



APRIL COMBINED MEETING POSING A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE

Included with this Newsletter are: Mini-CV's for Nominees, Election Ballot for Officers and Councillors, Banquet Ticket Form, Alternate Hotel Information.

The annual meeting is set for April 4-5 in the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans. This "Vascular Biology" meeting (termed VB '97) will be April 3-6 and is a cooperative meeting with three other societies: the North American Vascular Biology Organization (NAVBO), the American Heart Association (AHA section on Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Hemostasis), and the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP). We have had representation on the Organizing and Programming committees, and our requests for specific programming items have been granted. On the negative side, our requests to keep meeting expenses to a minimum, as our Society usually does, were turned down. Most importantly, our request for some form of revenue sharing (as FASEB and others do with joint sponsorship of meetings) was not considered possible (an AHA representative said, "It is against AHA regulations to write checks to other organizations"). We were also turned down in a suggestion to have some checks written to each of the sponsoring societies. In place of registration revenue sharing, we were promised that fund-raising for our usual annual meeting revenues would be solicited on our behalf from corporate sponsors. Letters were then sent to corporations with instructions to send contributions to AHA, and not to MCS as had been discussed.

Another problem arose that has significant implications on future cooperation with NAVBO.

Since NAVBO had been the primary organizer of the 1997 cooperative meeting, a general verbal agreement had been reached that primary sponsorship of future joint meetings would be rotated annually among the participating societies, with representation from each of the organizations. It was felt that this would encourage a spirit of collegiality, would insure that no one society would dominate this cooperative effort, and that by having different primary society sponsors, would introduce different "flavors" to each of the annual meetings (I will refrain from using the term, "diversity"). A suggestion to Dr. Nabel in September that, following the society rotation, MCS would be the primary organizer for a 1998 cooperative meeting, was met with agreement in concept. We began site selection for the 1998 meeting in the San Francisco area. However, in a very divisive and calculated move, NAVBO sent a letter to MCS in October indicating that NAVBO was sponsoring "VB '98" and invited us to participate in "their" meeting. It then became obvious that the "cooperation" among *all* of the sponsoring societies for which many of us had hoped was not occurring. This occurred even though the majority of papers submitted to VB '97 were from MCS, despite several extensions of the abstract deadline by NAVBO to encourage more submissions by their membership.

All abstracts for VB '97 will be published in a separate issue of *Microcirculation*. The meeting program will also appear in that issue. However, in order to make sure that our members do not feel swallowed up by this year's larger combined meeting, Julian Lombard will also publish a separate booklet containing our own abstracts *only*.

This year, we will hold a **Riverboat Banquet** on Saturday, April 5, with Social Hour starting at



7pm on the Cajun Queen at the end of Canal Street (In front of the Aquarium). Enclosed with this newsletter is a ticket order form to be completed and sent to Paul McDonagh. The attendance at the banquet will be limited, so be sure and send your form in before the March 15 deadline.

The annual Business Meeting will be held on Friday, April 4. Several key issues will be discussed, not the least of which will be the format of future meetings. Further joint meetings, with a format as "VB '97", will be considered. We have had proposals from other societies to cosponsor a meeting immediately prior to the EB meetings, and a full discussion of all options will be key to determining the nature of future meetings. Another important issue will be whether to expand the services that our Society administrators are capable of providing. We will have one of them in attendance (probably Gina Capellania) so that you can meet her and discuss suggestions for making our administration more efficient and helpful. Please plan on participating in these important discussions.

Dr. Huxley has announced that the Executive Council meeting will be on Thursday evening, April 3, from 7:00pm until finished (11pm?). The exact location will be announced later, but it will be either in or very near the Fairmont Hotel. All Executive Council members should make travel plans to insure their attendance Thursday evening.

The pre-registration deadline is March 3. Send your registration form to the AHA *early*.

Lastly, enclosed is your election ballot. Return it by March 15 to Steve House!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Klitzman

SECRETARY'S FAREWELL

It has been my privilege to serve the Society for four years. The job required a tremendous amount of time when I took over from Harold Laughlin. I am sure that this significant time requirement has been a major factor in several of our members declining to run for election to that office. The growth of the Society to more than 500 members (as of 1993) meant that the burden on anyone's office or laboratory staff was extreme and unfair.

A significant change in the past four years has been the move to have professional association managers handle the burdensome task of administering our Society. Our Society has historically been very conservative with our finances, leading to a sound financial base. We have wisely committed to spend some of our resources on administrative assistance. I sincerely hope that the reduction in the burden on officers (particularly the Secretary and Treasurer) will encourage everyone to stand for office in the future. The *full* participation of *all* of our members in the governance of our Society is becoming increasingly vital to our future. An additional issue facing us in the near future is the expansion of services offered by our Society administrators. We requested and received minimal assistance to start professional management. However, we now have the possibility to benefit from more extensive administrative assistance.

A final issue facing our Society today is the format of future meetings and the possible joint sponsorship of those meetings. We have been very successful in our small, intimate meeting format. Increasing the size and complexity of future meetings must be considered carefully. I am confident that these challenges will bring out the best in our future leaders.

