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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS AAI NEWSLETTER

AAI Welcomes New Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lauren G. Gross

On behalf of the AAI Council, staff, and membership, we would like to welcome Lauren G. Gross as the new Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs for AAI. Lauren succeeds Pat White, who recently became the Director of Legislative Affairs for FASEB.

Lauren is an academically and professionally accomplished individual who will bring great energy to AAI. She graduated with distinction from Yale University with a degree in American Government and Criminal Justice. She subsequently attended and graduated from the NYU School of Law. Her law experience has included positions in the Department of Justice, Vera Institute of Justice, and with Nutter, McClennen and Fish as a litigation attorney.

In 1987 her career moved to Capitol Hill where she was Counsel to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee until 1997. She advised Senator Claiborne Pell (D-RI), the committee's senior Democrat, on legislative matters involving health, human services, and civil rights, which included biomedical research and health reform; FDA reform/issues; women's issues; family issues, and poverty in the U.S. Lauren also advised Senator Pell on Senate Finance Committee issues, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare.

In early 1998 Lauren became the Director of the Department of Health and Economic Policy for the American Nurses Association, which represents 200,000 registered nurses. She was responsible for managing and leading a newly created department to develop health and economic policy initiatives including health care reform, access to care, Medicare reform, and ethical issues such as patient privacy, confidentiality of medical records, and human cloning.

When asked about joining AAI, Lauren responded, "I am delighted to join AAI and look forward to working with Jeff Frelinger and the members of the Committee on Public Affairs to address issues of concern to immunologists. I hope to build on the strong ties already established by Pat White on Capitol Hill and will work to ensure a broad, bipartisan approach to educating Congress about AAI's issues. I also hope to be a resource to AAI members who want to become more active in AAI's public affairs efforts or who just want to learn more about public policy, legislation, or the federal government."



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AAI Responds to Office of Research Integrity (ORI) Proposal on Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research

AAI has submitted comments to the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) regarding a draft policy that would require all research staff supported by Public Health Service (PHS) grants to undergo training in the "responsible conduct of research." While applauding ORI's "wishes to promote responsible, ethical and professional conduct of science," AAI Council President Philippa Marrack, Ph.D. expressed AAI's concern that the ORI draft proposal would duplicate much of the work already being done in this area and would create additional directives and regulatory burdens. Dr. Marrack urged ORI to dialog with AAI, FASEB, and other scientific organizations to ensure the adoption of a proposal that would "help our institutions design good and practical approaches to training."

The ORI proposal can be found on the web at ori.dhhs.gov/html/news/thercrpolicy.asp. Comments by FASEB can be found at www.faseb.org/opar/tr/ori.html. American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) has posted its comments at www.faseb.org/asbmb. A copy of AAI's letter is on page 3 and is also available at www.aai.org.

AAI Letter to President Clinton Objecting to the Negotiated Settlement in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) vs. Glickman Lawsuit

On September 19, 2000, AAI wrote to President Clinton and nineteen other Federal officials, including Members of Congress, to express its deep concern over reports that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was negotiating a settlement in a lawsuit filed against it to require the USDA to include laboratory rats, mice, and birds in the Animal Welfare Act (see letter page 4). AAI Public Affairs Committee Chair Jeffrey A. Frelinger, Ph.D., said such a change in the regulations, if agreed to by the USDA, "could have an extremely adverse effect on the conduct and advancement of biomedical research in the United States."

In early October, details of a settlement agreement between the USDA and the plaintiff (the Alternatives Research and Development Foundation, part of the American Anti-Vivisection Society) were released. The USDA agreed to "initiate and complete a rulemaking on the regulation of birds, rats and mice", to "keep Plaintiffs' counsel informed ...of the procedural status of the rulemaking", and to pay \$18,000 in attorney's fees.

Shortly after the settlement was announced, the USDA invited Dr. Frelinger to participate in a conference call with USDA Under Secretary Michael V. Dunn, USDA Deputy Under Secretary Enrique Figueroa, USDA Deputy Administrator of Animal Care W. Ron DeHaven, and numerous leaders in the biomedical research community to discuss the settlement and its implications. The USDA noted that legislation pending in Congress at press time, if enacted into law, would prevent the USDA from moving forward with a rulemaking this year (FY2001). AAI supports this legislation and will be working with FASEB and FASEB members societies, as well as with other concerned biomedical and patient advocacy groups, on a legislative and regulatory strategy to address this serious development.

Additional information on this issue can be found on AAI's web site at www.aai.org, FASEB's web site at www.faseb.org/opa, and American Physiological Society's (APS) web site at www.faseb.org/aps.

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September 18, 2000

Chris B. Pascal, J.D.
Acting Director
Office of Research Integrity
Rockwall II - 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Pascal:


On behalf of the Council and membership of The American Association of Immunologists (AAI), I write in response to your draft policy on Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research.

