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EDITOR'S NOTES

Exciting events and comments await you in this edition of the 2010 *i-SLB*! Since one of the goals of the electronic newsletter is to keep SLB members up to date about scientific meetings, please mark your calendar for October 7-9, for the exciting upcoming 2010 annual SLB meeting. This year it will be a joint meeting with the International Endotoxin & Innate Immunity Society (IEIIS) and will take place in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, in Vancouver, British Columbia! Learn more about the SLB upcoming meeting by reading Neil Reiner's comments and also Bill Nauseef's notes describing how to apply for the Thorbecke and Dolph Adams awards, two of SLB's annual awards recognizing the achievements of eligible SLB members. In addition to SLB events, keep your eyes open as well for the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) meeting that will take place in Philadelphia, PA, December 11-15, 2010. This issue of *iSLB* also includes comments from our president Liz Kovacs, a reminder from the *JLB* Editor-in-Chief Luis Montaner about *JLB* featuring topic overviews, and an announcement from the chair of the Professional Development committee Julian Cambronero. Keep pumping out terrific data and start writing your abstracts for the 2010 SLB annual meeting!



Silvia Uriarte, iSLB Editor

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The SLB strives to be a user-friendly, accessible society, with low annual dues, and a multitude of services available to members at all levels. The Society encourages members to participate in committees and task forces. Volunteering is an easy way for members to learn

more about Society activities and become more involved. Additionally, doing this allows members to help shape the SLB of the future.

The Society has several different types of awards to which only members can apply. These range from travel awards for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, residents, and junior faculty, to research and mentorship awards for more senior investigator levels (see Bill's notes). Over the past few years, the council has made available more than \$50,000 in travel awards for trainees to attend the annual Society meeting. At the annual meeting, a number of activities are geared

toward trainees and young investigators. Many of the oral presentations are selected from submitted abstracts. This often gives trainees the opportunity to present their work in front of a large audience. Moreover, the Council covers the costs of a student/postdoc mixer (held on the first night of the meeting to give trainees the opportunity to meet, mingle and make friends whom they may run into at subsequent SLB meetings). Another attractive event for trainees and junior faculty is "meet the speaker lunches," which provides a more relaxed environment to meet, talk, and interact with established scientists. Additionally, SLB supports a job search web site. For more information on these and other Society benefits, see the SLB web site (www.leukocytebiology.org). Finally, if you can think of additional trainee-friendly activities, want to volunteer, or have any suggestions to improve the Society, let us know (slb@faseb.org).

Elizabeth Kovacs,
SLB President 2010-2011

Vancouver

The Three Rs of Immunity

UPDATE ON VANCOUVER 2010!

The joint annual meeting of The Society for Leukocyte Biology and the International Endotoxin and Innate Immunity Society is only five months away and will be held at the beautiful Fairmount Hotel Vancouver in the heart of downtown Vancouver, BC, October 7-9, 2010. Spring is in full bloom here and post-Olympics, with the crowds gone, Vancouver has never looked better. This year's meeting is entitled "**The Three Rs of Immunity: Recognition, Response and Resolution**" and the program has turned out to be stellar. Highlights for the meeting are many and include an opening Bench to Bedside plenary on sepsis/shock and innate immunity, a keynote address by Steven Holland on the genetics of innate immunity and three more plenary sessions that will focus individually on *Recognition, Response and Resolution* in the immune system. Not to be overlooked are 12 exciting concurrent sessions spread over two days focused on hot topics such as purinergic receptors, soluble pattern recognition receptors, regulatory myeloid cells, exosomes in immunity, phagolysosomes, Th17 cells, LPS signaling, structure and function, host microbe

interactions, the inflammasome and the phylogeny of innate immunity. The student and post doc award competitions are sure to be additional highlights as will be the two poster sessions that are planned. The deadline for abstract submission is **July 16, 2010** so this is a great time to plan your submission. Besides the science, there will be plenty of time to socialize at mixers and during a harbor cruise on the waters surrounding Vancouver for those who choose to sign up. Also, early October should provide great fall weather and will be the height of the grape harvest season in British Columbia's beautiful Okanagan wine region, where you will find more than 150 boutique wineries producing world class award winning wines. Not to be missed, but if that's not your thing, hiking in the coastal mountains or golf on Whistler's championship courses are just as spectacular. So with great science and plenty of opportunity for great recreational activity we are hoping to see you at October's joint society meeting.

