

President's Message

It has been a productive year for the SBUR, with a new relationship with the AUA, an exciting Fall 2002 meeting in Tucson, organized by George Christ, and the decision by the SBUR Executive to begin migration of day-to-day management of the Society to a private company. I will briefly bring you up to date on some of these activities.

This past year the SBUR has benefited from a newly formalized partnership with the AUA, a relationship that was successfully negotiated and finalized last year by Steve Ward, the SBUR Past President. The Society will likely benefit from this new relationship by higher visibility at AUA-sponsored events and also by the designation of the Journal of Urology as the official journal of the SBUR. The AUA also generously supports SBUR activities, such as the Spring and Fall meetings. Current plans include SBUR/AUA co-sponsorship of a basic science education course for budding academic urologists this summer, and the development of a mechanism for "pre-peer review" of grant applications (prior to submission to the NIH or other agencies) by experienced SBUR grantees. Stay tuned for more on that.

The SBUR has also been working closely with the AUA on making certain the TRU Act becomes law. Diane Felsen (SBUR Vice President) and Monica Liebert (AUA Director of Research and Past SBUR Treasurer) have been heading up this initiative. This bill, which was introduced into the House of Representatives by Rep. Jim Leach (IA), would create a new and independent Urology Division within the NIDDK. Most recently, Dr. Felsen represented the SBUR Executive at an AUA-sponsored meeting in December, which focused on planning strategy with advocates and other groups for moving the TRU Act through Congress. If you have not already done so, please write your congressional representative to support this important bill, which we believe would go far toward increasing funding opportunities for urological research. For a summary of the TRU Act (as introduced last year), go to:

<http://news.findlaw.com/prnewswire/20030227/27feb2003125402.html>

When you write your congress person, please print the letter on your letterhead and also fax a copy to Monica Liebert or Cherie McNett at the AUA (410-223-4375) so they can follow up. If you need contact information for your congressional representative go to: www.house.gov/writerep/

Many SBUR members also served this past year on the Renal and Urological Sciences (RUS) Boundary Team, an ad hoc advisory committee that was charged by the NIH to make a recommendation on the best configuration of study sections in the fields of urology and nephrology. The RUS team's report emphasized that the two fields would best be served by at least one study section principally focused on genitourinary tract physiology and pathophysiology in addition to two principally renal study sections. This reorganization is part of the larger NIH-wide reorganization of all Center for Scientific Review (CSR) study sections that will become a reality in Fall 2003. We believe the new study sections in the urology/nephrology cluster will greatly improve the opportunities for funding in several urology-related areas, particularly in fields not involving oncological sciences.

We are continuing to develop the new SBUR website, which now has the web address www.sbur.org. Darius Bagli has spearheaded this initiative from its inception last year and is the current webmaster. Members should refer to the website to keep current with urology research news, funding opportunities and current SBUR activities. Further changes and enhancements to the website are planned for the coming year.

Finally, the most dramatic change in SBUR operations in a long time was also initiated this year. The SBUR Executive has hired a private company, W.J. Weiser and Associates, to perform the day-to-day activities of the Society in

consultation with the Executive Committee. The Weiser organization has quite a bit of experience of particular relevance to the Society; it currently manages a number of urology-focused organizations, including the American Association of Clinical Urologists, the American Society of Andrology, the Society of Women in Urology, and the Society of Urologic Oncology. We anticipate that this move will allow us to improve the exposure of the SBUR within the ever-enlarging urology research community. It should also facilitate fundraising, membership maintenance and new member solicitation, and help enormously with the launch of new initiatives of benefit to our community. Linda Buckner, who has served tirelessly and with distinction for many years as the SBUR Executive Secretary, is managing the transition.

My term as SBUR President is rapidly running out. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues on the Executive Committee who have made serving the SBUR as Vice President and President one of the most rewarding professional experiences of my career. Special thanks goes to the retiring Executive Committee members, Robert Getzenberg (Treasurer) and Susan Kasper (Member-at-large) for their focus and dedicated hard work. I plan to continue to assist Diane Felsen and the new Vice President in whatever capacity I can as Past President in the coming year.

Best wishes and wonderful results to you all!

Michael R. Freeman
Boston, March 2003

ATTENTION:

The SBUR Election Ballot is included in this Announcement. Please fill out and return before April 18th.