We applaud your wishes to promote responsible, ethical and professional conduct of science. Nevertheless, we are very concerned about the consequences of your recent proposal. Training programs for the ethical conduct of science are already in place in our institutions. These programs are attended by all graduate students and many postdoctoral fellows. Moreover, the faculty, because they are *giving* these courses, are also repeatedly exposed to the issues raised in such courses. Therefore, it is our belief that much of what would be covered by the proposals you put forward is in fact already in place throughout the country.

In addition, there is potentially a formidable down side to your proposal. Investigators and laboratory staff are already considerably burdened by regulations. Your proposal would add yet another layer of directives which would take up time and intellectual energy better applied to science itself. Worse, your proposal will likely be arbitrarily interpreted by administrators at different institutions throughout the country. In cases where administrators are unclear as to the instructions, unnecessarily large training programs will probably result as an overreaction. Indeed, a recent conversation with administrators at my own institution suggested such a possibility here.

We hope that dialog between ORI and various scientific organizations such as AAI and FASEB will lead to a reasoned and useful proposal. The hoped for proposal must help our institutions design good and practical approaches to training. Such approaches should incorporate and not duplicate what is already being done, and should be reasonable in size, not juggernauts of administrative directives.

Yours respectfully,



Philippa Marrack, Ph.D.
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The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the American Association of Immunologists, a non-profit association representing six thousand biomedical and clinical researchers who study the causes, transmission, and potential cures for disease, I am writing to express our deep concern over reports that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is currently negotiating a settlement in a lawsuit filed against it which we believe could have an extremely adverse effect on the conduct and advancement of biomedical research in the United States.

In the case of *Alternative Research, et al v. Glickman, et al* (U.S.D.C. #99-CV-581), the plaintiff seeks to define the term "animal" under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to include for the first time animals which are essential to biomedical research, i.e., rats, mice, and some birds. Such redefinition, which we believe to be contrary to Congressional intent, would have an immediate and profound negative effect on the conduct of research at hundreds of research and medical institutions in this country, the vast majority of whose animal research programs are already subject to regulation by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and/or voluntary accreditation. We are concerned that such duplicative regulation will result in increased and conflicting regulatory and administrative burdens (including excessive compliance costs) that will delay and frustrate the conduct of important research, all without achieving the lawsuit's presumed goal of ensuring humane treatment of laboratory animals.

While we actively support and implement HHS rules requiring the humane treatment of research animals (*Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*) and understand USDA's need to respond to the pending lawsuit, we believe that any resolution which fails to address the needs and concerns of biomedical researchers may solve one problem (i.e., a lawsuit) by causing countless others. In addition, consultation and cooperation with relevant Federal departments/officials is required by both the AWA and the 1995 Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Laboratory Animal Welfare signed by USDA through the agency's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ("The cooperating agencies agree to consult and coordinate

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with each other on regulatory or policy proposals and significant policy interpretations involving animal care and use under consideration by each agency.”).

We respectfully request your intervention to ensure that the USDA:

1. consults with appropriate officials from HHS, NIH, private research institutions, and professional scientific associations prior to reaching any out-of-court settlement;
2. addresses the concerns of such officials and researchers in any out-of-court settlement; and
3. supports the petition of the National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR) and any other appropriate parties to intervene in the litigation to ensure that any final judgment is made with the benefit of input from the research community.

We appreciate greatly the Administration’s strong and continuing commitment to biomedical research and hope you will assist us by ensuring that the USDA position in the pending lawsuit does not undermine the efforts of the very scientists and researchers this Administration has worked so hard to support.

If we can provide you with any further information, please have your staff contact me or Lauren Gross, Director of Public Affairs, at (301) 571-0643.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Frelinger, Ph.D.
Chair, Public Affairs Committee

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A primary function of the AAI Committee on the Status of Women is to monitor the professional progress and accomplishments of women immunologists. To accomplish this goal, we are undertaking surveys concerning the participation of women immunologists in various professional endeavors. The first survey, which appeared in the May 1999 issue of the *AAI Newsletter*, reviewed the editorial board composition of ten immunology journals. The survey presented in the table below reviews the participation of women as speakers at recent national and regional immunology meetings. This information was gathered on selected meetings held since January 2000, except for the New England Immunology Conference held in November of 1999. The information pertains only to major sessions and does not include workshops or poster presentations. However, it is interesting to note that the proportion of women giving workshop presentations (approximately 40%) at the Keystone Symposia meetings exceeded the percentage of women giving plenary lectures. In addition, none of the keynote speakers at the eight Keystone Symposia meetings listed below were women.