Bruce Klitzman

Councillor

Adamson, Roger H. **Present Position:** Asst. Res. Scientist, Department of Human Physiology, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis. **Education:** BA University of Kansas (1977); Ph.D. University of California, Davis (1985). **Postdoctoral:** Yale University (1985-1987), St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, University of London (1987-1991). **Professional Societies:** American Physiological Society (Cardiovascular Section), Microcirculatory Society, NAVBO, British Microcirc. Soc. (1988-1992), London Microcirculation Group (1988-1991). **Study Section:** NIH, Physical Biochemistry (Ad Hoc) **Peer Reviewer:** Microvascular Research, Microcirculation, American Journal of Physiology (Heart), AJP (Lung), Experimental Eye Research, Biophysical Journal. **Honors:** NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship (1985-1986), American Heart Postdoctoral Fellowship-Connecticut Affiliate (1987).

Councillor

Messina, Edward J. **Present Position:** Professor of Physiology, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY. **Education:** BS, St. John's University, Jamaica, Queens, New York, (1960, Biology); Ph.D., New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York (1973, Physiology). **Postdoctoral:** New York Medical College Department of Physiology (1973 - 1974). **Professional Societies:** American Physiological Society (Fellow of The Cardiovascular Section), American Heart Association (Council for Circulation and Basic Science), Microcirculation Society, American Association For The Advancement Of Sciences, Microcirculatory Society Finance Committee (1993-1997), **Editorial Board:** Associate Editor, Microvascular Research (1992-Present). **Honors and Awards:** NIH Pre-doctoral Fellowship (1968-1971); NIH Post-doctoral Fellowship (1973-1974) American Association Herman Tarnower Memorial Research Award, 1988; Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Iota Chapter, Distinguished Professor (1993), New York Medical College Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research (1993). **Peer Review:** National Institutes of Aging (1979 Ad Hoc); National Institutes of Health, Division of Research Grants (1980 Ad Hoc); National Science Foundation (1981 Ad Hoc); National Institutes of Health, Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Study Section, Cardiovascular and Renal (1982 Ad Hoc); American Heart Association, New York State Affiliate Peer Review Research Committee, (1982 Ad Hoc); National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Study Section, Cardiovascular and Renal (1984-1987); National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, Special Review Committee for O. I. G. (1992).

Councillor

Miller, Frederick N. **Present Position:** Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, and Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology; Director, Center for Applied Microcirculatory Research, School of Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. **Education:** BA, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa (1966); Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio (1971). **Postdoctoral:** Department of Physiology, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri (1971-1974). **Previous Positions:** Affiliate Professor Of Physiology, University of Limburg, Maastricht, the Netherlands (1991-1996); Visiting Professor of Physiology, University of Limburg, Maastricht, the Netherlands (1988-1989); Associate Professor of Physiology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY (1981-1987); Associate Professor of Pharmacology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (1980-1981); Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (1975-1990). **Societies:** Microcirculatory Society (1973-present); Society for Experimental Biology (1976-1991); American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics (1978-1994); American Heart Association (1982-present); American Physiological Society (1983-present). **Awards and Honors:** National Institutes of Health, Predoctoral Fellow (1966-1971); NIH, Postdoctoral Fellow (1971-1974), Delphi Society (1985). **Peer Reviewer:** Microvascular Research; Kidney International; Journal of Clinical Investigation; American Journal of Physiology; Acta Physiologica Scandinavica; Cancer Research; Advances in Dental Research; Circulation Research. Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine (1978-1987). **Study Section:** Tobacco and Health Research Institute (1983-1984); American Heart Association, Kentucky Affiliate (1985-1987, 1990-1994). **Microcirculation Committees:** Treasurer and Organizing Committee, Fifth World Congress for Microcirculation (1991); Awards Committee for the Microcirculation Society (1992-1995), Chairman (1994-1995); Membership Committee for the Microcirculation Society (1986-1989).

Councillor

Tuma, Ronald F. **Present Position:** Professor of Physiology and Neurosurgery, Chair of Physiology, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA. **Education:** BS Muhlenberg College (1970); Ph.D. Department of Physiology, Temple University School of Medicine. **Postdoctoral:** Temple University School of Medicine. **Previous Positions:** Assistant Professor (1977), Associate Professor (1982), Professor (1990), Assistant Dean (1990) Temple University, School of Medicine. **Professional Societies:** Microcirculatory Society [Membership Committee (1977-79), Membership Committee Chair (1980), Secretary/Treasurer (1982) Secretary (1983-87)], American Physiological Society, Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology. **Honors:** Golden Apple Award (1981, 1984, 1986, 1991, 1993), George E. Sowell Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching (1989), Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (1992), Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society (1996), Guest Professor, Department of Experimental Surgery Heidelberg University, Germany (1984). **Peer Review:** American Journal of Physiology, Microvascular Research, Hypertension. **Study Section:** NSF Grant Reviewer 1982-86, NIH Experimental Cardiovascular Study Section Ad Hoc (1982, 1983, 1984), Program Project Site Visit Consultant (1984), Rheological Studies in Sickle Cell Disease (1983), Cardiovascular and Renal Study Section Ad Hoc (1986), OBM 2 (AHR-S1) Study Section (1989), Research Manpower Review Committee Ad Hoc (1989), NHLBI Special Emphasis Panel, Peripheral Arterial Disease Pilot Study (1992), Reverse Site Visitor NIA (1992, 1994).