Neil Reiner, 2010 Meeting Co-Chair

PLEASE FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER TO ANY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES WHO MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THIS ANNUAL MEETING.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The mission of the Professional Development Committee is to enhance the knowledge and skills of SLB members through access to educational opportunities. This will be accomplished by two avenues: one being the organization of different events, such as talks and/or workshops at the annual SLB meetings, the second one will be the maintenance of a "resource library" on the Society's website (a repository of pdf archives and videos with seminars and training sessions, regarding management of laboratory personnel and resources, and advice on grant and papers writing).

The professional development committee will have their first face-to-face meeting in Vancouver, to define and prioritize the future talks and/or workshops that will be held in 2011 and beyond. The main focus will be on: Grant writing; Building a laboratory for a junior principal investigator; Managing personnel in your first research group; Establishing and maintaining a network of scientific collaborators and colleagues; Speaking and presentation skills; Managing career and family; Non-academic career opportunities. The members of the professional development committee are: Julian G. Cambronero (Chair), Moira Whyte (Council Liaison), Angela Dolganiuc (Web Liaison), Michele Pritchard (co-Web Liaison), Louis Justement, Eleanor Molloy, Peter Lapchak, Annalisa d'Andrea and Madhavi Rane.

Julian G. Cambronero, Chair.

AWARDS AT THE 2010 SLB MEETING: DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN!

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Charles N. Serhan** is this year's winner of the **Bonazinga Award**. Named after Marie T. Bonazinga and sponsored since its creation by Accurate Chemical and Scientific Corporation, the Bonazinga Award is the highest honor that the society can bestow upon one of its members. Charlie will accept the award in Vancouver and deliver the Marie T. Bonazinga Award lecture, entitled "Promoting Resolution of Inflammation: A Novel Genus of Pro-Resolving Chemical Mediators", so please plan to attend to congratulate Charlie and to learn what's new in the molecular basis for resolution of inflammation.

Now is the time to consider the remaining awards to be distributed at the 2010 meeting, so please take the time to consider nominating eligible candidates from among your colleagues (Dolph O. Adams or G. Jeannette Thorbecke awards) or submitting an application yourself. The awards include:

Dolph O. Adams Award

This award is named in honor of the outstanding macrophage researcher Dolph O. Adams, MD, Ph.D. and recognizes excellence of an investigator working in the area of cellular and molecular mechanisms of host defense and inflammation. The awardee will be selected from among junior/mid-career candidates as defined by having completed their doctoral and post-doctoral training and having held a full-time faculty or equivalent position for no more than 12 years.

G. Jeanette Thorbecke Award

This award commemorates the memory of Jeanette Thorbecke, M.D., Ph.D. an internationally recognized immunologist who died on November 16, 2001 at the age of 72 in Maui, Hawaii and recognizes a deserving young woman investigator. The awardee will be selected from junior faculty (holding a faculty position for fewer than 5 years), nominated by colleagues/faculty or chair of the department. The award will provide registration, travel expenses and a cash prize.

SLB Presidential Awards

The SLB Presidential Awards will be divided into **two categories**, one for junior faculty and postdoctoral scholars, and another for students. The former award will be given to a trainee who is within 5 years of completing his/her terminal degree, is a member of the Society, and has not obtained a tenured faculty position at the time of submission of the application. The latter will be for students who are currently Society members and who have not yet received their terminal degree (i.e. currently graduate students). Four finalists for the awards will be chosen based on submitted abstracts for the Annual Meeting and accomplishments to date.

The finalists will compete for the awards by giving oral presentations at the Annual Meeting. Finalists will be judged on their oral presentation as well as their ability to answer questions about their work. All finalists will be granted travel awards with an additional \$600 prize to the first place winner, and \$300 to the second place winner.