MEETING	DATE	Number Women Total Speakers	%
KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA (major sessions)			
Innate and Acquired Immunity at Mucosal Surfaces	1/18-1/23	4/27	15
Cellular Immunity and Immunotherap	1/21-1/27	8/37	22
T Lymphocyte Activation, Differentiation and Death	1/28-2/3	10/39	26
NF- κ b Regulation and Function: From Basic Research to Drug Development	2/22-2/27	4/32	13
Determinants of Immune Defense Against Microbial Infections	2/24-2/29	7/33	21
Immunophilins: Cellular Functions and Immunosuppressive Drug Targets	2/24-2/29	4/32	13
Mechanisms of Immunologic Tolerance and its Breakdown	2/24-2/29	9/34	26
Cytokines and Disease	3/31-4/6	7/35	20
FASEB SUMMER RESEARCH CONFERENCES			
Neural Immune Interactions in Injury and Disease: Pathways to Therapy	6/18-6/23	13/30	43
Lymphocytes and Antibodies	6/24-6/29	8/42	19
Signal Transduction in the Immune System	7/8-7/13	8/42	19
REGIONAL MEETINGS			
Midwinter Conference of Immunologists	1/22-1/25	6/21	29
25th Annual New England Immunology Conference	11/6-11/7	4/11	36
*The information for some meetings was obtained from the printed programs and may not include last minute changes in speakers.			

The intent of the current and former survey is to enhance general awareness among the AAI membership to include participation of qualified women in professional activities. To this end, the AAI Committee on the Status of Women maintains and updates a Potential Speakers and Chairs List which consists of an alphabetical roster containing contact information for women immunologists as well as a topic roster in which members are organized by research focus. The women included on the list are independent investigators who maintain an active publication record. The Potential Speakers and Chairs List is available in an easily printable version at www.aai.org/committees/women.

The Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program for faculty and professionals is offering more than 43 awards in the Medical Sciences for lecturing and/or research abroad during the 2001-2002 academic year. For more complete information, visit the web site www.cies.org. The award listings and application materials are downloadable. Printed versions may be requested from apprequest@cies.ie.org. U.S. citizenship is required. Non-U.S. citizens should contact the Fulbright agency or U.S. embassy in their home countries.

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American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) Editorial Awards

New investigators who publish in *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*, the monthly journal of the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT), are eligible for two annual editorial awards:

- The George Santos Award for best clinical science paper by a new investigator
- The Ernest McCulloch and James Till Award for the best basic science paper by a new investigator

The two awards of \$5,000 each are supported by educational grants from StemSoft Software, Inc. and StemCell Technologies Inc., respectively. This past year, AAI member Bryon D. Johnson, Ph.D., Medical College of Wisconsin, was the recipient of the award for best basic science paper: "Graft-vs.-host and graft-vs.-leukemia reactions after delayed infusions of donor T-subsets."

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- not more than 5 years past a graduate or postdoctoral program or clinical research fellowship;
- currently active in a training program as a clinical resident or fellow, postdoctoral fellow, medical student, graduate student or undergraduate student; and
- must be the first or last (senior) author of a paper published during the year in *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*.

Applications

A submitted article or manuscript must be accompanied by:

- a cover letter that describes the applicant's current research, academic goals and plans
- a curriculum vitae

No application form is required. The application should be submitted to:

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Session I: Apoptosis in Immune and Non-immune cells: *to die or not to die*

Session II: Co-stimulation: *how many second signals?*

Session III: Immune Recognition and Signaling: *views through the looking glass*

Session IV: Structure and Recognition of Non-classical MHC

Session V: Development of the Immune System: *factors determining the fate of a lymphocyte*

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Conference registration is limited to 650 attendees. Registration deadline is Monday, **November 13, 2000**. Program and reservation packets will be available in September from the registrar:

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Members in the News

Steven J. Burakoff, M.D., Appointed Director of the Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center, NYU, New York

Steven J. Burakoff, M.D., has been appointed Director of the Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Professor and Director of the Skirball Institute of Biomolecular Medicine, NYU, New York. The appointment became effective September 1, 2000.

Dr. Burakoff was the Margaret M. Dyson Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Oncology at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. He is an acknowledged international authority in immunology and in translational research in bone marrow transplantation.

Dr. Burakoff's recruitment signals the beginning of a major growth agenda in both basic and clinical cancer research on the Medical Center campus. He will bring together the many, already-existent pockets of excellence in both cancer research and care at the institute. He will also oversee and direct many of the new efforts in cancer research and cancer genetics at the school, and will guide and foster growth at the Skirball Institute.

Dr. Burakoff received his M.D. from Albany Medical College. He had research fellowships in immunology at both Rockefeller University and Harvard University. His fellowship in immunology was completed under the direction of the 1980 Nobel Laureate Dr. Baruj Benacerraf.

Dr. Burakoff has authored more than 250 original scientific papers and has served on numerous editorial boards. He has also served as a deputy editor for *The Journal of Immunology*. He was the first recipient of Harvard Medical School's Excellence in Mentoring Award in 1995. Dr. Burakoff has been an AAI member since 1978, and has served the AAI in many capacities. He is currently a member of the AAI Publications Committee.

