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Society Monitors New Developments in Stem Cell Research

The Endocrine Society has been closely monitoring recent announcements involving stem cell research in the past few months. On August 9, the entire world watched as President George Bush announced his decision on federal funding for stem cell research. In recent months, The Endocrine Society has lobbied Congress and the President to support this issue. President Bush decided to support funding for research on stem cells that are part of identified stem cell lines that have already been harvested. However, he prohibited the federal funding of research involving the creation or destruction of additional embryos. The President's remarks are available on the White House Web site at www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/08/20010809-2.html

The National Institutes of Health also released a statement in response to the President's announcement. The NIH statement can be found at www.nih.gov/news/pr/aug2001/od-09.htm

The magnitude of the stem cell research issue has attracted the attention of the national media. Outlets throughout the country, including the *Angeles Times*, have contacted The Endocrine Society about the implications of President Bush's decision.

The Endocrine Society's efforts over the past year included a letter to President Bush that was signed along with over 100 patient, research, and academic organizations, explaining the importance of stem cell research. This is available on The Endocrine Society Web page at: www.endocrine.org/pubrelations/advocacy/Bush_Jan2001.htm

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In addition, The Endocrine Society has supported the National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Research Involving Human Pluripotent Stem Cells. These guidelines can be viewed on the NIH Website at: <http://www.nih.gov/news/stemcell/index.htm>.

The Society will continue to provide updates on this information about the availability of stem cell research funding becomes available. For more information about The Endocrine Society's activities surrounding stem cell research or any other advocacy issue, please contact Susan Koppi, Director, Public Affairs, at skoppi@endo-society.org

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Nominations are currently being accepted for th
University of Virginia—Pharmacia Clinical Pituita
Scholar Fellowship Award. The award will provic
a one- year fellowship to an endocrinology fello
who is currently training to diagnose and manag
patients with pituitary disorders.

Applicants must have completed two or mor
years of an endocrinology fellowship in a
accredited fellowship-training program and mu
also have a current license to practice Medicine
the United States.

The deadline for application submission is Marc
15th, 2002.

For more information or to receive an applicatio
please contact:

Mary Lee Vance, M.D.

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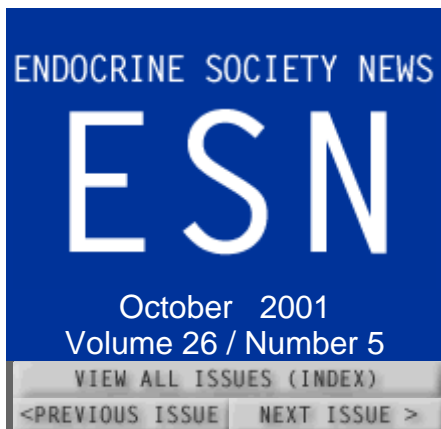
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History Project Needs Your Donations

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The History display was again a huge success at ENDO 2001 in Denver, Colorado. Many ENDO attendees stopped by the history display in The Endocrine Society booth to view the endocrine artifacts that were on display. In addition, many of the visitors kindly volunteered to send endocrine memorabilia, anecdotes on endocrine history as well as information on the history of endocrine discoveries to the history project. In order to continue offering endocrine history at ENDO, we need your help!

All contributions of old texts on any aspect of endocrinology help to enhance The Endocrine Society's historical library. Similarly, donations of old and outdated endocrine-related medical equipment, such as BMR machines, would help the Society develop an Endocrine Society museum. All contributions will be acknowledged and are greatly appreciated! All donations should be sent to The Endocrine Society in care of Dr. Adolph Friedman.

[Join the History Project Committee](#)

New members are always welcome on the History Project Committee.

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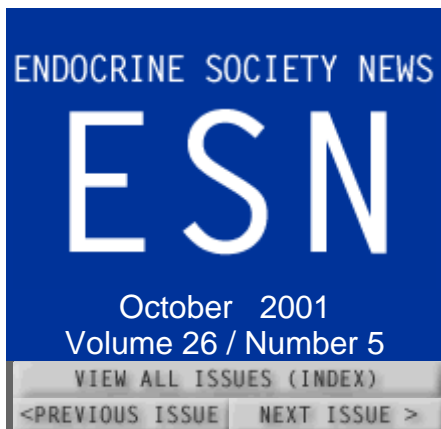
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Committee members must have an interest in endocrine history and a willingness to write historical endocrine articles for the Society's publications. In addition, History Project Committee members are asked to spend several hours each month visiting and interviewing senior members of The Endocrine Society in their geographical area.