SLB Travel Awards

These grants will be made based on scientific merit and financial need and the availability of funds.
*Bill Nauseef,
Awards Committee Chair.*

To apply for an award follow these steps:

- (1) Register for the meeting.*
- (2) Submit an abstract online.*
- (3) Select the award you wish to apply for while submitting your abstract and follow all instructions.*

(Note: applicants for SLB Presidential Awards will automatically be considered for a travel award.)

TO BEGIN THE PROCESS [CLICK HERE](#).

ALL AWARD NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING SELF-NOMINATIONS ARE MADE DURING THE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU OR THE PERSON YOU WANT TO NOMINATE SUBMITS AN ABSTRACT BY THE JULY 16 DEADLINE

TOPIC OVERVIEWS FOR JLB



Organizing a meeting? Want to consider the Journal of Leukocyte Biology to feature topic overviews?

JLB publishes peer-reviewed invited overviews and primary research manuscripts that are associated with scientific conferences. If you are organizing a scientific meeting and would like to consider this option to expand the benefits of the conference throughout our readership, please contact the Editor-in-Chief, Luis Montaner, for further information. Even though Journal space is becoming increasingly committed to research reports, the editorial team is happy to consider proposals from SLB members to use this feature in order to advance a more critical coverage of a specific field of leukocyte biology.

Luis Montaner, JLB Editor-in-Chief.

NEW EMERITUS MEMBERS

The Society would like to congratulate our four newest Emeritus Members:

- J. Brice Weinberg,
- John R. Ortaldo
- Robert Webster
- Robert Smith.

Congratulations and thank you for your many years of strong contributions to SLB and the field of Leukocyte Biology. *A member in good standing for ten years or longer and who has attained the age of 65 may apply to the Secretary for Emeritus membership status. Members who wish Emeritus status because of prolonged disability from work may also apply.*

WEB SITE REMINDER

We recently updated our website at www.leukocytebiology.org!

Please take a moment to look at the completely updated site that has many new, exciting features like Discussion boards and digital versions of the Journal of Leukocyte Biology.

You can also pay your membership dues online, fill out new membership applications, post a job or look for

a job in our careers section, as well as finding out about all the latest SLB news and awards. There are also links for information about the annual meeting and links for registration and abstract submission.

We have also added a members' only section where you can search for information about other SLB members and their research to help collaborations and networking within the society.

Please take a few minutes to update and add your information to the database. The more information you share, the more likely it is that other researchers can find you!

Also please give us some feedback on the features you like or don't like on the website. We need your input! You can follow the links for suggestions on the website, or email slb@faseb.org directly. We want to hear from you!

Check back to the website frequently for news updates and also for information about new features that will be introduced over the next few months, such as a new SLB LinkedIn page.

Make the SLB website your homepage today!

*Miki Rahat (Chair) and Melanie Scott
SLB Website Task Force*

PIZZA AND PUBS PROGRAM

Pizza and Pubs continues to grow! Current participants include groups at: Florida Atlantic University, University of Iowa, Kansas State University, Mayo Clinic Arizona, New Jersey Medical and Dental School, Rutgers University, and University of Michigan.

Our program, designed to support local *Journal of Leukocyte Biology* discussion groups dedicated to discussing articles contained within our very popular publication, provides \$200 per year to local groups to be used at regular meetings. This can buy you a lot of pizza! It can also buy a lot of interesting discussion and interaction about the exciting world of leukocyte biology.

To qualify, your group needs to have at least 10 people, of which at least two must be PIs who are SLB members, and one student/postdoc who will join SLB as a new member.

To apply, simply send us an email (slb@faseb.org) with the names and email addresses of the members of your group, a brief description of the lab group/journal club/discussion group, and a paid application for a student membership (you may download this off the SLB Web site (www.leukocytebiology.org)). Feel free to sign up more than just one student. The more, the merrier!

We look forward to seeing many more **Pizza and Pubs** groups forming around the country and abroad.

