGPEP '09)

January 25 - 28, 2009

Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort

Santa Barbara, California

For more information: <http://www.regonline.com/regpep2009>

Biophysical Society 53rd Annual Meeting

February 28 - March 4, 2009

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

Boston, Massachusetts

For more information: <http://www.biophysics.org/2009meeting>

2nd Annual Protein & Peptide Conference: Life, Knowledge & Bio-Economy

April 2 -4, 2009

PepCon 2009, Seoul, South Korea

For more information: <http://www.bit-pepcon.com/>

21st American Peptide Symposium: BREAKING AWAY

June 7 - 12, 2009

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana USA

For more information: <http://www.21stAPS.org>

VIII European Symposium of The Protein Society

June 14-18, 2009

Zurich, Switzerland

For more information: <http://www.proteinsociety.org>

30th European Peptide Symposium (30EPS)

The 30th European Peptide Symposium (30EPS) was arranged under the auspices of the European Peptide Society (EPS) by the Finnish Peptide Society (FIPS) in Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland, 31 August – 5 September and preceded by the Cell Penetrating Peptides (CPP) Minisymposium at Biomedicum, Helsinki on August 30-31, arranged under the auspices of the European CPP network.



The symposium provided a stimulating week of peptide science, chemistry and technology covered by 140 oral presenters in 29 named sessions of the main symposium and its satellite meeting. The special themes of 30EPS were provided by approximately 20 invited speakers and by speakers selected from submitted abstracts. The challenge for the delegates was considerable, including in parallel a display of 500 scientific posters of high standards (<http://www.30eps.fi/programme.pdf>) and forty exhibitors.

The CPP satellite symposium, including leading experts in the field, provided in 33 oral presentations the puzzles of cell penetration in delivery root, membrane chemistry, structure-activity, vector delivery, cell targeting and tissue homing aspects.

The participation at 30EPS and its satellite meeting had a relatively even distribution from Nordic-Baltic, Mediterranean, East-European, Central-European and West-European countries, representing altogether 31 countries. Participation by the International peptide societies was included in attendees coming from 14 countries (Australia, Canada, Chile, China Rep., Brazil, India, Iran, Japan, Korea Rep., New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, USA).

The organizers of CPP symposium: Prof. Pirjo Laakkonen (University of Helsinki & A.I. Virtanen Institute, Kuopio, Finland), Prof. Ülo Langel (University of Stockholm, Sweden) and Prof. Bernard Lebleu (University of Montpellier, France).

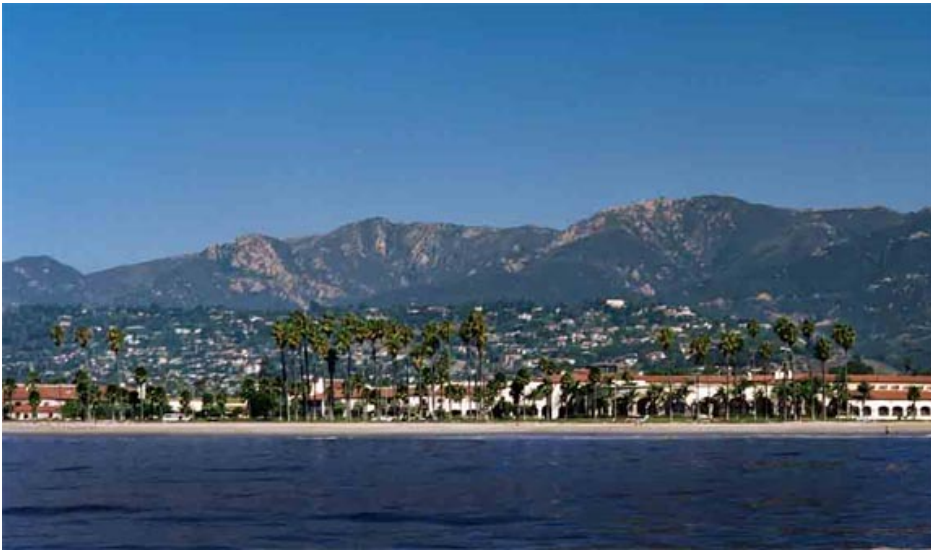
The organizers of 30EPS: Dr. Hilikka Lankinen (Founder chairman of FIPS and Council member of EPS, Haartman Institute, Dept. of Virology, Peptide and Protein Laboratory, University of Helsinki), Dr. Ale Närvänen (Chairman of FIPS, A.I. Virtanen Institute, University of Kuopio) and Professor Per Saris (Board member of FIPS, Dept. of Applied Chemistry and Microbiology, Division of Microbiology).

