Message from the President

Summer 2012 – Whew! Where did it go? It seems like it had just begun back in June, but here we are at the end of August and the fall semester has already started. As I type this, delegates are gathering for the European Peptide Society meeting in Athens. The APS will be represented by Past President Gregg Fields, Councilors Tom Muir and Laszlo Orvos, and APS representative to the FASEB Board of Directors, Maurice Manning, among others. I will be unable to attend that conference and will be eager to hear about it from any APS members who do; please send messages to bdunn@ufl.edu.

Part of the reason my summer passed so quickly was a long trip to attend the 12th Chinese International Peptide Meeting in Shenyang, China. This was my first trip to that country and I was very impressed with the growth of peptide science there and in other countries of the region. Besides representing APS and speaking on my research, my major mission was to promote the 2013 APS in Kona, Hawai‘i. There was a very strong and positive response when I showed a slide about the meeting at the start of my lecture. I believe that we can expect a good turnout from scientists from the Pacific Rim countries. Our 2013 symposium will also be the 6th International Peptide Symposium, thus another reason to travel to China to invite scientists from that region to attend our meeting.

The 2013 meeting is a major reason for this message to all APS members. David Lawrence and Marcey Waters, the co-chairs of the 2013 symposium, have selected an outstanding site and are now in the midst of assembling a list of excellent and exciting speakers. In fact, on my way to China I stopped off in Hawai‘i to conduct the site visit along with David, Pravin Kaumaya, Robin Offord, and Judy Warner of the Indiana University Conference Management team (IUCM) that has worked with us so well for the last two symposia. I urge all APS members to make plans now to attend the conference as it promises to be memorable in many ways. As all of you know, our society hosts a symposium only every two years, and a lot of the business of the society is conducted at the meeting as well as in the run-up before the meeting. New officers are elected, new committee members are enlisted, and we present the scientific awards sponsored by the society as well as by the generous donors who have endowed them. The symposium is also an excellent time for networking, pursuing the next job in your career, and establishing collaborations that can push your research to the next level. For all these reasons, your attendance is important both to you and to the society.
Message from the Society President

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This brings up another topic that is very important: the 2015 APS. At this point in time we do have NOT identified a chair or co-chairs to plan that conference. I invite all APS members to consider this opportunity, which has always had a very positive impact on the professional standing of the people involved. Those interested for themselves, or who have others to suggest, are invited to message me with suggestions; again my email is bdunn@ufl.edu

In this regard, I have had discussions with Past-Presidents Richard Houghten and Gregg Fields, and President-Elect Robin Offord regarding possible sites for the 2015 symposium. As we are going to Hawai’i in 2013, it makes good sense to return to the East Coast for the 2015 meeting and we have an advantage of having Richard, Gregg, and me here in Florida. Let me hasten to add that Richard and Gregg have already co-chaired our symposium and I will be too old in 2015. We need young blood to take on this important job. What I have done, however, is to find a hotel in the Orlando, Florida area that would be perfect for our group. Orlando offers excellent airline access and is a well-known travel destination for families from around the world. Gregg and I visited there in June and Robin will make a stop next week on his way home from visiting Richard and Gregg. If Robin approves, as he expects to be able to do, then along with our having proven IUCM to be first-class in dealing with the logistics, etc., we will have already solved one of the big issues in planning a conference, the venue. If they wished, the co-chairs would be able to concentrate on identifying the best science to present at the meeting, the best speakers, and the best supporters. Of course, if potential co-chairs had an alternative preference in mind, we are not wedded to Orlando, and would happily consider other venues.

—Ben Dunn
President, American Peptide Society
August 31, 2012
23rd Symposium Update

After visiting sunny San Diego, the American Peptide Society will take its 23rd Symposium to the Big Island of Hawai‘i. The Symposium will follow its long standing tradition of featuring talks by leading scientists from the academic and industry communities sharing current and compelling peptide research. The distinguished lectures will be enhanced by poster presentations from emerging and established scientists.

Peptide Science From Around the World

The 23rd Symposium will be held in conjunction with the 6th International Symposium under the theme “Peptides Across the Pacific”. Speakers from more than 10 countries will cover a wide range of topics, from the benchtop to the bedside.

