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## From the President.....

The American Federation for Medical Research is at a crossroads. While specialty medical societies and foundations continue to thrive and grow, general societies like the AFMR are struggling to find their niche. Membership in the AFMR continues to decline at an alarming rate (down approximately 15% from last year), a fact that is consistent with the general decline in academic faculty choosing traditional tenure track positions in the clinical and translational medical sciences. Nevertheless, the AFMR remains a bellwether for the nearly 2,500 members who remain, advocating for training in, and continued funding of, the medical sciences; sponsoring or co-sponsoring important meetings, like Clinical Research 2005, that allow trainees and investigators from across multiple disciplines to interact and learn from their shared community; publishing a vital instrument of translational research communication, the *Journal of Investigative Medicine*; and by continuing to serve the needs and priorities of academic junior faculty.

Despite declining numbers, our organization remains energized and optimistic. The AFMR has taken several steps toward advancing its public policy agenda by working to partner with the Academic Health Centers Clinical Research Forum to lobby and advance our legislative agenda, including increased (or more realistically, continued) funding for the National Institutes of Health, the Veteran's Administration, and various training and loan repayment initiatives. We have also joined up with Association for Academic Internal Medicine to provide the AAIM Connection newsletter to our members each week. This comprehensive

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Mark R. Burge, M.D.



## AFMR Translational Symposia presented at Experimental Biology/IUPS 2005

AFMR formed a liaison with the American Physiological Society (APS) and FASEB for the 2005 Experimental Biology meeting, which in 2005 was combined with the International Union of Physiological Societies (IUPS). The meeting was held March 31-April 5, 2005, in San Diego, California and boosted the record largest attendance.

Over 20,000 physicians, scientists, and healthcare professionals attended this very prestigious multidisciplinary scientific meeting. "The AFMR symposia were tremendously successfully with standing-room only crowds," said Abdulla K. Salahudeen, MD, Vice President for Meetings and Symposia who attended the meeting as AFMR's Representative. "The feedback from attendees at the AFMR symposia was extremely positive."

*"Molecular Mechanisms Linking Sodium Retention to Hypertension"*  
Mordecai P. Blaustein, M.D., Chair  
University of Maryland School of Medicine

*"Lipid Rafts – Floating from Bench to Bedside"*  
Jens Goebel, M.D., Chair  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

*"Atherosclerosis: Immune and Inflammatory Aspects"*  
Allison B. Reiss, M.D., Chair  
Winthrop University Hospital/Vascular Biology Institute

*"Diagnosis and Treatment utilizing Natriuretic Peptides"*  
David L. Vesely, M.D., Ph.D., Chair  
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# 2005 HENRY CHRISTIAN AWARD Winners



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**Indra De'**  
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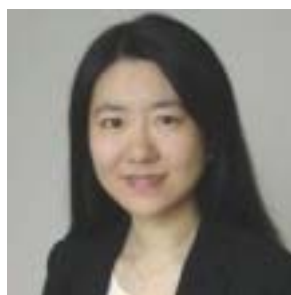
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*Johns Hopkins University  
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***THE AFMR Henry Christian Awards are supported  
by an educational grant from Merck & Co., Inc.***

# The Carmel Meetings: Success Continues

The Western Regional Meetings were held in Carmel, California from February 2-5, 2005. Over 200 medical students, residents and fellows attended. The meetings go from strong to stronger, and the 2005 meetings were likely the most successful ever. The weather was cooperative and it did not rain during the meetings. The list of awards was impressive and thanks again to Jane Reusch for rejuvenating the Scholar Awards. The Scholar Awards ceremony and "Mentor" lectures on Friday evening were well attended.

The Joint Plenary Sessions were informative with lectures on Nitric Oxide (Ferid Murad-Nobel Laureate), Mendelian Disorders (Katrina Dipple), Sprouty Genes (O. Klein), Maternal Nicotine Exposure (S. Sugano), Nitric Oxide and the Lung (John Kinsella), Heart transplantation (JK Nakashima), IL-18 as a biomarker of acute renal failure (Chirag Parikh) and Cancer (Shelly Lu). Congratulations to all especially Shelly Lu and Chirag Parikh (WSCI/WAFMR Outstanding Investigator Awards), Jonathan Nakashima (Edwin E. Osgood Award), Shalina Sharma (Outstanding Resident Award) and the WSCI Travel Award winners. All abstracts were published in the January 2005 *Journal of Investigative Medicine*.

We look forward to the 2006 meetings.



Many fellows received Scholar Awards. Dr Belda Dursun, a Research Fellow from Turkey working at UCHSC Denver, pictured with her Novartis Nephrology Scholar Award and her mentor Dr Charles Edelstein at the Awards Ceremony. Dr Dursun's presentation was on Cisplatin-Induced Death of Endothelial Cells.

## Watch Your E-mail for the Newest AFMR Member Benefit

AFMR is pleased to provide a copy of Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM) Connection to our members as a benefit of their membership in the American Federation for Medical Research.

The e-newsletter contains access to the AAIM Job Bank and links to articles of interest, including:

- ♦ AHRQ Releases National Healthcare Quality and Disparity Reports
- ♦ Congress Considers Bills on Veterans Health Issues
- ♦ ASP Seeks Nominations for Council Member-at-Large
- ♦ AAIM Encourages All Possible Fellowships to Register with ERAS Fellowships
- ♦ NRMP Posts Historic Data to Assist Hospitals with Appropriate Medicare Reimbursement for Preliminary Residents



## Submit your Manuscript TODAY!

### Journal of Investigative Medicine

The *Journal of Investigative Medicine* is the official publication of the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR). The *Journal* publishes original articles and reviews of broad interest to academic physicians and scientists. Submitted manuscripts undergo initial review by the editors, and those articles consistent with the goals of the *Journal* are sent for peer review. Authors wishing to contribute reviews are encouraged to contact the Editor prior to submission.