Treasurer's Report

The financial condition of the Society of Basic Urological Research remains good. We continue to rely on revenue generated from our Fall meeting to sponsor a number of our activities. The other major component of our income is the dues paid by each of the members. Timely payment of your dues helps us to continue to meet our expenses. Our endowed, Donald S. Coffey Lectureship, continues to accrue interest although the lower rates currently available have affected the SBUR as well. It has been my pleasure to serve as Treasurer of the SBUR for the past four years and to work with some fantastic individuals. During that time, the finances of our Society have stabilized significantly. In addition, we now have more structured income-generating mechanisms in place. The Society has an important role in helping to further urology research and I hope that all of you will consider playing a more active role.

Robert Getzenberg

Meetings

SBUR Fall 2002 Conference Chair

I am very pleased to be able to report to the membership that the Fall 2002 SBUR annual meeting on Functional Genomics was a wonderful success. The meeting was held December 5-8th at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, AZ. There were 130 attendees, 46 poster abstracts, and an excellent turn out of invited speakers/chairs. 17 travel awards were made to domestic participants and 2 to international participants. The cross-fertilization, interactions and discussions were fabulous.

Special thanks go to the members of the planning committee who helped make this meeting such an exciting experience for all of us. In particular I would like to thank Natasha Kyprianou, Ricardo Saban, Vijay Kumar, Michael Freeman, Jim Mohler, and Tim Ratliff for all their hard work and assistance. The meeting would not have been possible without the contributions of the following sponsors: American Urological Association, Merck & Co., Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Roche, Bayer, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Silicon Genetics and Perkin-Elmer. This meeting was also supported by an R13 grant awarded by the NIH (NIDDK). Special thanks to the American Urological Association for their continued support of the SBUR Conferences.

George Christ

Travel Award Winners from the 2003 Fall Symposium

SBUR is pleased to announce the recipients of SBUR Travel Award Winners. Our congratulations to all recipients.

**Rosalyn Adam
Paul F. Austin
Aristotelis G. Anastasiadis
Kelvin Davies
Joanne N. Davis
Jin Gao
Gerald M. Herrera**

**Haojie Huang
Gina Keller
Kenichiro Ishii
Lisette Maddison
Janni Mirosevich
Jiro Nagatomi
David K. Ornstein**

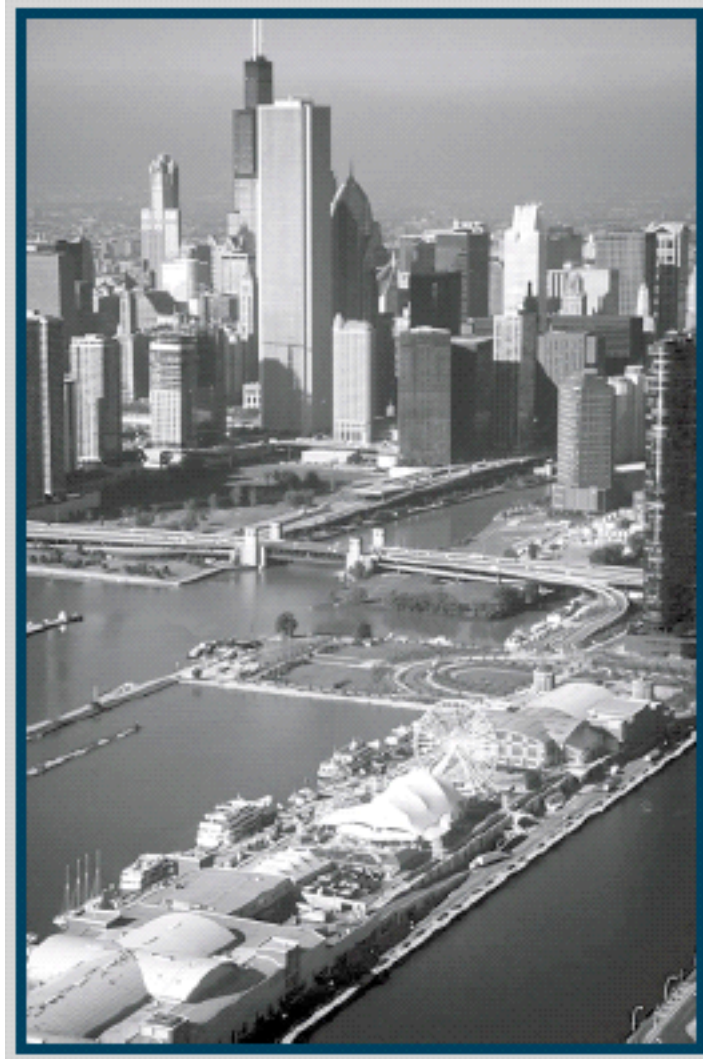
**Tiina Pitkänen-Arsiola
William A. Ricke
Natsuki Takaha
William Tu
Karin Williams**

