

# The Microcirculatory Society, Inc. Newsletter

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## *President's Message*

*Ron Tuma*

The Society remains in excellent condition despite a year of incredible difficulties and hardships. This is due to the extraordinary efforts of the officers and committee members of the society. They all deserve our most sincere thanks. The combination of problems with our previous publisher and the failure of the Management Service to perform the functions promised have presented serious impediments to the well-being of the Society. Bruce has done an exceptional job in guiding us through the storm. The dedication and commitment of Mary and Paul in their respective roles as Secretary and Treasurer have helped keep things together in a very difficult time. We are all indebted to them. The other individuals that have contributed beyond the call of duty are too numerous to mention. One individual must, however be recognized for his truly heroic efforts on behalf of the Society. This individual is Bob Gore. Bob's efforts in creating, and maintaining the Web Site are in themselves remarkable. He has also agreed to take on the additional burden of helping to establish a reliable database for our membership. I would like to thank Bob, on behalf of everyone in the Society for all the time and effort he has put into these critically important jobs.

During the coming years the Society will be faced with significant opportunities and challenges. I am con-

fidant that we are again entering a time when there will be increasing demand for research related to the microcirculation. The Society will continue to represent the individuals that are at the forefront of these efforts. Among the challenges that we will face are the ability to retain our identity as a unique research group and to maintain the traditions of our predecessors. In my opinion the most important accomplishment of the society has been the outstanding job the members have done in mentoring young scientists. It is crucial that we retain this tradition and that our activities are always designed to keep this function a priority. A second important challenge that we will face in recovering from the failure of the firm that was managing the Societies records, dues collection and other functions. The decision to employ an outside professional firm to manage the Society seemed at the time to be a good idea but in retrospect turned out to be a disaster. A decision was made at the Council Meeting that we would, at least during a period of recovery and transition, move to self management. Paul McDonagh and Bob Gore are spearheading these efforts. It is important that everyone makes a concerted effort to provide all the information necessary to establish appropriate data bases. It is also critically important that everyone is current in their dues payments. This has become increasingly important because

of the commitments the Society has made regarding the number of member subscription to "Microcirculation". Your cooperation in these areas is essential.

I think we all can take heart in the opportunities that the future will offer to the Society. We will increasingly take advantage technologic changes to enhance the exchange of ideas, interaction of members, and management of society functions. I look forward to the opportunity of working together with everyone during the coming year.

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## *New Society Officers*

The Nominating Committee reports the following results of the recent, very close election:

**President-Elect:** Ingrid Sarelius  
**Treasurer:** Ann Baldwin  
**Councillors:** Klaus Ley  
Steven Segal



The Society thanks Roger Adamson and the members of the nominating committee for their efforts and for all the nominees who were willing to run this year. We look forward to utilizing the talents of the incoming officers.

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## *New Members*

### **New Regular Members**

**Yigan Chen, M.D., Ph.D.**, Dept. of Anesthesiology, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY  
**Funmi Fasehun, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Pharmacology & Physiology, New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ  
**Gary D. Fletcher, Ph.D.**, Cytometrics, Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
**Molly D.S. Frame, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Anesthesiology, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY  
**Itzhak D. Goldberg, M.D.**, Chairman, Radiation Oncology, North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System, Manhasset, NY  
**Travis W. Hein, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Medical Physiology, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX  
**Sheranthi Homer-Vanniaskinkam, M.D.**, Vascular Surgery, General Infirmary at Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom  
**James Hoying**, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
**Brajesh K. Lal, M.D.**, Dept. of Surgery, New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ  
**Michael P. Massett, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Physiology, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY  
**Salvador Moncada, Ph.D.**, Institute of Biomedical Research, University College London, London, United Kingdom  
**Leslie S. Ritter, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Neurology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
**Daniel Lee Traber, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Anesthesiology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX  
**Emily Wilson, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Medical Physiology, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX

### **New Student Members**

**Deborah M. Lenda**, Dept of Physiology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV  
**Bryan A. Sauls**, Dept of Physiology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV  
**Jianjie Wang, M.D.**, Dept. of Physiology, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

### **New Associate Members**

**Peter J. Butler, Ph.D.**, Institute of Biomedical Engineering, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA  
**Shubha Varma, M.D.**, Dept. of Pharmacology & Physiology, New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ  
**Leah Hammer, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS

## Meeting News

### Scheduled Events

#### Executive Council Meeting:

Friday, April 14, 2000, 8:00 A.M.  
San Diego Marriot; Torrey 2

#### General Business Meeting:

Friday, April 14, 2000, 4:00 P.M.  
San Diego Convention Center; Room 6D

#### Poster Sessions: April 14-15, 2000

Friday: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 8:00-12 A.M. & 1:00-5:00 P.M.  
San Diego Convention Center; Room 6A

#### Banquet at Tom Ham's Lighthouse:

Saturday, April 15, 2000  
Cash Bar 6:00, Dinner at 7:00  
(Bus will pick up at San Diego Convention Center beginning at 5:30 P.M.)

#### President-Elect's Symposium:

Saturday, April 15, 2000, 3:15-5:15 P.M.  
"Biochemical Signaling in the Control of  
Microcirculatory Function"  
San Diego Convention Center; Room 6D

#### Landis Award Lecture:

Sunday, April 16, 2000, 2:00-3:00 P.M.  
San Diego Convention Center; Room 11A

**Meeting registration opens at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000. Anyone who did not Pre-register, must do so at this time.**

### Society Banquet

There is still time to obtain tickets for the Society Banquet at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. The cost is \$40.00 @ and can be obtained from Paul McDonagh. The form is on our Web site. Please indicate your choice of entre. Tickets must be obtained no later than March 30th. European members can send requests to Dick Slaff.

**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING**

## Society Awards

The 2000 MCS Awards are:

*Eugene M. Landis Award*

**Dr. Karl-E. Arfors**  
Experimental Medicine, Inc.  
Princeton, NJ

*August Krogh Young Investigator Award*  
(supported for 2000 by Fine Science Tools, Inc.)

**Justin Jagger**  
University of Western Ontario  
"ATP release from erythrocytes in response to low PO<sub>2</sub> is linked to ATP production and the hemoglobin molecule"

*Microcirculatory Society Travel Award*

**Dr. Sarah Yuan Yuan**  
Texas A&M University

*Christian Crone Travel Award*

**Dr. Steffen-Sabastin Bolz**  
Institute of Physiology  
Ludwig Maximilians University  
Munich, Germany

The Society thanks Harvey Mayrovitz and the members of the Awards committee for their efforts. We congratulate all the winners.



# *Important Notice!!!!*

This will most likely be the last paper newsletter you will receive!

Due to the cost in dollar terms, as well as labor, we would like to eliminate the paper newsletter and allow the membership to access the information it contains directly from our Web site. With the membership as large as it is, the costs for sending it out are \$700-1000 per issue which DOES NOT INCLUDE the labor. It is a time consuming process. If anyone is unable to access the Web site and needs to receive a paper newsletter, please let me know and one will be provided to you. We certainly don't want to deprive anyone of access to the information if they do not have ready access to our Web site.

I appreciate your willingness to utilize our magnificently created and managed Web site and I assure you that all information will be available to you more quickly than you currently receive it and it won't get misplaced!