Robert S. Schwartz, M.D., Awarded the Medawar Prize at the International Congress of the Transplantation Society

Robert S. Schwartz, M.D., deputy editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, was the recipient of the Medawar Prize given at the International Congress of the Transplantation Society's meeting in August. Dr. Schwartz received the award for discovering that the antimetabolite 6-mercaptopurine suppresses immune responses to foreign proteins and allografts. This is the first clinically useful immunosuppressive drug. 6-MP is a parent compound of azathioprine (Imuran), which is widely used in organ transplantation and in treatment of autoimmune diseases.

Dr. Schwartz received his M.D. from New York University. He specialized in hematology at Montefiore Hospital in New York. Dr. Schwartz continued his career at Yale-New Haven Medical Center, and then at the New England Medical Center in Boston. He has received numerous honors including the Sandoz Award and three honorary doctoral degrees. Dr. Schwartz has been an AAI member since 1962.

AAI is interested in the achievements of its membership. Please let us know if you have recently received an honor or award or have been elected to an honorary society or board. Send the information, a short biography and photo to:

Members in the News
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Web Sites of Interest

The AAI lists these web sites as a service to our membership and readership. AAI does not endorse or guarantee the information on the listed sites. If you wish to comment, or offer sites of interest, please contact AAI at infoaai@aai.faseb.org

Immune Deficiency Foundation

The mission statement of the Immune Deficiency Foundation is "to improve the diagnosis and treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases through research and education."

www.primaryimmune.org

The NIAID Introduction to Biomedical Research Program

The NIAID Introduction to Biomedical Research Program (IBRP) is designed to attract underrepresented minority students to the field of biomedical research. It is held annually in February at the Bethesda campus of the NIH. The program includes scientific lectures on the latest "state of the science" issues and one-on-one discussions with research scientists.

www.niaid.nih.gov/OSPRT/IBRP.htm

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER

13-16 *Hanson Symposium: Cancer: Biology and Novel Therapeutics* will be held in Adelaide, South Australia.

Contact: All Occasions Management.

Fax: 618 8354 1456

Email: hanson@au-occasions.com.au

DECEMBER

7-9 *Ninth International Conference on Gene Therapy of Cancer* will be held in San Diego, CA. **Contact:** Cass Jones Professional Conference Management, Inc., 7916 Convoy Court, San Diego, CA 92111-1212.

Phone: (858) 565-9921 •Fax: (858) 565-9954

Web: www.pcmisandiego.com/gene00.htm

9-13 *40th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology* will be held in San Francisco, CA. **Contact:** ASCB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Phone: (301) 530-7153 •Fax: (301) 530-7139

Email: ascbinfo@ascb.org

Web: www.ascb.org/ascb

2001 MEETINGS

Jan. 27-Feb. 2 *24th Winter Rheumatology Symposium* will be held in Snowmass, CO. **Contact:** American College of Rheumatology, 1800 Century Place, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30345-4300.

Phone: (404) 633-3777 •Fax: (404) 633-1870

Email: acr@rheumatology.org

Web: www.rheumatology.org

Feb. 14-16 *5th International Congress of the Immunology of Diabetes Society* will be held in Chennai (Madras) India.

Contact: Dr. C.B. Sanjeevi, Dept. of Molecular Medicine, Karolinska Hospital, CMM L8:03, S-17176, Stockholm, Sweden.

Phone: 46 8 51776254 •Fax: 46 8 51776179

Web: www.ki.se/org/5thIDS

Feb. 17-21 *Biophysical Society 45th Annual Meeting* will be held in Boston, MA. **Contact:** Biophysical Society, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Phone: (301) 530-7114 •Fax: (301) 530-7133

Email: society@biophysics.faseb.org

Web: www.biophysics.org/biophys/

Mar. 3-5 *Fourth International Conference on Varicella, Herpes Zoster and PHN* will be held in La Jolla, CA. The conference is sponsored by the VZV Research Foundation (VZVRF) in partnership with Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. **Contact:** VZV Research Foundation, 40 East 72nd Street, New York, NY 10021.

Phone: (212) 472-3181 •Fax: (212) 861-7033

Email: vzv@vzvfoundation.org

Web: www.vzvfoundation.org

Mar. 4-9 *Bat-Sheva Workshop on Signal Transduction in the Activation and Development of Mast Cells and Basophils* will be held in Jerusalem, Israel. **Contact:** Secretariat and Travel Agent, UNITOURS Israel Ltd., POB 3190, Tel Aviv 61031, Israel.

Phone: 972 3 5209999 •Fax: 972 3 5239299/5239099

Email: meeting@unitours.co.il

Web: www.md.huji.ac.il/conf/mast-meeting

Mar. 8-10 *Innovative Therapies in Autoimmune Diseases* will be held in San Francisco, CA. **Contact:** American College of Rheumatology, 1800 Century Place, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30345-4300.