The SBUR Spring 2003 Meeting

This year's Spring meeting of the Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR) will take place at the AUA annual meeting, on Saturday April 26, 2003. The program is entitled **Cross-Talk Between Epithelial and Stromal Cells: Implications for Urologic Development and Disease**. This important topic has been the subject of intensive research for over twenty years. As will be evident from the program, research in this area has been critical to our understanding of the progression of prostate cancer and other urologic diseases. New therapies are being developed which directly target stromal-epithelial interactions. Furthermore, the development of the genitourinary tract is highly dependent on these interactions.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Chicago in the Boulevard Room. We are confident that this meeting will provide both basic scientists and clinical urologists with an understanding of the breadth and depth of this field and its importance to the progression and treatment of urologic disease.

I hope the membership will turn out in force to participate in what I believe will be a very exciting spring conference. A registration form and program can be found below. **Please register as soon as possible.**



**16th Annual
SBUR Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 26th, 2003
Hilton Chicago – Chicago, Illinois**



Program Schedule

16th Annual Spring Meeting – April 26, 2003

8:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION (BOULEVARD ROOM)

CROSS-TALK BETWEEN EPITHELIAL AND STROMAL CELLS: IMPLICATIONS FOR UROLOGIC DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Diane Felsen, PhD, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Vice-President, SBUR

8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Plenary Session

8:30 a.m.

9th Annual Donald S. Coffey Lecture

Gerald R. Cunha, PhD, University of California at San Francisco

“Thirty-five years of Stromal-Epithelial Interactions in the Prostate: What Have we Learned?”

9:30 a.m.

Rosalyn M. Adam, PhD, Children’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School

“Novel Approaches to Signaling in the Bladder”

10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:30 a.m.

Cathy L. Mendelsohn, PhD, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University

“Using genetic models to understand the cause of lower urinary tract malformations”

11:15 a.m.

David R. Rowley, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine

“The Reactive Stroma - Angiogenesis Link in Prostate Cancer Progression”

12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING

(LAKE ERIE ROOM; SBUR MEMBERS ONLY)

1:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session 1 (Lake Ontario Room):

Tumor-microenvironment Interaction as Target for Prostate Cancer Prevention and Treatment

Moderator: Mitchell H. Sokoloff, MD, University of Chicago

Introduction and Overview

Mitchell H. Sokoloff, MD, University of Chicago

Tumor-stroma: Crosstalk During Cancer Progression

Magnus Edlund, PhD, Emory University

Tumor-stroma:

Target for Anti-Angiogenesis Therapy

Mitchell Sokoloff, MD, University of Chicago

Tumor-stroma:

Adhesion, Invasion, and Bone Marrow

Robert A. Sikes, PhD, University of Delaware

Tumor-stroma: Bone Matrix Interactions

Kenneth S. Koeneman, MD, University of Texas, Southwestern

Session 2 (Lake Huron Room):

Approaches to Modeling Urologic Disease

Moderator: Simon W. Hayward, PhD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Introduction and Overview

Simon W. Hayward, PhD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Epithelial stem cells in the Human Prostate

John R. W. Masters, PhD, University College, London

Tissue Recombination, the Next Iteration

Simon W. Hayward, PhD, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Transgenic Models of Bladder Tumorigenesis

Xue-Ru Wu, MD, New York University School of Medicine

Establishing Efficient Xenograft Models of Human Cancers

Yuzhuo Wang, PhD, British Columbia Cancer Agency



Registration Form

16th Annual Spring Meeting – April 26, 2003

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please check which session(s) you plan to attend:

- General Session: (*Cross-Talk Between Epithelial and Stromal Cells: Implications for Urologic Development and Disease*) (Boulevard Room, Hilton Chicago)
- Lunch and Business Meeting (\$45.00; for SBUR members only; Lake Erie Room)
- Afternoon Breakout Session 1: *Tumor-Microenvironment Interaction as Target for Prostate Cancer Prevention and Treatment* (Lake Ontario Room, Hilton Chicago)
- Afternoon Breakout Session 2: *Approaches to Modeling Urologic Disease* (Location: Lake Huron Room, Hilton Chicago)

Payment

- Check payable to SBUR Visa MasterCard

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions or special needs: _____

Please mail or fax completed registration form with payment to:



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The Joint SBUR/ESUR Fall 2003 Meeting

The European Society of Urological Research looks forward to seeing you at the next joint meeting with the Society for Basic Urological Research, the 5th World Congress of Urological Research. The meeting will be held at the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington in the heart of London near Harrods and Princess Di's former home and Buckingham Palace and The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey from September 24-28, 2003. More details will be e-mailed to all members of SBUR this month.

The meeting will include symposia on prostate biology, the molecular pathology of prostatic disease, translational urological research, bladder, testis and renal cancer, urological imaging, tissue engineering, molecular genetics, novel therapies, androgens and urological disease and erectile dysfunction.

Please note that transatlantic air fares are at their lowest levels ever, with return fares currently at only \$300 from BA on the New York route. Accommodation will be available for all, from student rooms to the most luxurious 5 star hotels. Please come and enjoy London and a great conference.

Young Investigator Awards

There will be no Young Investigator Awards this year. The SBUR would like to thank Merck for their generous support of this program over many years. Many young investigators in the field of urologic research have benefitted from the recognition the award has brought to them. The SBUR is currently pursuing new sources of funding to support these awards for the future.

Training and Research in Urology Act (TRU)

The group called the Coalition for Urologic Research and Education (CURE), announced on February 27 its strong support for the Training and Research in Urology Act (TRU), a bill introduced in Congress that would create a new division at the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases of the National Institutes of Health (NIDDK-NIH). TRU would direct NIH to develop a national urologic research plan, manage government agency activities in urology research and training, create 10 new research centers and cultivate a larger pool of talented physicians and researchers to the field.

The bill is sponsored by Reps. Jim Leach (R-Iowa), Martin Frost (D-Texas), Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) and Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam). Over the next several weeks, CURE members will be working to urge additional Members of Congress to co-sponsor the legislation.

According to CURE, urologic conditions such as incontinence, infertility, prostate diseases and impotence are common conditions that can destroy lives. In addition to individual suffering, these conditions cost tens of billions of dollars a year, but are among the most under-funded areas of research in the nation.

We need your help to get co-sponsorship by other members of the House, and to get introduction in the Senate. Please write your representative and ask her or him to co-sponsor HR 1002, the TRU act; and write your senators to ask them to sponsor the TRU act in the senate!

AUA Office of Research: News Items

1. Activities at the AUA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
 - Research Forum, Sunday, April 27 330-530 PM

The Second AUA/SBUR Research forum will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 330-530 PM. This year's topic is "Beyond PSA: Molecular Fingerprinting for Prostate Disease." The panel will be chaired by Dr. Ian Thompson UT-San

Antonio Health Sciences Center, and the speakers are: Robert Getzenberg, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh; Jill Macoska, Ph.D., University of Michigan; O. John Semmes, Ph.D., Eastern Virginia Medical School; Peter Scardino, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; and Judd Moul, M.D., DoD Center for Prostate Disease Research. The forum is free and will present state-of-the-art talks on new biomarkers for prostate disease. Please plan to attend.

- Grantscraft course, Sunday, April 27, 10 AM-1 PM

The Grantscraft course is a FREE course offered in conjunction with the AUA Office of Education. The course this year is "Training and Career Development: A Great Way to Start!" and the panelists are Monica Liebert, Ph.D., AUA Office of Research; Terry Rogers Bishop, Ph.D., NIDDK; Donna Vogel, M.D., Ph.D., NCI; and Michael Freeman, Ph.D., Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard. This course will be focused on career development and training grants, and will offer an exceptional opportunity to speak with program staff from NIDDK and NCI. If you have any interest in training grants or career development awards, plan to attend!

