February 3rd, 2015 - Upcoming events, award applications, and more

February has a number of APSA events planned, including award opportunities and interactive sessions. Several deadlines and event dates are rapidly approaching. Read on to learn more.

Interactive Session with Mukesh Jain, MD, Rescheduled for February 16th

APSA’s interactive session with Mukesh Jain, MD has been rescheduled for **February 16th at 8 PM EST.** A nationally-prominent cardiologist and physician-scientist, Dr. Jain is Director of the Case Cardiovascular Research Institute at Case Western Reserve University and current President of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. To join the conversation on February 16th, visit [https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/222456149](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/222456149) from your computer, tablet, or smartphone or call +1 (215) 383-1013 (+12153831013) and use access code 222-456-149.

Local Chapter Awards to the Annual Meeting - Applications Due February 13

APSA is pleased to announce that we will provide **$500 travel awards** to attend the Annual Meeting in Chicago (April 24 – 26, 2015) to the three APSA Local Chapters that best promote APSA and the organization’s goals of developing the careers of aspiring physician scientists. These awards are meant to encourage and support interactions between APSA national and local chapters (LCs). To be eligible for this award, your institution must first form an APSA LC by completing the application process (please visit the LC page [/?page=local_chapter_mainpg](http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=local_chapter_mainpg), or email localchapters@physicianscientists.org (mailto:localchapters@physicianscientists.org) with questions). Awardees will be expected to attend the Annual Meeting and give a 5 minute presentation about their Local Chapter’s activities. Applications [/?page=localtravel](http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=localtravel) are due in just over a week, February 13, 2015.

ACLPS Travel Award Applications Due Soon

Travel award applications to the [Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists](http://www.aclps.org/) (ACLPS) annual meeting are closing in just a few weeks. ACLPS is providing up to five **$850 travel awards**, including one **guaranteed for an APSA member**, to attend Lab Medicine 2015 [http://www.aclps.org/meeting_current.html](http://www.aclps.org/meeting_current.html) in Minneapolis, MN on May 28-30, 2015. Abstracts are due **February 27, 2015 and must be sponsored by an ACLPS member** (for assistance in identifying an abstract sponsor, please contact Dr. Robin Lorenz (mailto:rlorenz@uab.edu)). Visit the abstract instructions and application forms page [http://www.aclps.org/meeting_current.html](http://www.aclps.org/meeting_current.html) to apply, and be sure to check the MD/PhD box on the application to make sure that you are considered for this award!

Join APSA, Lawrence "Skip" Brass, MD, PhD, and Kerry O'Banion, MD, PhD on March 16th

APSA is excited to announce an upcoming interactive session with Lawrence "Skip" Brass, MD, PhD, Director of the MSTP at the University of Pennsylvania, and Kerry O'Banion, MD, PhD, Director of the MSTP at the University of Rochester. The session, being held on March 16th at 9 PM EST, promises to be a great event for those interested in academic medicine, undergraduates applying to MD/PhD programs, and all those on a physician-scientist career track. More information about the session will be shared soon!
To join the conversation on March 16th, visit https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/951046565 (https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/951046565) from your computer, tablet, or smartphone or call +1 (571) 317-3131 (+15713173131) and use access code 951-046-565.

Award Opportunity for SNMA Members

Are you a member of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) interested in a career as a physician-scientist? APSA is pleased to announce that it is joining with SNMA to offer several $500 travel awards to SNMA members to attend the 2015 APSA Annual Meeting! APSA's Annual Meeting is the premier gathering of physician-scientists at all levels of training and all career stages. Do not miss this opportunity; visit the application page (http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=2015_snma_am_app) today to learn more about how to apply.

Join APSA and ACTS for Translational Science 2015 and Capitol Hill Day

Is biomedical research important to you? Join APSA and the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (http://www.actscience.org/) (ACTS) for Translational Science 2015 (http://www.actscience.org/?TS2015Meeting) from April 16 - 18. The meeting will include workshops and panels on topics including grant writing, advocacy, and scientific policy. Hot topics include the latest on role of mobile health technologies in biomedical and clinical/translational research.

A highlight of the meeting is Capitol Hill Day, taking place on April 16th. During Translational Science 2015, APSA and ACTS members will visit Capitol Hill to advocate on behalf of science and medicine to members of the House and Senate and their staff. Participants will receive Advocacy Training from 8:00 am to 9 am EST and visit the US Capitol from 9 am to 1 pm EST to speak to members of Congress. ACTS has agreed to waive registration and payment for nine APSA members to join this important effort. Please note that this waiver does not include registration for the remainder of the Translational Science 2015 meeting. Space is limited; applications (http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=actshillday2015) are due March 2, 2015.

Announcing the 2015 Policy and Biomedical Science and Technological Innovation Panels

APSA's Policy Committee has been hard at work developing two eye opening and insightful panels for the 2015 APSA Annual Meeting. Are you wondering how we can increase success of translational research efforts and funding? How you can impact the future and progress of biomedical research and your own careers? Join the conversation and get insights from physician scientists bridging the gap between research and clinical practice at the 2015 Policy Panel. Topics discussed will include a) how to get involved with translational medical, science advocacy and policy; b) Government and FDA initiatives to promote translational research; and c) key steps and challenges in the drug/therapeutics approval process. Panelists include NIH Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD; FDA Chief Scientist Stephen Ostroff, MD; Novartis Head of Translational Medicine, New Indication Discovery Unit Lloyd Klickstein, MD, PhD; and Hemetrix VP and cardioDx Founder Christopher Burrow, MD.

If you are interested in understanding the tech transfer process for your own biomedical research discoveries and taking the latest technological innovations and applying them to your research and clinical care, the Technological Innovation in Biomedical and Translational Research panel is for you! It is critical that physician-scientists continue to enhance their skillsets by learning about and implementing the latest technological advances into their research and clinical care and how to recognize and identify opportunities to translate your work. In this session, the panel will go over case examples of translating one’s work and discussing key issues relating to intellectual property (IP) and
patenting in biomedical research (even at the trainee level!), gain insights into the ever-increasing presence of mobile technology in medicine and research and IP issues involved in its use, accessibility, information, data rights and security.

We invite you to join these important discussions: if not able to attend, comment, ask us (mailto:jennifer.kwan@physicianscientists.org) questions for these panel topics and we will do our best to pose them to our panelists at the live events.

**Annual Meeting Registration Ongoing**

Registration for the 11th Annual Meeting (/?page=11thAnnualMeeting) is ongoing (/events/event_details.asp?id=521995)! Do not miss the opportunity to take part in the premier meeting of physician-scientists and trainees. Panelists and speakers this year include Mitchell Lazar, discoverer of the hormone resistin, Francis Collins, Director of the NIH, and Craig Thompson, President of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Many more events and exclusive benefits are coming soon. Stay connected with APSA's Twitter (http://twitter.com/a_p_s_a), Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/physicianscientists), and website (http://www.physicianscientists.org/) for up-to-date news!