Additional information on this meeting can be found at <http://www.eurpepsoc.com>.

Chinese Peptide Symposium 2008

The 10th Chinese International Peptide Symposium (CPS-2008) was held on July 1 to 4 this year at Xi'an, one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China. Three hundred and seventy-nine peptide scientists from 15 countries gathered in this ancient city to hear the latest in peptide science. This very successful symposium was organized by symposium chair Professor Yan-Mei Li of Tsinghua University and symposium vice-chair Professor Chuan-Guang Qin of Northwestern Polytechnical University. The 67 oral presentations and 82 poster presentations covered many important topics in peptide sciences. These included peptide and cell signaling, peptide clinical development, peptide and amyloid disease, proteomics and analysis, peptide and immunology, peptide synthesis, peptide-based biomaterials, peptide conjugates and mimetics. One of the highlights of the meeting was the award ceremony. This year's Cathay Award was given to two outstanding peptide scientists: Professor Geoffrey Tregear of Howard Florey Institute, Australia, for his contribution in the field of relaxin, and Professor Song-Ping Liang of Hunan Normal University, China, for his contribution in the field of spider toxin, protein chemistry and proteomics. On the afternoon of July 3 many participants got the opportunity to tour China's greatest archeological excavation: the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses. It was breathtaking and definitely a must-see.

*Kit S. Lam M.D., Ph.D.
UC Davis Cancer Center*



17th International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides

January 25-28, 2009, Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort
Santa Barbara, California, USA

Regulatory peptides, their receptors, signaling pathways as well as their therapeutic significance are the subject of intensive research. REGPEP 2009 (<http://www.regonline.com/REGPEP2009>) will provide a central forum to disseminate new and largely unpublished information among investigators as a mean of promoting basic and translational research in the field.

Abstract submission deadline: November 1, 2008

Travel Award applications deadline: November 1, 2008

From current plans, the symposium will be divided into eight thematic sessions, placing emphasis in GPCR conformation, trafficking, signal transduction, physiology, neuroscience and cell signaling of specific peptides. Initiating each session, an invited speaker will present a 30-minute lecture followed by a 10 minute discussion emphasizing the state of the field and their current contributions. The lecture will be followed by three oral presentations (15 minutes each) pre-selected from submitted abstracts by the program committee. The presentations will be chosen based on scientific novelty and merits with preference to young new investigators; the remaining approximately 120 abstracts will be presented in evening poster sessions. The transfer of research findings to therapeutics is critical and one session will be devoted to clinical applications. Each session will end with a general discussion in which speakers and Chairs are available to the audience for questions pertinent to the session. Ample time in the afternoons has been reserved for oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts in a wide range of topics relevant to gut regulatory peptides, including basic, translational and clinical research.

To allow students and young investigators to meet distinguished researchers, prominent investigators are invited to deliver the Viktor Mutt and Werner Creutzfeldt Lectures. As interactions and exchange of ideas are critical to the meeting, the conference participants will stay at the same site, share all meals together and have unscheduled time in the late afternoons. Please check the website for additional information.

*On behalf of the Organizers,
Daniel Fourmy, Chair, International Regulatory Peptide Society
<http://www.regpep-society>*

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