For additional information about The Endocrine Society's History Project or to join the History Project Committee, please contact Dr. Adolph Friedman at afriedman@endo-society.org or (301) 951-2607.



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The Hormone Foundation, the public education affiliate of the Endocrine Society, is presenting a public education forum, "Hormones and Breast Cancer," on Tuesday, October 9th, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago, IL.

While there is a high degree of interest in the relationship between hormones and breast cancer, information directed to the public is often confusing and sometimes contradictory. In addition, the various hormonal and non-hormonal means of preventing and treating breast cancer, as well as treatment options for the postmenopausal woman who has had breast cancer or is at risk of developing it, are not well studied.

To address this important health issue, a panel of leading medical experts in the field of hormones and breast cancer will provide important up-to-date information on the latest research on prevention and treatment. The panel will also discuss the latest trends in disease management as well as ways to reduce the risk for breast cancer. Following their presentations, the panelists will participate in a question and answer session with the audience.

The forum's panelists will include Richard

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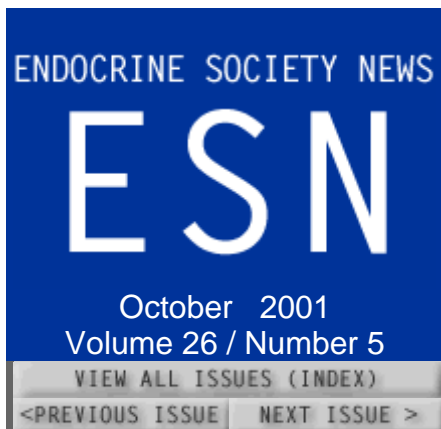
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Santen, MD, the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center, Funmi Olopade, MD, the University of Chicago, Seema Khan, MD, Northwestern University Medical School, patient advocate Jane Perlmutter, Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organizations and Robert B. Jaffe, MD, The University of California at San Francisco and President of the Hormone Foundation.

The forum will be presented in partnership with the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, the National Women's Health Resource Center, the Chicago Foundation for Women and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. The event is sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from Eli Lilly and Co. and held in conjunction with The Endocrine Society's Clinical Endocrinology Update (CEU) Meeting.

In addition to this educational program on hormones and breast cancer, The Hormone Foundation has educational materials on menopause, pituitary imbalances and Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), and is currently developing educational programs on obesity, steroid abuse and prostate cancer.

For more information call 1-800-HORMONE or visit www.hormone.org



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Must Postdoctoral Training Remain Under Siege?

by Joan M. Lakoski, Ph.D

Must Postdoctoral Training Remain Under Siege ?

The continuing need to train the next endocrinologists is one of the greatest challenges to the endocrine community. All areas of endocrine research, clinical and educational, are diverse, and in rapid evolution. Indeed, the highly specialized particular branch of endocrinology, which requires investigation of the intricate regulation of molecular level of a single cell to studies of the precise coordinated integrated hormonal axis, places requirements on young investigators and clinicians to seek training at the respective entry-level degree--the Ph.D. and/or the postdoc context, the position of the postdoctoral scholar, the "postdoc," has become an essential part of the training. Successful postdoctoral training is a success in launching a fulfilling and productive career as a research investigator.

Despite wide recognition of the importance of postdoctoral training, it is clear that many programs fall short of the minimum standards of support for trainees. This is clearly demonstrated by two recent reports--one by the Association of American Universities Committee on Postdoctoral Education¹ and another by the National Science Foundation/Committee on Science, Engineering, and Technology², which became available this past year. Both reports concluded that our collective mentorship of excellence and that our academic institutions, which provide the residence for postdoctoral training, do not provide the mentorship of a faculty level supervisor, have not provided environments for young investigators to meet the highest standards of professionalism. The requirements for traditional, intensive and flexible one-on-one mentorship between postdocs and faculty mentors are not fully developed and, as a result, the talents of our young investigators are neither fully appreciated nor creatively fostered.

Rather than lower our expectations concerning the quality of development and individual growth that can be achieved through postdoctoral training, we must work to improve the

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that are available to these talented, dedicated scientists and clinicians. As endocrinologists, encourage the academic communities to rethi these entry-level professionals are valued postdoctoral mentors should ensure that their fel warmly welcomed not only into laboratories and the wider communities of their departmer professional societies. These mentors, in p institutions, should insist upon fair and equitable for trainees, including letters of appointment, r clearly articulated benefits.

Not all the news is bad. The results of an info institutions in North America, which was conduct Wave³, shows that a resurgence of committ environment for postdocs is already underway. challenge--as mentors--is to reexamine our postdoctoral fellows and scholars and to acknowl and future colleagues. All those who do this engage with their postdocs, will help ensure a science and practice of endocrinology.