Young Investigator Activities

Early career investigators will enjoy a round-table professional development luncheon, poster competitions, and the opportunity to give invited oral presentations integrated into the general program with a chance to win Bert Schram Young Investigator Awards. All attendees will enjoy outstanding lectures given by celebrated scientists as well as up-and coming stars.

Unique, Versatile, Scenic Venue

The Hilton Waikoloa Village has been carefully selected to facilitate scientific interaction by enabling the mixing of posters, exhibitors and social and professional networking within 60,000 square feet of meeting space. Exhibitors will enjoy high volume traffic from the poster sessions as well as lunch sessions, where attendees will eat their symposium-provided lunches amongst the posters and exhibitors. The main lecture hall is directly proximal to the exhibitor space, also ensuring high visibility. Need a little fresh air? Step out from the conventional hall and enjoy the ocean breezes in this stunningly gorgeous setting.

The venue not only facilitates scientific discussion, but also provides a truly enjoyable environment outside of the lecture hall. The Hilton Waikoloa Village is a destination in itself. This impressive property is nestled within 62 oceanfront acres, offering breathtaking tropical gardens and abundant wildlife. In addition to 3 swimming pools, you can participate in an array of water sports in the lovely ocean-fed lagoon with a beautiful white-sand beach.

Please join us for an exploration of cutting edge peptide research in a beautiful and convenient setting to celebrate the long and prestigious history of this biennial meeting. Visit our web site at http://www.aps2013.org for more information.

—David Lawrence
Marcy Waters
Co-Chairs
FASEB Public Affairs Quarterly Report
(April-June, 2012)

Promote Optimal Funding for Biological and Biomedical Research

Advocated for research funding increases

• Drawing upon FASEB’s Federal Funding Report for FY 2013 and the testimonies submitted in March, we have continued to submit written testimony on:
  • DOE SC to the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee
  • VA to the House Mil-Con VA Appropriations Subcommittee

• FASEB issued an e-action alert that generated over 1,500 messages in less than 72 hours and helped defeat an amendment to cut the funding level for NSF (May 8)

• Jennifer Zeitzer organized FASEB’s largest Capitol Hill Day, with 43 scientists visiting over 70 congressional offices (May 16)

Strengthened liaisons with Congress and federal agencies

• Joseph LaManna wrote to Representatives Ed Markey (D-MA) and Brian Bilbray (R-CA) thanking them for their sign-on letter in support of NIH funding (April 2)

• Jennifer Zeitzer helped coordinate a Capitol Hill briefing on VA medical research (April 25)

• Ralph Cicerone mentioned the important role that FASEB plays in science funding during his presidential address to the National Academies of Science (April 30)

• Ed Rosa-Molinar (HCS) and Nancy Denslow (ABRF and GSA) represented FASEB and GSA at the Coalition for National Science Funding Exhibition on Capitol Hill (May 15)

Strengthened strategic partnerships

• Jennifer Zeitzer serves on the Ad Hoc Group Steering Committee, the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Health Funding, and the Executive Committee of the Friends of the VA

• Jennifer Hobin continues to serve on the National Postdoctoral Association Advocacy Committee

• Karen Mowrer has leadership roles in the agricultural research community. She serves on the AFRI Coalition Steering Committee and NCFAR’s Board of Directors and co-authored the chapter on ag research for the AAAS annual budget report (April 27)

• Over 200 people attended FASEB’s salute to NIGMS on Capitol Hill. Speakers included Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), NIH Director Francis Collins, and Nobel Laureates Tom Cech, Andy Fire, and Rod MacKinnon (May 16)

Improve the Climate for Research

Developed and presented advocacy priorities and perspectives

• FASEB released its report, Engaging Basic Scientists in Translational Research: Identifying Opportunities, Overcoming Obstacles (April 2). This report was cited favorably at EB 2012 by the Acting Director of NHLBI

• FASEB responded to the NIH RFI on chimpanzees in research (April 5)

• Journal of Translational Medicine published the proceedings of the FASEB Workshop on Engaging Basic Scientists in Translational Research (April 13)

