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President's Message

A year has gone by much too fast and my term as President of the Microcirculatory Society is almost over. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Society. Here are some thoughts, impressions and reminders.

The microcirculation is a critical link in the chain of understanding from molecular and cellular behavior to cardiovascular functions. We must continually keep this in mind and communicate it to our colleagues in other areas. That means keeping our work in front of the scientific community in all the ways that we can, including grant proposals (even when the success rate is low).

The study of microcirculation is a natural meeting ground for scientists from a range of disciplines, including cell and molecular biologists, physiologists, engineers and even mathematicians. This makes it a particularly interesting and rewarding area, and we must encourage younger colleagues to enter this field, bringing their own ideas and skills.

Our Society and its meetings play an essential role in building identity and recognition for microcirculation research. This year, the Society has two meetings: the

Annual Meeting as part of Experimental Biology 2007 (Washington, DC, April 28 – May 2, 2007) and the 8th World Congress for Microcirculation (Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 15 – 19, 2007). Please make a special effort to attend both if possible. There is still time to submit abstracts and register at a reduced rate for the World Congress; the extended deadline is April 16.

If you are going to be in DC, don't miss the MCS President's Symposium 'Frontiers of Microcirculation,' 3:00-5:00pm on Saturday, April 28th, in Room 146B of Washington Convention Center. This will be followed by the Business Meeting, Social Gathering, and Buffet in the same location. Buffet tickets (\$40) are still available at our web site (microcirc.org).

At 3:15 pm on Sunday, April 29th in Room 146B, Dr. Gerald Meininger will present his Landis Award Lecture 'When Pressure Becomes a Way of Life'. The Young Investigator Symposium on 'Computational Microcirculation' will take place on Monday, April 30th, 10:30am-12:30pm in Room 145A.

Poster sessions have traditionally been a highlight

of the MCS meeting, with plenty of good discussions. This year, they will take place Sunday, April 29th through Tuesday, May 1. For a handy list, go to www.eb2007.org/PDF/eb07_poster_sessions.pdf and print pages 176-178, 246-248, and 318-320.

Again, thanks, and I look forward to seeing you in DC and in Milwaukee.

Ann Seibert

*Congratulations to our
New Society Officers*

The votes have been tallied and the new officers are...

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Pedro Cabrales
La Jolla Bioengineering Institute
La Jolla, CA

Rhonda Prisby
LBTO INSERM 890
Universite Jean Monnet
Saint Etienne, France

Student Members:

Benjamin Hodnett
Department of Physiology and Biophysics
University of Mississippi
Jackson, MS

Jessica Snow
Department of Cell Biology and Physiology
University of New Mexico School of Medicine
Albuquerque, NM

President-Elect: Steve Segal

Secretary Elect: Molly Frame

Councilors Elect: Steve Alexander

Michael Hill

The Society would like to thank Steve Segal, Mary Ellsworth and the members of the Nominations Committee for their efforts. Special thanks to Bob Gore for making the online voting possible.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee

Members of the awards committee and the year their term ends are:

Robert Brock	2008
Mary Pat Kunert	2008
Roland Pittman	2007
Norman Harris	2009
Steven Miller	2009
Mike Eppihimer (Chair)	2008

This is an extremely active year for the Awards Committee.

First, the Annual MCS meeting held in conjunction with the Experimental Biology meeting in Washington DC, April -May , 2006. There were 14 applicants for the Krogh postdoc and Zweifach graduate student travel awards to the Washington DC meeting. The committee scored their abstracts for scientific merit and ten travels awards were given.

Dr. Gerald Meininger was selected as the recipient of our society's highest honor, the Eugene M. Landis Award for 2007.

Dr. J. Brandon Dixon was selected as the recipient of the society's Excellence in Lymphatic Research Award for 2007.

No applications were received for the. Outstanding Young Investigator Award.

Second, the committee is currently accepting nominations for the Zweifach Award and travel awards for the World Congress on Microcirculation. The deadline for submission of application for these awards is April 15, 2007. Ten travel awards are planned to be given.

The society has been encouraging electronic submission of all application material and this was successfully achieved this year. I thank the applicants for their cooperation and ask that this practice be continued in the future.