- "Fun Run" is now the "Race for Research!" Tuesday, April 29, 530 AM

Attention all you fitness buffs: the traditional AUA "fun run" has become the "Race for Research!" Join us to highlight activities of the Office of Research! The race will be located near the McCormack center.

2. EUREKA! E-mail funding alert newsletter.

The AUA Office of Research has started an e-mail newsletter, called EUREKA! (Expanding Urology Research Education, Knowledge AND.... Funding!) to provide Urology Research news items and funding alerts. To subscribe, send an email to: Research@auanet.org or check the Office of Research section of the AUA website at:

http://www.auanet.org/govtaffairs/funding_grants/index.cfm

3. The SBUR/AUA Summer Research conference is planned for August 1-3, 2003 in Houston, Texas. The co-chairs for this year's program are David Rowley, Ph.D., and Dov Kadmon, M.D., of Baylor. This invitation-only meeting is intended for younger or new investigators but we also welcome interested more established investigators. This year we are allowing self-nomination. Information is available on the AUA website at:

http://www.auanet.org/meetings/oe_mtg/brochures/summer_research_conference.pdf

4. Request for reviewers

The AUA Office of Research is frequently contacted by funding agencies for grant reviewer information. To meet this need, we are creating a database of reviewers. If you are willing to participate, please email a copy of your NIH biosketch and indicate your areas of expertise to: Research@auanet.org.

5. Update from NIH Center for Scientific Review on the Renal and Urological Sciences IRG

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is still considering creating a standing urology study section within the Renal and Urological Sciences IRG. A decision will be made in May. Please review the comments section in the CSR webpage and provide your support for establishment of this study section. The URL is:

http://www.csr.nih.gov/PSBR/RUS/RUS_Comments_summary.pdf

A standing urology study section would provide opportunities for a more consistent review group for urology grants, and also indicate recognition of the growth of urology research. Please support this effort.

Membership Information

We welcome applications for membership of the SBUR through our website: <http://www.sbur.org/>

Candidates for Office

Candidate for Vice President

Shuk-Mei Ho, Ph. D.

Current Position - Professor of Surgery, Cell Biology and Physiology, Director of Urologic Research, and Director of Translational Research for the Department of Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Other School affiliations: Member of the Diabetes and Endocrinology Research Center, Group leader of the Urologic Oncology group of the Cancer Center.

Background Information:

SBUR involvements - I am a life-time member of SBUR. I served as a Member-at-Large during 1999-2000, and as the Secretary for the term 2000-2002.

Training and previous appointments - I received B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Hong Kong. Following postdoctoral work at Boston University I joined the Department of Biology, Tufts University, in 1981 and became a full professor in 1995. I was the Associate Dean of Research for the Graduate School of Tufts University from 1997 to 1999.

Selected professional activities - I was Chair of the 1999 Gordon Research Conference on Hormonal Carcinogenesis and a member of the organizing committee of the Internal Symposium on "Hormones and Cancer 2000", Port Douglas, Australia. During 1999-2000, I served on the Special Emphasis Review Panel-D of NIDDK, NIH. I have chaired several DOD Cancer Program review panels from 2001 to present. Currently, I am a member of the Reproductive Endocrinology Study Section at CSR-NIH (2001-2005), member of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Toxicology Program, Department of Health & Human Services (2002-2004), Associate Editor, Editorial Board, Environmental Health Perspectives (2002-2004), and Scientific Council Member of the American Urological Association (2002-2003).

Research interests - Hormone action, metal toxicity, oxidative stress, DNA methylation and gene regulation, prostate and testis carcinogenesis, aging of the male reproductive system, and applications of proteomics and functional genomics in urological diseases.

Vision for SBUR:

I see the following as the top priorities of SBUR in the coming year:

- Maintain and fortify the Society's leadership position in representing researchers in the field of basic, translational, and clinical urological research.
- Sustain a healthy and mutually beneficial relationship with the American Urological Association
- Increase the Society's influence on major funding agencies through participation as a society and enhancement of its members' participation in funding and policy-making processes.
- Grow membership with special emphasis on young investigators and junior faculty members. Promote their grantsmanship and career development.
- Improve and expand services provided to members through efficient use of the Website and organizational infrastructure.
- Ensure high quality Fall and Spring meetings by increasing representation of ground-breaking sciences, high profile speakers, and cutting-edge new technologies.
- Strengthen our alliance with the European Urological Society and build new affiliations with urological societies in Asia and South America.

