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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I hope that you're enjoying the seasonal opportunities that the summer makes possible and getting recharged for another academic year. Hopefully your future plans include attending the 2008 Annual Meeting, November 6-8, in Denver. We're very excited about the outstanding

program (see Jill Suttles' article) as well as an excellent associated satellite symposium on *Alcohol, Leukocytes, and Host Defense* (see Liz Kovacs' brief note). The meeting promises to be a great opportunity to hear the latest in the world of leukocyte biology, connect with colleagues (established and new), and see the sites in the Mile High City. We've created two bonus incentives to encourage your participation in the meeting. In the "3 for 2" program for SLB members, any lab with 2 students/postdocs submitting posters (two posters) to the meeting can register a third lab mate for free! We have also committed up to \$50,000 to be used for travel grants for students and postdocs attending the annual meeting

in order to engage the next generation of leukocyte biologists in the SLB.

Since the last issue of *iSLB* we've made progress on several important tasks, including the search for an Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Leukocyte Biology*, as indicated by Matthew Fenton's note, and the identification of specific SLB activities that need manpower from the membership. Details will be forthcoming soon on both challenges.

Thanks to all of you who expressed an interest in volunteering to serve on study sections for the NIH. Your information was forwarded to the Center for Scientific Review and will provide them with a large group of informed and enthusiastic scientists with expertise in leukocyte biology who would excel as members of a study section. Thanks, too, to the three lab groups who have enrolled in the *Pizza and Pubs* offer, although I'm certain that there are more working journal clubs and workshops hankering for sustenance; please apply!

See you in Denver in November!

William M. Nauseef
SLB President

JOIN US IN THE MILE HIGH CITY!

The SLB's 2008 celebration of the leukocyte will take place **November 6-8** in the top-rated **Westin Tabor Center in downtown Denver**, conveniently located near many of Denver's most visited attractions. This year's meeting ([2008 Meeting Program](#)), entitled "**Leukocytes: Tissue Interactions, Homeostasis, and Host Defense**" brings together an outstanding group of speakers and carries on the SLB meeting tradition of featuring the highest quality and most innovative work on the mechanisms underlying leukocyte function in disease pathogenesis and host defense.

The meeting is well-stocked with symposia and poster topics that offer something for everyone. It kicks off Thursday, November 6, with our Special Symposium on Leukocytes in Aging, followed by the Presidential Student Award Competition, and the day will be highlighted by our Keynote Speaker, Eyal Raz. Thursday evening, students and postdocs will have the opportunity to mingle and network (and party) at the Student Postdoc Mixer.

In addition to Friday's great line-up of speakers in the Plenary Session and Symposia, there will be a noon workshop entitled "*Formula for Success: Connecting with your NIH Program Officer*" that the grant-writers among us won't want to miss. Friday evening will feature the Bonazinga Award Lecture and Bonazinga Reception. Saturday's Plenary Session and Symposia are also packed with talent and the day will also include our annual "Meet the Speakers Luncheon" that provides a great opportunity for students and postdocs to interact with senior scientists. The meeting will culminate Saturday night with annual Awards Banquet to be held at the Westin Tabor Center.

Overall, the 2008 meeting promises to be enriching and enlightening. We encourage all of our SLB members and colleagues to come join us as leukocytes reach new heights in Denver!

Jill Suttles
41st Annual Meeting Co-Chair

HEADING TO DENVER? STICK AROUND AN EXTRA DAY & LEARN EVEN MORE!

Did you know that more alcohol abusers die of lung infections than of liver cirrhosis? Alcohol exposure ranging from one glass of red wine to cases of beer alters the function of cells of the innate and adaptive immune system. Many of these effects are long-lived, well after the alcohol has been cleared from the system. Come join us and learn more (*alcohol NOT included*).

This satellite symposium will take place **Sunday, November 9, 2008, from 8 am – Noon at the Westin Tabor Center Hotel in Denver**. Stay for the banquet Saturday night and then join us Sunday morning to hear presentations about this important and growing field from established investigators: Drs. Gavin Arteel, Luisa DiPietro, Marc Moss and Patricia Molina. Oral presentations by students, post-docs and trainees will be selected from abstracts submitted to the “Alcohol and Immunology” poster session taking place during the SLB meeting. Some travel assistance will be available. For more information, visit the SLB web site (www.leukocytebiology.org).

Elizabeth Kovacs
Satellite Symposium Co-Chair

LISBON: A MUST-GO IN OCTOBER 2009 MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

With 44 invited speakers and 48 poster presenters to review mechanisms of disease and leading basic advances in leukocyte, cytokine and interferon biology, our **2009 Annual Meeting, slated for October 17-21 in Lisbon, Portugal**, promises something for everyone. A 10-member International Scientific Organizing Committee has been agonizing since last September as to whom to invite among so many great scientists moving our field forward — yet, we are glad to say that we have narrowed down the list to 44 invited presenters (with over 100 back-ups that jockeyed for a spot in

deliberations) to lead presentations in over 20 sessions covering the hottest areas in our field.

It will be an amazing meeting, and it will be held jointly among SLB, The International Cytokine Society and the International Society for Interferon and Cytokine Research. Three terrific organizations for the price of one! You'll meet “the cream of the crop” of all three societies, as well as up-and-coming poster presenters who will review our most current science.

Plan now to attend. You definitely do not want to miss being part of this event.