This was a successful and busy year for the Awards Committee and I thank the members for their diligent efforts and prompt communications.

Submitted by Michael J. Eppihimer
Chair, MCS Awards Committee
March 12, 2007

Development Committee

Steven Alexander, Stephen Flaim, Geert Schmid-Schonbein, Julian Lombard

The Development committee is still pursuing increased membership particularly with regards to clinical participants. In recognition of this untapped membership, the LSUHSC CME committee is trying to get continuing medical education (CME) credits approved for: a) membership / attendance / presentation in MCS. In particular, we are exploring adding a CME section following review and clinically relevant articles in the society journal 'Microcirculation'. This is being made available to clinical faculty through the Medical College of Wisconsin for the upcoming meeting and should be expanded as an effective recruitment tool for 2007/8.

In anticipation of the upcoming World Congress Meeting in Milwaukee, Governor Jim Doyle and Lt. Governor Barbara were contacted to give a brief welcome at the opening ceremonies which is currently being scheduled with their offices. Additionally, Jim the Wisconsin Biotechnology and Medical Device Association (WBMA) a consortium of academic and private organization was contacted to send out announcements to likely sponsors attendees in the Wisconsin/Minnesota area. Local news organizations (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel) and television (WISN) were also contacted by phone and email to cover the meeting. Several local biomedical product/service corporations were contacted and plan to attend including Kendrick 2-D Gel labs, Becton-Dickinson and Bio-Link Pharmaceuticals.

**Submitted by Steven Alexander
Chair, MCS Development Committee
March 30, 2007**

Meeting Information

The 53rd annual meeting of the Microcirculatory Society will be held Saturday, April 28th through Tuesday, May 1, 2007, in Washington, D.C.

As approved by the Microcirculatory Society Council and by the general membership, the Society will meet as a guest society of the American Physiological Society, within the structure of the Experimental Biology, 2007. As a result, poster sessions for the MCS meeting will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The following are the highlights of the program.

Saturday, April 28th:

8:30 AM - Noon: MCS Executive Council Meeting
Congressional Hall B
Renaissance
Washington, DC Hotel

3:00 - 5:00 PM: President's Symposium
(Convention Center, Room 146B)
Frontiers of Microcirculation

5:30 - 6:30 PM: Microcirculatory Society General Business Meeting
(Convention Center, Room 146B)

6:30 - 9:00 PM: Society Awards Reception and Banquet
(Convention Center, Room 146B)

Sunday, April 29th:

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM: Poster Session
Microcirculation I
(Convention Center. Exhibit Hall)

3:15: Landis Award Lecture
(Convention Center, Room 146B)

‘When Pressure Becomes a Way of Life’.
Gerald Meininger, Ph.D.

Monday, April 30th

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM: Poster Sessions

Microvascular Pathophysiology

Microvascular Inflammation

Atherosclerosis and Thrombosis

(Convention Center. Exhibit Hall)

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Young Investigators Symposium

(Convention Center, Room 145A)

Tuesday, May 1st:

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM: Poster Sessions

Angiogenesis/Microvascular Remodelling

Microvascular Cell and Molecular Biology

Ischemia/Reperfusion

(Convention Center. Exhibit Hall)

*MCS Awards Reception
at the Experimental Biology Meeting in Washington, D. C.*

Washington Convention Center

Room 146B

Saturday April 28, 2007

6:30 - 9 P.M.

curried chicken tartlets

gruyere and leek quiche

wild mushroom puffs

crab salad in mini bouchee

prosciutto-wrapped melon

Asian chicken satay

market fresh vegetables and dips

beverages

(limited beer, soft drinks, and wine)

Ticket price: \$40

You may purchase tickets on line by accessing the newsletter on the society website. Tickets may also be purchased by mail using the form that follows. Pick up your purchased tickets outside room 146B of the Convention Center. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the reception.

*MCS Awards Reception
Ticket purchase*

Number of Tickets (\$40 each) _____

Total Cost _____

*Please enclose a check with this completed form
and mail to:*

*Dr. Terry Sweeney
Department of Biology
University of Scranton
Scranton, PA 18510-4625*

Announcements

***Please pay your dues.**

***8th World Congress for Microcirculation, August 15 - 19, 2007. (www.microcirccongress.org)**