These priorities and other functions of SBUR could only be realized by working closely with Society's executive committee, staff and members. I believe my passion, devotion and creativity in setting new standards of excellence could serve the Society well as it takes on a larger role in the urological research community.

Candidate for Vice President

Natasha Kyprianou, Ph.D.

Education and Training: Ph.D. (1986), University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, U.K. Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD (1989); Senior Research Fellow, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, UK (1991)

Previous Positions: Associate Professor of Urology, Oncology and Molecular Biology; Director of Urology Research, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

Current Affiliation: James F. Hardyman Chair of Urologic Research, University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, KY; Professor, Division of Urology, Department of Surgery; Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry; Joint Appointment, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Lexington, KY; Member, Lucille Markey Cancer Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Research Interests: Deregulation of growth factor signaling pathways in the pathogenesis of benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostate cancer; contribution of dysfunctional apoptotic pathways in the development of urologic tumors; therapeutic targeting of apoptosis regulators for novel treatment strategies of advanced prostate cancer; molecular markers of bladder and prostate cancer progression/therapeutic outcome; translational/clinical correlates

SBUR Activities: SBUR/Merck Young Investigator Award (1997); SBUR Membership Committee (1995-1997); SBUR Young Investigator Award Committee (1997,1998); Organizing Committee SBUR Meetings (Spring, 1999; Fall 2000, Fall 2002); Fall SBUR Symposium Organizer (2001); SBUR Executive Committee Member (1999-2001).

Vision Statement: The SBUR has played and continues to play a leading role as the primary spokesman for basic, translational and clinical approaches in urologic research nationwide, and a strong advocate of the urologic community globally. While we are facing tremendous opportunities to translate new scientific knowledge into meaningful prevention, diagnostic and therapeutic advances in urologic diseases, existing limiting factors associated with financial pressures on academic institutions and persisting gaps in culture and communication between basic research and clinical disciplines still need to be overcome. Given the breadth and expertise of its membership, the SBUR is uniquely situated to develop approaches for bridging these gaps. Our primary goal should be that the SBUR expands this critical role, bringing to urologic researchers worldwide a dynamic platform for dissemination of research findings and advances to the public, government and private sectors. High speed, effective communication needs to be pursued to provide an interactive forum for equally connecting with the pharmaceutical industry and the National Institutes of Health in order to support innovative research in urology. We must also be more assertive with our efforts for consistent fundraising and publicity to secure a stable future for the SBUR, while establishing its presence as a unique arena of scholarship for clinicians and basic scientists engaged in urologic research. Real time communication and stronger bonds must be built between the SBUR and other urologic and basic science societies providing cross-fertilization of ideas among investigators of diverse knowledge and expertise, maximizing the opportunities for expanding the membership, identifying new resources and enabling all SBUR members to be involved in multidisciplinary meetings with a wider spectrum of training/funding avenues. The SBUR must invest its knowledge responsibly to focus on training the younger generation of urologic researchers.

Candidate for Treasurer

Jer-Tsong Hsieh, Ph.D.

Education and Training: Ph.D. (1989), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Postdoctoral Fellow, M.D.Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX (1991); Research Associate, M.D.Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX (1993)

Previous Positions: Assistant Professor of Urology, M.D.Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

Current Affiliation: Director, Jean H. and John T. Walter, Jr., Center for Research in Urologic Oncology, Department of Urology, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX; Associate Professor, Department of Urology, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX.

Research Interests: Prostate stem cell and cell lineage; signal pathways leading to differentiation of prostate epithelium; signal defects in prostate cancer development; develop of novel treatment strategies of advanced prostate cancer; molecular markers of benign prostatic hyperplasia; bladder cancer gene therapy

SBUR Activities: SBUR/Merck Young Investigator Award (1997).