Luis Montaner
Organizing Committee Chair

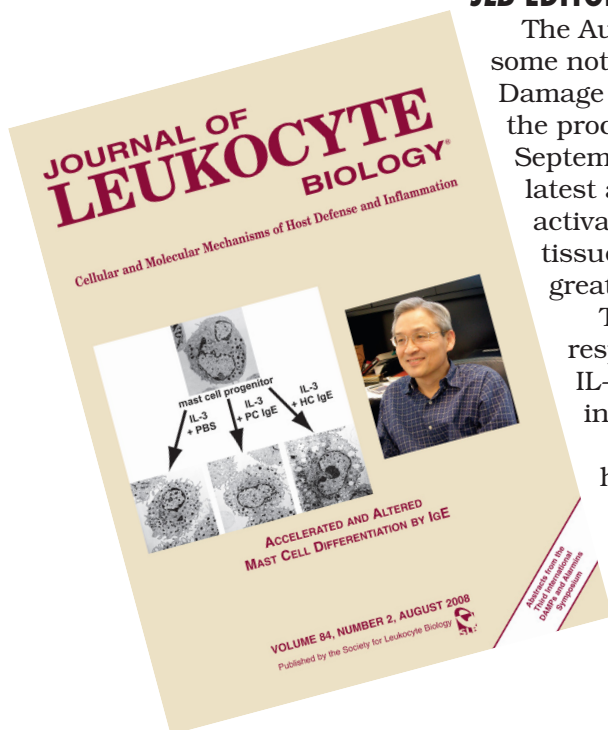
JLB EDITOR'S PICKS

The August 1st 2008 issue of the *Journal of Leukocyte Biology* (JLB) contains some notable items. The abstracts of the Third International Symposium on Damage Associated Molecular Pattern Molecules (DAMPs) and Alarmins preview the proceedings of the upcoming conference to be held from August 30 to September 2, 2008 at the University of Pittsburgh. This meeting will cover the latest advances in studies of endogenous stimulants that rapidly mobilize and activate innate and adaptive immune responses, their effects on stem cells, tissue repair, carcinogenesis and homeostasis. The proceedings should be of great interest to leukocyte biologists.

The same issue of the Journal also contains reviews of GM-CSF responses, consequences of TWEAK, a member of the TNF family and IL-21. An article on the effects of IgE on mast cells is complemented by an interview with its senior author.

There are an additional 21 papers that passed the rigorous review hurdles of JLB on a wide range of topics including cell biology, cytokines, genes, signal transduction, host defense to translational, and clinical reports. It is difficult for me to select those that are outstanding since that is a function of one's scientific interest. We hope the results and concepts in these papers help you with your research endeavors.

Joost J. Oppenheim
Editor-in-Chief



FIRST THREE SIGN UP FOR PIZZA AND PUBS PROGRAM

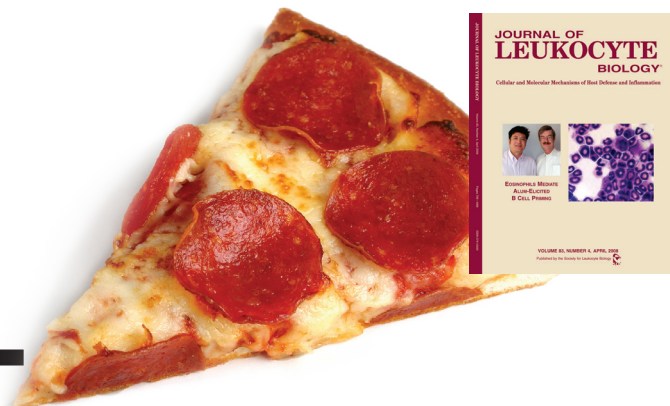
Discussion groups from the University of Iowa, the Mayo Clinic, and the University of Michigan were the first to sign up for SLB's **Pizza and Pubs**. Our program, designed to support local *Journal of Leukocyte Biology* discussion groups dedicated to discussing articles contained within our very popular 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.



SEARCH FOR NEW JLB EDITOR-IN-CHIEF RESULTS IN SUCCESSFUL SELECTION

After a comprehensive process of identifying, reviewing, and interviewing candidates for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Leukocyte Biology*, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Luis Montaner of The Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been selected to replace Dr. Joe Oppenheim at the end of his current term in 2009.

Last Spring, the SLB Council created a Search Committee to solicit and review applications. A number of highly-qualified applicants expressed their interest in this important position. Dr. Montaner will begin transitioning editorial duties with the current Editor-in-Chief later this year, and will assume full duties as Editor-in-Chief by April 2009. Members of the Search Committee are Drs. Matthew Fenton, Joe Oppenheim, Chris Karp and Moira Whyte.

Under the leadership of Joe Oppenheim, the *JLB* has matured into a highly respected journal with an outstanding impact factor. Joe's role in the success of the *JLB* cannot be overstated. Dr. Montaner will have the opportunity to build on Joe's long track record of success, while also bringing new ideas to the Journal and its peer-review process. He will also face new challenges, such as the roles of print versus electronic publication in the future and the impact of Open Access policies on journal subscriptions and finances. These next few months promise to be an exciting time for the *JLB*, and for our Society as a whole, as we look forward to seeing a new leader at the helm of the Journal.

Matthew Fenton
Search Committee Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING SLB MEETINGS

If you haven't already marked your calendars for the next two SLB Annual Meetings, be sure to block out the dates now.

SLB's 41st Annual Meeting

November 6-8, 2008 The Westin Tabor Center Denver, Colorado
 "Leukocytes: Tissue Interactions, Homeostasis, and Host Defense"
 Click on [2008 Meeting Program](#) for details on the program.

SLB's 42nd Annual Meeting

October 17-21, 2009 Lisbon Centre de Congressos Lisbon, Portugal
 "Cellular and Cytokine Interactions in Health and Disease"

We are excited to announce that this will be a joint meeting with both the International Cytokine Society and the International Society for Interferon and Cytokine Research. Watch this space and our Web site for additional details as they develop.