Dear APSA Members,

**Applications are now open for the next generation of APSA leaders!**

Do you want to help advocate for physician-scientist training nationally? Join an APSA standing committee today and you can! Applications for positions, including vice-chairs, are open for all of APSA’s standing committees. Help APSA craft policy initiatives, plan the next Annual Meeting, develop new partnerships with specialty societies, and much more. It is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience and network with fellow trainees and senior physician-scientists across the country. Position descriptions are available on the APSA Leadership page, and the application is available at [http://www.physicianscientists.org/page/LeadershipPosition](http://www.physicianscientists.org/page/LeadershipPosition)

**Save the date for Annual Meeting: April 21-23 2017**

**Save the date for Regional Meetings:**
Northeast: University at Buffalo, October 29th, 2016
Midwest: University of Nebraska Medical Center, November 4th-5th, 2016
Southeast: University of Alabama at Birmingham, November 5th-6th, 2016
South: University of Texas Medical Branch, date TBD
West: University of Southern California, date TBD

**APSA is pleased to partner with the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) for the society’s 2016 Kidney STARS Program**

Kidney STARS provides travel support and complimentary registration for medical students, graduate students, and residents to attend the ASN Annual Meeting at Kidney Week, as well as tailored activities throughout the week.

[**Kidney Week 2016**](http://www.arsenal.org/2016) will take place in Chicago, IL from Thursday, November 17 – Sunday, November 20.

In addition to an $800 travel stipend, Kidney STARS participants will attend special activities, including a Welcome Breakfast, poster tours, a Q&A panel session with nephrology experts, and a luncheon with nephrology leaders. To enhance the experience, all participants will be grouped by special interest and paired with a mentor who will serve as a resource during the Annual Meeting.

Through our partnership, ASN will reserve a select number of Kidney STARS awards for APSA members. To apply, a candidate must:
- Be a medical student, graduate student or resident in good standing.
- Be able to participate in the entire Kidney STARS program (Thursday, November 17 – Sunday, November 20)
- Have an interest in pursuing nephrology as a specialty.
- Provide a letter from an accredited institution verifying their status and a CV.

Applications are now open. Be sure to indicate that you heard about the program through APSA to be considered for the special APSA Kidney STARS slots.

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 20, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.** For more information about this exciting program or to apply, please visit the [ASN website](http://www.arsenal.org). Questions? Please contact ASN at grants@asn-online.org.

**American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) has invited APSA to be a Guest Society for their Pathobiology for Investigators, Students, and Academicians (PISA) Meeting!**

APSA members will received discounted registration for this exciting event.

PISA will be held in Houston, TX October 20-22, 2016.

Highlights will include:
The Keynote Lecture - Journal of Histochemistry & Cytochemistry Lecture: “Targeting Neutrophil Accumulation as a Therapy for Lupus Nephritis” presented by Tanya Mayadas, PhD, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

The prestigious ASIP Rous-Whipple Award Lecture: “Molecular Triggers Underlying Pandemics Caused by Group A Streptococcus, the Flesh-Eating Pathogen” presented by James M. Musser, MD, PhD, Houston Methodist Hospital.

The ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award Lecture: “Approaching Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis from Cellular, System and Technological Angles” presented by Christi Kolarcik, PhD, University of Pittsburgh.

Career Development Workshop - Dancing with Journals: “The Mechanics of Publishing Your Research” presented by Kathryn Stockbauer, PhD, Houston Methodist Hospital. This workshop is sponsored by the ASIP Committee for Career Development and Diversity.

Symposia presented on the following themes:

- The Inflammatory Interface: The Force Awakens
- Microbiome and Disease
- Cell - Cell Communications (exosomes and cancer)
- Mucosal Pathobiology

Abstracts are due June 30, 2016 and can be submitted at http://www.pisa2016.org/abstracts/.

For more information, please see the flyer.

APSA and Medstro Partnership

APSA is pleased to announced our partnership with Medstro, an online community for medical students and physicians to bring our members an online forum for discussing topics relevant to physician scientist education. Ongoing discussion topics include Money Matters: Buying a House and Finding a Residency Program: Research Tracks. Join today at: https://medstro.com/.

Sincerely,
The American Physician Scientists Association (APSA)