Vision Statement: The SBUR has emerged as a major organization to represent basic urologic researchers from all over the world and become a strong advocate for promoting urologic research. Research funding has always been the priority for our members. To provide comprehensive information of funding resources for our members, the SBUR must establish an effective communication network with various federal and private funding agencies, including pharmaceutical industry. On the other hand, the SBUR should construct an interactive website, send periodic electronic newsletters and invite the key officer from these agencies to our semiannual conferences. Given the broadness and expertise of its membership, the SBUR can provide up-to-date information of urologic diseases for the general public through the website, educating support group and informing local media. Overall, urologic research is a clinical-related subject, therefore, teaming up with clinicians becomes a major step to translate meaningful research outcome into potential clinical application. The SBUR needs to create a platform for the interaction between basic scientists and clinicians. The key mission of the SBUR is not only to expand its involvement in the training and inspiration of medical students, residents and clinical fellows in basic research, but also provides a clinical informatics for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and new principle investigators for initiating research project. With respect to different geographic location of members, the SBUR could encourage members to establish local chapels that would certainly strengthen the close intellectual interaction of research advances from laboratories among members, and also serve as the resources for the general public for current knowledge in urologic diseases. The SBUR stands as a communicating bridge between clinicians, basic researchers and the general public. By doing so, the SBUR itself will benefit from the opportunities of the expansion of its membership and the potential more funding opportunities for research. To achieve these goals, SBUR must make continuous fundraising effort to establish endowment for its future expansion.

Candidate for Treasurer

Zhou Wang, Ph.D.

Education and Training: Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, 1990. Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Embryology at Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1995.

Current Affiliation: O'Connor Family Research Professor in Urology, Northwestern University, 2003; Associate Professor, Department of Urology and Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Biological Chemistry, Northwestern University, 2002.

Research Interests: Identification and characterization of genes that regulate cell proliferation, apoptosis, and differentiation in the prostate during androgen manipulation.

SBUR Activity: Lifetime member since 1996; SBUR/Merck Young Investigator Award, 1998; SBUR Young Investigator Award Committee, 2000; SBUR Meeting Organizing Committee, 2001 Spring and Fall.

Vision Statement: One of the major benefits I received as a member of SBUR is my interactions with investigators in urologic research areas. This facilitated my transition from a post-doctoral fellow in the area of amphibian metamorphosis to an independent faculty in the area of prostate cancer research. I would like SBUR to continuously attract and help new investigators to develop their careers in urologic research areas. SBUR should further encourage young investigators to participate in the society activities, especially attending and making presentations at SBUR meetings. I hope, by attracting talented new investigators into our society, we will speed up the research processes that are necessary for finding new approaches for controlling urologic diseases. I am honored to have been nominated to serve for SBUR.

Candidate for Member at Large

Darius J. Bägli, MDCM, FRCPC, FAAP

Education and Training: B.Sc., L.Mus. (1980), MDCM (1984) McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. General Surgery (84-86) Boston University, Boston, MA., NIH Immunology/Oncology Research Fellowship (86-89), Deaconess Hospital/Harvard Medical School (HMS), Boston, MA., Harvard Program in Urology (89-93), HMS/Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston MA, Pediatric Urology Fellowship (93-95), Seattle Children's Hospital/Washington University, Seattle, WA. Fellow, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Diplomat, American Board of Urology; Specialty Fellow in Urology, The American Academy of Pediatrics; Fellow, The Society of Pediatric Urology.

Current Affiliations: Associate Professor of Surgery (Urology), University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Attending Urologist and Director of Urology Research, The Hospital For Sick Children (HSC), Toronto, Ontario; Associate Scientist, The Research Institute (HSC), Division of Infection, Immunity, Injury & Repair; Associate Chair, Institutional Review Board, HSC; graduate school cross-appointment to The Institute For Medical Sciences, University of Toronto.

Research Interests: Bladder dysfunction, bladder smooth muscle signaling in cell—extracellular matrix interaction and mechano-transduction, bladder stem cell function, tissue regeneration and engineering.

SBUR Activities: SBUR Membership Committee (97-99); redesigned and supervised construction of new SBUR website (02/03), website administrator.

