May 21st, 2015 - Annual Meeting opportunities, leadership application, and more

The 11th Annual Meeting was a great success, thanks in large part to the efforts of many dedicated APSA members. APSA has several updates to share from the meeting as well as has several opportunities and announcements for May and early June. Read on to learn more.

Exciting Opportunity for Future Pathologist-Scientists

The American Society for Investigative Pathology invites APSA members to join them for a **BRAND NEW** event! ASIP will host the first ever Pathobiology for Investigators, Students, and Academicians (http://www.pisa2015.org) (PISA) meeting in Baltimore, MD, October 8-10. The topic of this inaugural event is Pathways to Translational Medicine: Recent Advances in Cell Injury, Inflammation, and Neoplasia. As a guest society, **APSA members can register for this event at a reduced rate**. Plan now to join us in Baltimore! Abstract Deadline: JUNE 30th.

Opportunity from the American College of Rheumatology

APSA members are invited to the **Rheumatology Research Workshop** (http://www.rheumatology.org/Education/Profmeetingcourses/Rheumatology_Research_Workshop/) in San Diego, CA, June 26 - 27, 2015! This two-day workshop will include scientific lectures, oral abstraction presentations, poster sessions, and opportunities for young investigators to interact with senior investigators and exchange ideas and experiences. ACR encourages any future rheumatologist-scientists to participate in this free meeting. This is an opportunity you don’t want to miss. **RSVP today** (http://bit.ly/rrwoutreachrsvp)! The deadline to RSVP is noon, June 9th. The meeting will take place at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront; 1 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101.

MD/PhD Workshop and Travel Award Opportunity from NIMH to Molecular Psychiatry

Are you interested in psychiatry? Do you want to learn from the experts at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) about grant opportunities during graduate school and beyond? Join NIMH for a **special MD/PhD student workshop** (http://www.nimh.nih.gov/funding/training/call-for-applications-travel-awards.shtml) to be held in conjunction with the **3rd Annual Molecular Psychiatry Meeting** (http://www.molecularpsychiatry.net/meetings/2015-san-francisco/) in San Francisco! The workshop will be held on October 29th, 2015, the day prior to Molecular Psychiatry. Travel awards from NIMH that will cover **travel, lodging, and registration** to the workshop and the meeting are available! For more information and to apply, visit NIMH’s workshop website (http://www.nimh.nih.gov/funding/training/call-for-applications-travel-awards.shtml). Questions? Contact NIMH (mailto:NIMH_Training@mail.nih.gov).

Updates from the Annual Meeting

The 11th Annual Meeting was the best yet. Over 460 attendees joined ASCI and AAP members for a weekend of outstanding science, networking, and career development. Attendees heard from Nobel Laureates, Lasker Laureates, and many other distinguished speakers. For photos from the meeting, visit **APSA’s Facebook page** (https://www.facebook.com/physicianscientists) (and tag yourself!) or **APSA’s Flickr** (https://www.flickr.com/photos/a_p_s_a/).
One of the most memorable events of the meeting was the presentation of the Kober Medal to Francis Collins. If you missed the ceremony, you missed a special event that included a surprise guitar performance from the NIH Director himself. In collaboration with the AAP, APSA is very happy to announce that a recording of that ceremony is online (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52wZjfn9XV0)! Visit APSA’s YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/c/PhysicianscientistsOrg) to view the ceremony.

In addition to excellent speakers, the Annual Meeting brought the election of a new leadership team! Your 2015-2016 APSA leaders will be:

President-Elect: Alex Adami, University of Connecticut Health Center
Vice-President: Peter Mittwede, University of Mississippi Medical Center
Chair, Events: Jillian Liu, The Ohio State University
Chair, Fundraising: Hsiang-Chun "Jimmy" Chang, Northwestern University
Chair, Membership: Brandon Fox, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Chair, Partnerships: Josh Cohen, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Chair, Policy: Jennifer Kwan, University of Illinois at Chicago
Chair, Public Relations: Stephanie Brosius, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Chair, Technology: Alex Dussaq, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Member-at-Large (MD/PhD): Andrew Harrison, Mayo Clinic
Resident Liaison: Evan Noch, Weill-Cornell Medical Center-New York Presbyterian Hospital
Co-Undergraduate Liaisons: Leanne Dumeny, University of Florida and Zachary Kiss, New York University

Introducing: A New Resident Initiative

APSA is starting a new initiative to keep track of where APSA members are matching for their residency programs. This is not only to help us keep follow the successes of our members, but also to serve as an encouragement to younger members who are interested in where everyone is headed (and into what specialty). If you went through the residency match process in 2015, please fill out the form (http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=matchlistform) to help us build this database.

APSA Leadership Applications Open

Are you interested in serving on an APSA Standing Committee? The Standing Committees (http://www.physicianscientists.org/?Page=StandingCommittees) are the heart of APSA and are the driving forces behind every APSA initiative. If you are interested in planning the Annual Meeting, advocating for physician-scientist trainees nationally, or forging partnerships with specialty societies, now is your chance! Complete a leadership application (http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=LeadershipPosition) today.

Updates from the Undergraduate Mentoring Program

With 31 matched mentors and 31 mentees, the first year of the APSA mentoring program was a success. We recently sent out surveys to all of the participants to get feedback about how beneficial the program was and what improvements we can make in the future. We are planning to open applications for the mentoring program again early this fall, so please consider becoming a mentor or mentee.

Local Chapters Initiative – Accepting Applications!

16 institutions from across the US have recently formed an APSA Local Chapter (LC). APSA is planning to increase its support and opportunities for LCs over the coming year, so now is a great time to apply! The application process is easy and is designed to help you assemble a useful and efficient LC. Please visit the LC webpage (http://www.physicianscientists.org/?page=local_chapter_mainpg) or email us (mailto:localchapters@physicianscientists.org) for more information!
Many more events and exclusive benefits are coming soon. Stay connected with APSA’s Twitter (https://twitter.com/a_p_s_a), Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/physicianscientists), and website (http://www.physicianscientists.org/) for up-to-date news!