Manuscripts containing new material are accepted for consideration for publication with the provision that they are submitted solely to the *Journal of Investigative Medicine* and that no part of the material has been submitted to any other publication.

For complete Author Information on *Journal* submission, please visit the AFMR website, [www.afmr.org](http://www.afmr.org) or visit the publisher's website at [www.bcdecker.com](http://www.bcdecker.com)

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# CLINICAL RESEARCH 2005 - Meeting-At-A-Glance

Washington Wardman Park Marriott Hotel

April 29-30, 2005

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005	
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Trainees' Continental Breakfast - Meet Your Colleagues and Society Presidents
9:10 am – 11:45 am	Plenary Session I and Oral Abstract Presentations Drug Development and Clinical Trials <i>State-of-the-Art Speaker</i> Hepatotoxicity: Breaking the Promise of Genomics in Drug Development Paul B. Watkins, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill And CR2005 Outstanding Trainee Award Presentation
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm	Trainee Luncheon Program <i>Invited speaker</i> Negotiation: Style and Gender Influences Catherine Morrison, Morrison Associates, Negotiation and Conflict Management Consulting
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Plenary Session II and Oral Abstract Presentations Health Services Research <i>State-of-the-Art Speaker</i> Translational Research, Phase II: From Bedside to Practice Carolyn Clancy, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality And AFMR Outstanding Investigator Award Presentation
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Special Presentation Clinical Research Funding and Policy: A Congressional Perspective
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Trainee Poster Session and President's Reception
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	AFMR Henry Christian Award Dinner - National Zoo <i>(all registered trainees welcome by invitation only)</i>
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005	
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Scientific Poster Session
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Trainees' Continental Breakfast and Program <i>Invited speaker</i> How to Make Journal Editors Happy Harold C. Sox, Editor-in-Chief, <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration and Hospitality Area
9:15 am – 12:00 pm	Plenary Session III and Oral Abstract Presentations Translational Application of New Technologies  <i>State-of-the-Art Speaker</i> - Nanomaterials for Biological and Medical Applications James R. Baker, Jr., University of Michigan Health Care System And Edward H. Ahrens, Jr. Award Presentation
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Trainee Round Table Luncheon <i>Invited speaker</i> How to Not Write an Unsuccessful Grant Application Dan Clauw, Director, Center for the Advancement of Clinical Research and Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, <i>University of Michigan Medical School</i>
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Plenary Session IV and Oral Presentations <i>State-of-the-Art Speaker</i> Pharmacogenomics in Drug Prescribing and Drug Development Alastair J. J. Wood, Vanderbilt University
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	CR2006 Planning Committee Meeting

Clinical Research is a joint meeting co-sponsored by: AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ASSOCIATION FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATION FOR PATIENT – ORIENTED RESEARCH, and GENERAL CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION



electronic newsletter provides timely updates on issues that impact upon the status of research and education in American medical colleges. Finally, the AFMR is very close to signing on to a continuing relationship with our long-time lobbyist, Washington Health Advocates, to help us advance focused initiatives in a result- and cost-effective manner.

The *Journal of Investigative Medicine* continues its resurrection under the leadership of Editor in Chief, Michael McPhaul, M.D. Submissions to the journal are increasing, review times are dramatically declining, and manuscript quality is increasing. The journal is now available in PDF format to members and reviewers from the AFMR website, [www.afmr.org](http://www.afmr.org). Recent features like the JIM Interview with William Crowley, the detailed description of the Doris Duke Fellowship for Medical Students, and the commentary on creating a framework for research into healthcare effectiveness, are pieces that are both visionary and relevant to the careers of all of us in academic medicine. Finally, page charges for publication in the *Journal of Investigative Medicine* will be reduced by 50% for active AFMR members beginning June 1, 2005.

The AFMR looks to the future with a resurgence of our Western, Southern and Midwestern Regional meetings, all of which enjoyed growth this year and the infusion of much-needed cash in support of our new and incredibly popular *Scholars Programs*. No less than eight *Scholars Programs* helped the Western meeting to be one of the best-attended and highly valued conferences in years. Dozens of trainees were able to attend this meeting cost-free because of the Scholars initiative. Many thanks to Past President Jane Reusch for her tireless work in pitching and securing these valuable programs!

We look forward to the continued emergence of the AFMR under the leadership of President-Elect Deborah Zucker, M.D., Ph.D., over the next year. I leave you with a specific charge: Get involved! Attend the meetings and see how rewarding they can be! Become an AFMR representative for your institution! Join the Regional Council in your region and become an officer! Talk to your colleagues about why they should be AFMR members! Ask your mentors if they will provide AFMR memberships to all of their trainees! Submit a manuscript to the *Journal Investigative Medicine*! In short, we need your help to make the AFMR the organization you need it to be.

Best of luck to you and to us in the coming year!

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## Midwest Section Honors Scholars

The Midwest Region of the AFMR held their Scholar Award reception on April 15, 2005 at the Hyatt Riverwalk Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The guest speaker was Ajit P. Varki, M.D. from the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. The presentation of the awards and certificates was made by Drs. Jordan Metcalf and Francis Miller.

### 2005 Centocor GI/Rheumatology/ Immunology Scholar Awards

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