Vision Statement: Whether the membership is aware or not, the SBUR is fighting a collective uphill battle. Urology is a panoramic field of medicine and surgery.....it is not confined to one real area, but rather constitutes several mini-specialties which together are supposed to constitute a single surgical branch of medicine. Urology has fought perception battles for years in the public sphere. Urology's research arm is even more nebulous to many who have little focused appreciation for the clinical specialty. This problem has long hampered bringing the full force of public support, greater corporate support, and NIH/CIHR dollars to bear on urologic research. We all know that the traditional 'medical' research spheres and big ticket Western Hemisphere problems such as cancer and cardiovascular disease garner the relative bulk of attention in the living rooms of the nation and on Capital/Parliament Hill. Recent 'awareness' efforts on the part of the AUA, prostate cancer groups are helping to turn this tide. Furthermore, we each continue to fight for and worry about our individual research niches and survivals.

But as a Society, we need to use current opportunities, both through personal networking, as well as with contemporary technologies, to 'get the lead' out and lobby our colleagues in our institutions, within our governments, and the public at large to educate them about what urology research really is. We are a United Nations of research disciplines bringing cell, molecular, genetic, and epidemiological tools to the study of cancers, fertility, potency, development, and continence. The redesigned SBUR website (www.sbur.org) which I now administer, is one way we can marshal together the collective thoughts and ideas of the Society's membership through discussion and information sharing, to inform and sway opinion in favor of furthering research efforts in our areas. In an era where 'Information is Power', as awareness of the website grows, so will awareness of, and interest in, the SBUR and your investigative efforts in urology. As member-at-large, I see my role as helping to champion this process of growth and development of the Society.

Candidate for Member at Large

Barbara A. Foster, Ph.D.

Education and Training: Ph.D. (1995) University of California, San Francisco (G. R. Cunha). Postdoctoral Fellowship (2000), Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX (N. M. Greenberg).

Previous Positions: Assistant Professor of Urology, University of Pittsburgh, PA. Member, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, PA.

Current Affiliation: Assistant Member, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, Departments of Pharmacology & Therapeutics and Medicine, Cancer Center Support Grant in the Chemoprevention Program. Assistant Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo, Program of Molecular Pharmacology and Cancer Therapeutics. Research Professor, Department of Urology, State University of New York at Buffalo.

Honors and Awards: SBUR Travel Award (1996), Hormonal Carcinogenesis Gordon Conference Travel Award (1997), SBUR Travel Award (1997), Wyland F. Leadbetter Fund Scholar from the AFUD (1997), Young Investigator Travel Award for 1998 International Symposium on Biology of Prostate Growth (1998), AFLAC Travel Award for AACR Conference "New Research Approaches in the Prevention and Cure of Prostate Cancer" (1998), CaP CURE (2000)

Professional Activities: AACR (1996-present), SBUR (1997-present), WICR (1997-present), SBUR Advocacy Committee (1998-2001)

Research Interests: The focus of the research in the laboratory is to understand the molecular mechanism of prostatic development and prostate cancer initiation and progression. The laboratory also focuses on translational research utilizing mouse models to test novel strategies of chemoprevention and therapy for prostate cancer. Ongoing projects include: Chemopreventive activities of vitamin D compounds; development of an immune intact model of bone metastasis for prostate cancer; immunotherapeutic approaches for the treatment of prostate cancer; selenium and vitamin E for prostate cancer prevention; selenium in combination with cytotoxic agents for the treatment of prostate cancer.

Vision Statement: I have benefited greatly by my involvement in the SBUR. I became involved in the SBUR during my graduate training. At this time my research focused on prostate development. I was fortunate to receive travel awards to attend the annual meetings. My participation in the SBUR meetings gave me the opportunity to meet and interact with my peers as well as leaders in the field of urologic research. As a young scientist the SBUR had a high impact on my career development and afforded me many opportunities. I believe that the SBUR must continue its leadership role in the expanding field of urologic research. I view the SBUR's key objectives to include: facilitate interactions between the clinical and basic research community to aid in the rapid translation of results from the bench to the bedside and vice versa; provide a representative voice for its membership to government and funding agencies; promote increased educational and career opportunities for junior scientists within its membership; aid in increasing awareness of scientific and public issues within the area of urologic research; promote interactions within the urologic community (clinical and basic) on a national and international level. SBUR has been a leader in these issues and needs to continue to do so in the future while increasing our activities in areas such as patient education and advocacy.



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