Phone: (404) 633-3777 Fax: (404) 633-1870

Email: acr@rheumatology.org

Web: www.rheumatology.org

Mar. 8-11 *European Atherosclerosis Society Workshop on the Immune System in Atherosclerosis* will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. **Contact:** Secretariat, European Atherosclerosis, P.O. Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel.

Phone: 972 3 51400 18/9 •Fax: 972 3 5175674

Email: immune@kenes.com

Web: www.kenes.com/immune-EAS

Mar. 16-21 *57th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI)* will be held in New Orleans, LA. **Contact:** Angela Gade, AAAAI, 611 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Phone: (414) 272-6071, X257 •Fax: (414) 272-6070

Email: agade@aaaai.org

Web: www.aaaai.org

Mar. 26-28 *Science of Mind-Body Interactions - An Exploration of Integrative Mechanisms* will be held at the Mazur Auditorium, NIH, Washington, D.C. Sponsors include: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The Integrative Neural-Immune Program, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Email: register@mindbody.org

Web: www.mindbody.org

Mar. 31-Apr. 4 *EB '2001* will be held in Orlando, FL.

Contact: EB 2001, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Phone: 301-530-7010 •**Fax:** 301-530-7014

Email: eb@faseb.org

Web: www.faseb.org/meetings

Apr. 1-5 *7th Congress of the European Society for Analytical Cellular Pathology* will be held in Caen, Normandy, France.

Contact: Conference Secretariat, Mrs. Heather Costil, Centre François Baclesse, Route de Lion/Mer BP. 5026, F 14076

Caen Cedex 05, France.

Phone: 33 2 31 45 50 01

Email: h.costil@baclesse.fr

Web: <http://rex.iutcaen.unicaen.fr/7esacp>

Apr. 8-13 *14th International Conference on Antiviral Research* will be held in Seattle, WA. **Contact:** Kelley

Gillespie, Courtesy Associates, 2000 L. Street, NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC, 20036.

Phone: (202) 331-2000 ♦Fax: (202) 331-0111

Email: kgillesp@courtesyassoc.com

Apr. 20-21 *Pemphigus as a Model of Organ-specific Humoral Autoimmune Diseases* will be held at NIH, Bethesda, MD. **Contact:** Janet Segall, Executive Director, National Pemphigus Foundation, P.O. Box 9606, Berkeley, CA 94709-0606.

Phone: (510) 527-4970

Email: pvnews@aol.com

Web: www.pemphigus.org/nih.htm

Apr. 22-26 *11th International Conference - Second Messengers and Phosphoproteins* will be held in Melbourne, Australia. **Contact:** The Meeting Planners, 108 Church Street, Hawthorn 3122, Victoria, Australia.

Phone: 61 3 9819 3700 ♦Fax: 61 3 9819 5978

Email: enquiries@meetingplanners.com.au

Web: www.secondmessengers.com

May 4-7 *Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS) Annual Meeting*, sponsored by the Clinical Immunology Society and 14 other clinical immunology related societies, will be held in Boston, MA. **Contact:** Ken Janowski, FOCIS Meeting Secretariat, 611 E. Wells St., 4th Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Phone: (414) 224-8095 ♦Fax: (414) 276-3349

Email: focus@execinc.com

Web: www.focisnet.org

May 4-8 *VIIIth International Myeloma Workshop* will be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada. **Contact:** Myeloma Secretariat, National Research Council Canada, Bldg., M-19, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0R6.

Phone: (613) 993-7271 ♦Fax: (613) 993-7250

Email: myeloma@nrc.ca

Web: www.nrc.ca/confserv/myeloma

Jul. 21-25 *The American Society for Virology 20th Annual Scientific Meeting* sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be held in Madison, WI. **Contact:** Sidney E. Grossberg, Secretary-Treasurer, American Society for Virology, Dept. of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226-0509.

Phone: (414) 456-8104 ♦Fax: (414) 456-6566

Email: segrossb@mcw.edu

Web: www.mcw.edu/asv/meetings.html

Jul. 22-28 *11th International Congress of Immunology*, organized by the Scandinavian Society for Immunology, will be held in Stockholm, Sweden. **Abstract Deadline: February 1, 2001. Contact:** Stockholm Convention Bureau, ICI 2001, P.O. Box 6911, SE-102 39 Stockholm, Sweden.

Phone: 46 8 54 65 15 00 ♦Fax: 46 8 54 65 15 99

Email: ici2001@stocon.se

Web: www.ici2001.org/

Sep. 22-25 *The 41st Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (41st ICAAC)* will be held in Chicago, IL. **Contact:** M.S. Hershey Medical Centre, Penn State Univ., 500 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033.

Phone: (717) 531-6521 ♦Fax: (717) 531-6522

Email: rcourtne@bcmic.hmc.psu.edu

Oct. 10-14 *Cellular and Molecular Physiology of Sodium-Calcium Exchange* will be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Abstract deadline: June 1, 2001. Contact: The American Physiological Society 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3991.