The Ethics Advisory Committee recognizes that p a significant issue that affects the future of committee will continue looking at this issue and Society members about its activities surrounding

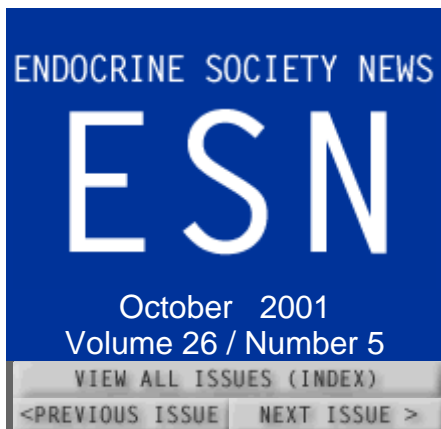
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The Endocrine Society's Continuing Medical Education Services (CMES) Web page has been redesigned to help endocrinologists take advantage of the multiple online educational programs that are offered by the Society. CMES currently has six online educational programs available on the Web site, including an Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Research course, which is designed for basic scientists. Other available CME courses include:

- Implications of Lipid Control in Type 2 Diabetes & Emerging Therapies
- Androgens in Women
- Hypopituitarism and Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency
- Bone and Calcium Update
- Oral Contraceptives; Beyond Contraception

The CMES Web page is located at <http://www.endo-society.org/education/index.cfm>. For additional information about The Endocrine Society's CME programs, please contact Wanda Johnson, Director, CMES, at wjohnson@endo-society.org or (301) 941-0222.

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Dear Endocrine Fellows and Students:

On behalf of the Associates Council of your Society, it is my great pleasure to update you on two recent expansions of the National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program (NIH LRP).

Since 1988, the NIH LRP has provided educational debt relief to support intramural trainees conducting AIDS research at an NIH campus. Public Law 105-392, which was signed on November 13, 1998, provided educational loan repayment benefits of up to \$35,000 annually as well as Federal, State, and local tax reimbursement benefits of up to 39% of the repayment amount, for participants in the NIH AIDS Research, Clinical Research, and General Research Loan Repayment Programs. Benefits were made available to participants of the Clinical Research LRP for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds program.

The United States Congress recently approved funds to expand the LRP to include extramural investigators engaged in clinical research or pediatric research. These new programs include eligible trainees and faculty who receive support from T32, F32, K01, K07, K08, K12, K22, K23, or K25 mechanisms. In addition, first-time recipients of NIH grant support as the principal investigator of an R01, R03, R21, or U01, or as a first-time director of subprojects on multicomponent center grants [P series grants, program

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project grants (P01)] or multicomponent cooperative agreements (U series) are also eligible. Our latest information from the NIH suggests that these new extramural LRPs will begin disbursements in fiscal year 2002. Application forms for these new programs will become available after December 1, 2001, but the NIGH is currently taking requests for the applications at <http://lrp.info.nih.gov/extramural>

Further details on both the intramural and extramural LRPs is also available at <http://lrp.info.nih.gov/>

Information and applications may also be obtained by contacting:

NIH Loan Repayment Program

2 Center Drive, MSC 0230

Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0230

Phone: (800) 528-7689 or (301) 402-5666

FAX: (301) 402-8098

In our ongoing efforts to support the career development of trainees across all fields of endocrinology, the Associates Council will continue to keep you informed of our activities through the Society's Web site at <http://www.endo-society.org>

Please bring this information to the attention of trainees and colleagues who are not yet members of The Endocrine Society. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Associates Council if we may be of service. Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

Robert J. Ferry, Jr., M.D.

Chair, Associates Council

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Nominations for Women In Endocrinology Mentor Award

Women in Endocrinology (WE) represents a broad cross section of endocrinologists. WE's primary mission is to promote the professional advancement and recognition of women scientists and physicians. With this goal, WE presents an annual Mentor Award at the Endocrine Society's Annual Meeting to acknowledge outstanding scientists who have encouraged and promoted female endocrinologists and who have been instrumental in changing institutional policy toward professional women. The WE Mentor Award is made possible by a grant from Pfizer, Inc. The awardee receives an \$1000 honorarium and travel expenses to the Annual WE Meeting, which is held in conjunction with the Endocrine Society's Annual Meeting. Past recipients of the WE Mentor Award include Neena B. Schwartz, Peng Loh, Anita Payne, William F. Crowley, and Jack Gorski. For more information about the nomination process please visit: http://www.women-in-endo.org/Pages/mentor_award_nom.html