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• Kevin Kregel met with staff in six Senate offices to explain FASEB’s opposition to the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (April 16-17)

• Endocrine-Related Cancer published a FASEB editorial on the recommendations for engaging basic scientists in translational research (April 18)

• Joseph LaManna wrote to all members of the Senate in opposition to the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (April 24)

• Joseph LaManna wrote the Acting NCATS Director regarding its RFI on enhancing the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program” (May 1)

• Joseph LaManna wrote to the Office of Management and Budget Director regarding the “Advance Notice of Proposed Guidance: Reform of Federal Policies Relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements” (May 1)

• J.R. Haywood and Jennifer Hobin organized a science policy symposium on team science, with presentations from nationally recognized experts in the field (May 15)

• The FASEB journal published an editorial by Jennifer Hobin and Richard Galbraith on recommendations for engaging basic scientists in translational research (June 1)

• FASEB commented on the IOM’s draft recommendations on harmonizing conflict of interest reporting (June 8) and Judith Bond presented FASEB’s perspective at an IOM meeting (June 11)

• FASEB hosted “The Threat of Extremism to Medical Research: An International Summit,” which brought together over 90 national and international attendees to discuss ways to mitigate animal rights extremism (June 11-12)

Promoted training and sustainable careers

• Howard Garrison chaired NIGMS’s Scientific Workforce Analysis Modeling meeting (April 12)

• Jennifer Hobin gave presentations on public policy and science careers at the University of Toledo (April 12)

• FASEB’s training initiatives were praised by the NIGMS Acting Director Judith Greenberg at EB 2012 (April 23), and the new NIH biomedical workforce website links to FASEB’s compilation of employment and training of biomedical scientists data (June 22)

• Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements (May 1)

• Joseph LaManna was a guest on a Science Online chat about training issues (June 28)

Educated and engage scientists, the public, and policy makers

• Howard Garrison was interviewed about sequestration and NIH on local radio show (June 26)

• Anne Deschamps was invited to join the Speaking of Research advisory committee (June 18)

Expand the Community that FASEB Represents

• FASEB was recognized for our efforts to engage the community through Twitter with a Gold Netbadge for our tweets about biomedical research (April 20)

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Provide Value for the FASEB Societies and Their Members

- Anne Deschamps wrote an ASBMB Today article on the translational research symposium (April 1)
- Howard Garrison produced an analysis of the impact of sequestration on NIH research and Bethany Drehman produced updated state fact sheets showing the impact of sequestration that were widely praised by our societies and advocacy partners including AAMC, CHF, and AAAS (April 16). These resources are now featured on NIH’s new Impact of NIH Research website (June 15)
- Lawrence Green produced a video of AAI Public Policy Fellows on Capitol Hill. It was shown continuously at FASEB’s EB booth along with an earlier video of ASBMB advocates (April 22-24)
- Jennifer Zeitzer wrote an article for the SSR newsletter (May 11)
- Jennifer Hobin and Jennifer Zeitzer wrote an article for the ISCB newsletter (June 11)
- Jennifer Zeitzer discussed FASEB advocacy efforts at GSA's Model Organism Meeting (June 18)
- Jennifer Hobin and Jennifer Zeitzer spoke about FASEB’s advocacy efforts at the Teratology Society Annual Meeting (June 22)

Encouraged participation of individuals in FASEB and member society activities

- Tyrone Spady organized FASEB's Bio-Art competition, which was featured in over 15 publications, including The Washington Post, MSNBC, The Scientist, and New Scientist (May 21). A display has been set up at the NIH visitors center (May 30), and NHLBI posted social media messages to its Facebook and Twitter accounts (June 15)

Strengthen the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the Federation

- Joseph LaManna and Judith Bond met with APS, ASBMB, ASPET, ASIP, ASN, and AAA councils at EB 2012 (April 20); Joseph LaManna met with the SPR council (April 27)
- OPA convened a meeting of the board and FASEB society presidents to discuss communication (May 17)
Calls for Nominations

Merrifield Award
The 2013 Merrifield Award for outstanding lifetime accomplishment in peptide research, recognizing the highest level of scientific creativity, will be presented at the 23rd American Peptide Symposium in Hawai’i.