Phone: (301) 530-7171 ♦Fax: (301) 571-8313

Email: meetings@aps.faseb.org

Web: www.faseb.org/aps

Oct. 18-20 *Genome and Hormones: An Integrative Approach to Gender Differences in Physiology* will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. **Abstract deadline: June 1, 2001. Contact:** The American Physiological Society 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3991.

Phone: (301) 530-7171 ♦Fax: (301) 571-8313

Email: meetings@aps.faseb.org

Web: www.faseb.org/aps

Nov. 11-15 *65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology* will be held in San Francisco, CA.

Contact: American College of Rheumatology, 1800 Century Place, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30345-4300.

Phone: (404) 633-3777 ♦Fax: (404) 633-1870

Email: acr@rheumatology.org

Web: www.rheumatology.org

FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb. 20-24, 2002 *3rd International Congress on Autoimmunity* will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. **Contact:** Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld, 3rd International Congress on Autoimmunity, P.O. Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel.

Phone: 972 3 5140018/9 ♦Fax: 972 3 5172484

Email: autoim02@kenes.com

Apr. 20-24, 2002 *EB '2002* will be held in New Orleans, LA. **Contact:** EB '2002, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Phone: 301-530-7010 ♦Fax: 301-530-7014

Email: eb@faseb.org

Web: www.faseb.org/meetings

Jul. 7-12, 2002 XIVth World Congress of Pharmacology sponsored by the International Union of Pharmacology, the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A., and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, will be held in the Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, CA.

Abstract deadline is January 31, 2002. Contact: Congress Secretariat, XIVth World Congress of Pharmacology, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3995.

Phone: 301-530-7061

Email: juphar@aspet.faseb.org

Web: www.iuphar.org

Oct. 25-29, 2002 66th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology will be held in New Orleans, LA. **Contact:** American College of Rheumatology, 1800 Century Place, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30345-4300.

Phone: (404) 633-3777 ♦Fax: (404) 633-1870

Email: acr@rheumatology.org

Web: www.rheumatology.org

Looking for a Job? Post Your "Position Wanted" Ad on the AAI Home Page

AAI is now accepting "position wanted" ads to be posted on the AAI home page. Ads will be posted free of charge. Ads will be accepted for people seeking postdoc positions, support positions (i.e., research technician, animal care specialist, instrumentation specialist) and other related research positions. Posted information will remain active for six months.

If you obtain employment before the six month deadline, please contact Linda Jean Comley at AAI to have the ad removed.

To post an ad, please email the following information:

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Attach CV to email

Email to:
Linda Jean Comley
comley@aai.faseb.org

Rand Report "Paying for University Research Facilities and Administration" Now Available

In response to a directive issued by Congress to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Rand (a non-profit research institution) was requested to prepare and issue the report "Paying for University Research Facilities and Administration". The report presents an analysis of the ways universities recover the facilities and administrative (F&A) costs incurred when they perform research under federal grants and contracts.

The report is available in either html or pdf format from the following web site: www.rand.org/publications/electronic/newstudies.html.

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AAI-PHARMINGEN INVESTIGATOR AWARD

DESCRIPTION

In 1993, this award was established by the AAI in partnership with PharMingen to recognize an early-career investigator who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of immunology. The 2001 awardee will be presented a certificate, a \$3,000 cash award and travel support to attend the annual meeting, and will present his or her work in a special lecture.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be active members of AAI and must have received their degree within the last 15 years (hence, the 2001 nominee must have received his or her degree on or after June 1, 1986).

NOMINATION

Applicants must be nominated by an active AAI member. Members cannot nominate themselves. Members of the AAI Council and Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate or support candidates, nor be nominated themselves. Nominees will be evaluated by the AAI Awards Committee, and recommendations will be made to the AAI Council for final selection. A complete nomination package must be received by **December 1, 2000**. Please address all nominations to:

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D.
Executive Director
The American Association of Immunologists
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

For additional background information, please visit the AAI web site at: www.aai.org.

AAI-PHARMINGEN INVESTIGATOR AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the nomination package:

1. Name of nominee.
2. Current mailing address (including email address).
3. Title and affiliation.
4. Statement of contributions to immunology (DO NOT EXCEED 2 PAGES).
5. CV including education (institutions, dates, degrees), fellowships and employment history.
6. Bibliography (complete citations with titles; a reprint of **one** publication may be included).
7. A nomination letter signed by an active AAI member which includes the date and the nominator's affiliation.
8. Letters of recommendation. **Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting each nomination must be submitted in addition to a signed nomination letter.**

AAI - HUANG FOUNDATION MERITORIOUS CAREER AWARD

DESCRIPTION

This award will recognize an AAI member for outstanding contributions made to the field of immunology. Candidates must be mid-career (at least 15 years in the field). The awardee will receive a \$10,000 cash prize and travel support to attend the AAI annual meeting, and will present a special lecture at the annual meeting.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be active members of AAI and must have received their degree 15 or more years ago (hence, the 2001 nominee must have received his or her degree on or before June 1, 1986).