Nominations for the Merrifield Award should include the following items, assembled into a single PDF file.

1. A letter of nomination from the primary nominator (1,000 word limit).
2. The nominee’s Curriculum Vitae and list of publications.
3. Up to three selected reprints from the nominee’s group.
4. One additional (‘seconding’) letter (500 word limit).

Nominating documents should be submitted by October 1, 2012. Nominations for the 2011 Merrifield Award will be reviewed for a second time, but it is preferred that these nominations be updated. The awardee must be able to attend the APS in June 2013.

Individuals contemplating a nomination are encouraged to contact the Awards Committee Chair with questions.

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Murray Goodman Award
The Murray 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. The 2013 Goodman Award will be presented at the 23rd American Peptide Symposium in Hawai’i.

Nominations for the Goodman Award should include the following items, assembled into a single PDF file.

1. A letter of nomination from the primary nominator (1,000 word limit).
2. A supporting letter from an established scholar (500 word limit).
3. A supporting letter from a former student, post-doctoral associate or other co-worker of the nominee (500 word limit).
4. The nominee’s Curriculum Vitae and list of publications.

Nominating documents should be submitted by December 15, 2012. Nominations for the 2011 Goodman Award will be reviewed for a second time, but it is preferred that these nominations be updated. Award winners must be able to attend the 23rd American Peptide Symposium in June 2013.

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Vincent du Vigneaud Awards

The 2013 Vincent du Vigneaud Awards for outstanding achievement in peptide research will be presented to two recipients at the 23rd American Peptide Symposium in Hawai‘i. These Awards are intended to recognize scientific excellence at mid-career.

Nominations for the du Vigneaud Award should include the following items, assembled into a single PDF file.

1. A letter of nomination from the primary nominator (1,000 word limit).
2. The nominee’s Curriculum Vitae and list of publications.
3. Up to three selected reprints from the nominee’s group.
4. One additional (‘seconding’) letter (500 word limit).

Nominating documents should be submitted by October 15, 2012. Nominations for the 2011 Vincent du Vigneaud Award will be reviewed for a second time, but it is preferred that these nominations be updated. Award winners must be able to attend the APS in June 2013.

Individuals contemplating a nomination are encouraged to contact the Awards Committee Chair with questions.

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Makineni Lectureship

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. The 2013 Makineni Lecture will be delivered at the 23rd American Peptide Symposium in Hawai‘i.

Nominations for the Makineni Lectureship should include the following items, assembled into a single PDF file.

1. A letter of nomination describing the candidate’s outstanding contribution from the past two years (1,000 word limit; self-nominations are welcome).
2. A copy of the publication(s) describing the outstanding contribution.

Nominating documents should be submitted by November 1, 2012. The recipient must be able to attend the 23rd American Peptide Symposium in June 2013.

Individuals contemplating a nomination are encouraged to contact the Awards Committee Chair with questions.

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World Wide Events

**Sixth Peptide Engineering Meeting - PEM6**
October 2 - 5, 2012
Emory University Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia
For more information: [http://www.umass.edu/pem6/](http://www.umass.edu/pem6/)

**2nd International Conference on Circular Proteins**
Oct 14 - 17, 2012
Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef
Australia
For more information: [http://www.circularproteins.org/](http://www.circularproteins.org/)

**49th Japanese Peptide Symposium**
November 7 - 9, 2012
Kagoshima Prefectural Citizens Exchange Center
Kagoshima, Japan

**Protein Therapeutics Forum**
January 28 - 30, 2013
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C., USA
For more information: [http://www.proteins-forum.com](http://www.proteins-forum.com)

**Cell & Gene Therapy Forum**
January 28 - 30, 2013
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C., USA
For more information: [http://www.cgt-forum.com](http://www.cgt-forum.com)

**Vaccine Forum**
January 28 - 30, 2013
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C., USA
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**Gordon Research Conference - Antimicrobial Peptides**
February 24 - March 1, 2013
Four Points Sheraton/Holiday Inn Express
Ventura, CA

**23rd American Peptide Symposium**
June 22 – 27, 2013
Hilton Waikoloa Village
Hawai’i

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