NOMINATION

An individual must be nominated by an active AAI member. Members cannot nominate themselves. Members of the AAI Council and Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate candidates, nor be nominated themselves. Nominees will be evaluated by the AAI Awards Committee, and recommendations will be made to the AAI Council for final selection. A complete nomination package must be received by **December 1, 2000**. Please address all nominations to:

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AAI - HUANG FOUNDATION MERITORIOUS CAREER AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the nomination package:

1. Name of nominee.
2. Current mailing address (including email address).
3. Title and affiliation.
4. Statement of contributions to immunology (DO NOT EXCEED 2 PAGES).
5. CV including education (institutions, dates, degrees), fellowships and employment history.
6. Bibliography (complete citations with titles).
7. A nomination letter signed by an active AAI member which includes the date and the nominator's affiliation.
8. Letters of recommendation. **Three (3) letters of recommendation supporting each nomination must be submitted in addition to a signed nomination letter.**

AAI EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD

DESCRIPTION

An exceptional relationship between a mentor and trainee influences the successful career development of a trainee for positions in basic and clinical research, teaching, and administration. In 1998, the AAI presented the first Excellence in Mentoring Award for an outstanding contribution to the field of immunology through the mentoring of trainees. The AAI Council is pleased to invite nominations for the 2001 AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award. The award will be presented at an awards ceremony during the annual meeting.

QUALIFICATIONS

Nominees must be active members of AAI who have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to mentoring.

NOMINATION

Candidates should be proposed by an individual who was mentored by the nominee and is well acquainted with the nominee's qualifications. Members cannot nominate themselves, nor are members of the AAI Council or Awards Committee eligible to nominate or support candidates, or be nominated themselves. The complete nomination package must be received by **December 1, 2000**. Please address all nominations to:

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AAI EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the nomination package:

1. A nomination letter submitted by an active AAI member that includes the following nominee information:

- Name
- Present title and affiliation
- Current mailing address (including email address)
- Succinct career history and major scientific contributions
- List of former and current trainees mentored by nominee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position with mentor</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Current position</u>
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2. Letters of recommendation from up to four *former* trainees of the nominee. Each letter must include a brief description of career history relevant to mentoring received, as well as current positions and affiliations. Please use no more than two (2) pages to provide a narrative description of the guidance provided for either the writer's, or others', career development. Specific anecdotes or examples are helpful. The following are some of the qualities that may be considered:

- Long-term commitment to mentoring
- Advisor for career choices
- Successful role model
- Advisor for life in the scientific community, *e.g.*, writing grants, oral presentations, teaching, *etc.*
- Continued interest in the professional advancement of former trainees

PFIZER - SHOWELL TRAVEL AWARDS

DESCRIPTION

The Pfizer - Showell Travel Award was created to be used for travel expenses of young investigators attending the annual meeting of the American Association of Immunologists for the purpose of presenting immunology research and advancing their careers. The first award was given in 1999.

This award will provide travel support to the AAI annual meeting. Early career investigators (assistant professor, or equivalent, who have received an advanced degree within the past seven years) presenting a first author abstract at the annual meeting are eligible to apply. Application packages will be received and evaluated by the AAI Program Committee. Decisions will be based primarily on the submission of an outstanding abstract. Selected abstracts will be presented in the relevant block symposium and noted in the program. Awardees will be notified prior to the annual meeting. The awards will be presented at an awards ceremony during the annual meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be regular members of AAI, and be the first author on an abstract submitted to the AAI for presentation at the annual meeting.

APPLICATION PACKAGES

The complete application package must be received by **January 22, 2001**. Please address all packages to:

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D.
Executive Director
The American Association of Immunologists
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PFIZER - SHOWELL TRAVEL AWARDS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the application package:

1. A letter that includes the following information:
 - Name
 - Title and affiliation
 - Current mailing address (including email address)
2. CV including education, fellowships (institutions, dates, degrees), employment history, and current funding.
3. A copy of the abstract submitted to EB 2001.
4. A brief statement of applicant's research goals (not to exceed 1 page).

AAI JUNIOR FACULTY TRAVEL AWARDS

DESCRIPTION

This award is intended to recognize young investigators in the field of immunology and financially assist with their participation in the AAI annual meeting.

Awardees will be selected on the basis of career promise and an outstanding first author abstract submitted to the annual meeting. Each awardee will receive a certificate and a \$500 cash award. Selected abstracts will be noted in the program.

ELIGIBILITY

Junior faculty, i.e., assistant professors or equivalent, submitting a first author abstract to the AAI annual meeting are eligible to apply. Applicants must be regular AAI members. Postdoctoral fellows or faculty with seniority, i.e., associate professors and above, **are not** eligible.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

The complete application package must be received by **January 22, 2001**. Please address all packages to:

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Executive Director
The American Association of Immunologists
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Awardees will be notified prior to the annual meeting. All awards will be issued at the meeting.

AAI JUNIOR FACULTY TRAVEL AWARDS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the application package:

1. A letter that includes the following information: (*Please clearly designate "AAI Junior Faculty Award" in the cover letter*)
 - Name
 - Title and affiliation
 - Current mailing address (including email address)
2. CV including education (institutions, dates, degrees), fellowships, employment history, and current funding.
3. A copy of the abstract submitted to EB 2001.

AAI - HUANG FOUNDATION TRAINEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

DESCRIPTION

This award will recognize promising trainees in the field of immunology. Five trainees will be selected on the basis of an outstanding first author abstract, as well as evidence of career promise. Awardees will receive a \$1000 cash award and travel support (up to \$1500) to attend the annual meeting. Application packages will be received and evaluated by the AAI Program Committee. Selected abstracts will be presented in the relevant block symposium and noted in the program. Awardees will be notified prior to the annual meeting. The awards will be presented at an awards ceremony during the annual meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

Students and postdoctoral fellows presenting a first author abstract at the annual meeting are eligible to apply. Applicants must be trainee members of AAI as of December 1, 2000.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

The complete application package must be received by **January 22, 2001**. Please address all packages to:

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The American Association of Immunologists
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Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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Please include the following in the application package:

1. A letter that includes the following information:
 - Name
 - Title and affiliation
 - Current mailing address (including email address).
2. CV including education (institutions, dates, degrees), fellowships and employment history.
3. A copy of the abstract submitted to EB 2001.
4. A brief statement of applicant's research goals (not to exceed 1 page).
5. A letter of recommendation from advisor/mentor.
6. A completed AAI Trainee Award Certification Form.

AAI Trainee Award Certification Form

This form must accompany the AAI-Huang Foundation Trainee Achievement Award Application.

Applicant's Name: _____
Please Print Legibly or Type

Mailing Address: _____

Trainee Status (check one): _____ Predoctoral _____ Postdoctoral

Year Degree Expected: _____

I hereby certify that _____
Name of Trainee

is a registered student/postdoctoral fellow and is engaged in an immunology research program.

Signature of Advisor/Department Chair

Date

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2001 TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Fax Number: () _____

Students and Post-Doctoral Trainees may become Trainee members of the AAI. Trainee members will receive a subscription to *The Journal of Immunology* and the *AAI Newsletter*. **Subscriptions will start upon receipt of your application and end on December 31 of the current year.** Trainee members will also have the privilege of attending and participating (without vote) in the AAI Annual Business Meeting. In addition, they will receive all AAI announcements and correspondence.

Qualified applicants must complete the information below and return this form with the required payment. Checks are to be made payable to **The American Association of Immunologists**. All checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and International money orders are accepted.

Individuals may remain Trainee members for a maximum of eight (8) years. Certification **must** be renewed annually.

PRE-DOCTORAL TRAINEE

I hereby certify that _____

(Please print clearly)

is a regularly matriculated *student* in the Department of _____

at _____
(University or Institution)

and as such is eligible to become a Pre-Doctoral Trainee member of the AAI.

(Signature- must be an AAI member)

Name _____
(Please print clearly)

Title _____
(Dean, Department Chair or Professor in Charge)

Date _____

POST-DOCTORAL TRAINEE

I hereby certify that _____

(Please print clearly)

is a post-Doctoral Trainee in the Department of _____

at _____
(University or Institution)

and as such is eligible to become a Post-Doctoral Trainee member of the AAI.

(Signature- must be an AAI member)

Name _____
(Please print clearly)

Title _____
(Dean, Department Chair or Professor in Charge)

Date _____

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**QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP
2001 MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) is a professional organization whose members have a strong interest in, and have made substantial contributions to, the science of immunology. AAI is a member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) and is responsible for the publication of *The Journal of Immunology*. To be eligible for election to membership in the AAI, a candidate must meet **one** of the following criteria:

1. Possess a Ph.D., (or equivalent graduate degree, *e.g.*, D.Sc.) in immunology or related disciplines, or an M.D. (or equivalent medical degree, *e.g.*, D.D.S.) and be the **first** author of **one** significant original publication on an immunological topic in a reputable, refereed journal. Manuscripts "in press" are acceptable when accompanied by a letter from the publisher or Editor-In-Chief of the journal affirming its acceptance and imminent publication. Abstracts and unpublished papers **will not** be considered in evaluating whether a candidate meets the publications requirement for membership. The requirement for an advanced degree can be waived in certain circumstances if the candidate shows evidence of other appropriate training and research experience.

2. Be an established scientist with substantial achievement in a related discipline and have at least one collaborative paper on an immunological topic in a reputable, refereed journal.

THIS APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1) Four copies of your bibliography and curriculum vitae. 2) The name and signature of an active AAI member as your reference.

NAME: _____

TYPE OF DEGREE(S) AND DATE(S) RECEIVED _____

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