Nominations for the 2002 WE Award should be sent to Dr. LAURA GOLDSMITH, PhD at goldsmi@umdnj.edu by January 4, 2002

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Invoices for 2002 Endocrine Society membership dues and subscriptions are in the mail. Please renew your membership when you receive your invoice and remain a valued member of The Endocrine Society. By renewing your membership, you will continue to receive these exceptional member benefits:

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- Endocrine book review service and virtual bookstore
- Society journals at specially discounted subscription rates
- Society meetings at specially reduced registration rates
- Sponsorship of abstracts for ENDO 2002
- CME programs including online programs and upcoming regional programs in 2002
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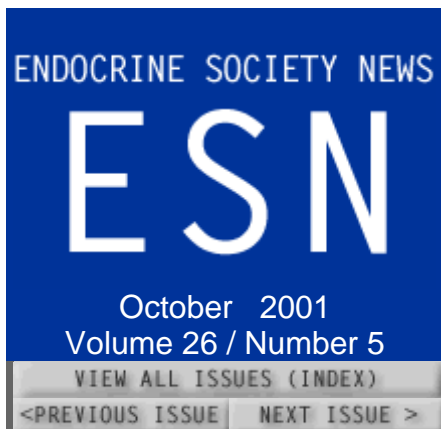
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Plan to attend The Endocrine Society's 84th Annual Meeting – ENDO 2002 – in San Francisco, California, June 19-22, 2002. This year's focus will be "The Impact of the Human Genome Project on Endocrinology."

The sequencing of the human genome will have a huge impact on medical science and ultimately patient care. The Endocrine Society, which is always at the forefront of patient care, will use ENDO 2002 to explore how this new science will affect endocrinology. The annual meeting provides a timely opportunity to begin understanding how genomics will integrate into basic and clinical research as well as into the everyday practice of endocrinology.

The genomics theme will be incorporated into many of the scientific sessions at ENDO 2002 and there will also be special presentations and activities focused on this topic. Look for more information about the ENDO 2002 theme- "The Impact of the Human Genome on Endocrinology," as it becomes available at www.endo-society.org

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San Francisco, the site of ENDO 2002, is a beautiful city built on over 40 hills between the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. ENDO 2001 attendees will want to make sure that they have time to enjoy the many sights and attractions in San Francisco including Fisherman's Wharf, which is famous for its seafood restaurants with waterfront views; Pier 39 Embarcadero--a renovated cargo pier offering two levels of waterfront restaurants and specialty shops; Alcatraz--the infamous maximum security prison for Mafia criminals and high-risk convicts; and the Cliff House, which sits on a rock perched over the Pacific Ocean. First time visitors to San Francisco also won't want to miss the Palace of Fine Arts, the Golden Gate Bridge or a cable car ride over Nob Hill. Golden Gate Park is another popular attraction with its myriad of attractions including Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, the Asian Art Museum, Japanese Tea Garden, and Dutch Windmill. To learn more about San Francisco's many attractions, visit the Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site at www.sfvisitor.org

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the latest science and research in endocrinology and visit the exciting city of San Francisco.

Please visit The Endocrine Society's Web site at www.endo-society.org for more information on ENDO 2002.

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[MCR 2001 Syllabus](#)

This overview and synthesis of cutting edge research techniques and methodologies contains all of the proceedings from the 2001 Introduction to Molecular & Cellular Research Course, which took place in March. Topics include genomics and proteomics, nuclear hormone receptors, embryonic stem cells, genetics, and more! This is essential reading for students and post-docs.

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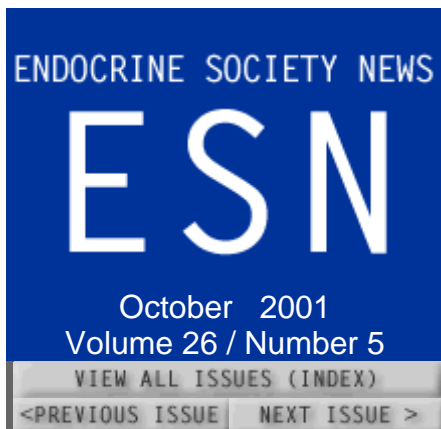
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Naibedyia Chattopadhyay, Ph.D., a researcher at Brigham & Women's Hospital, has been awarded the 2001 Pfizer/American Federation for Aging Research Grant in Hormones and Aging. Dr. Chattopadhyay is proposing to study the anabolic effects of calcium-sensing receptors in osteoblastic cells. This year the award has been given to four young investigators for two years totaling \$50,000.

James L. Wittcliff, Ph.D., an investigator at the University of Illinois, is the recipient of the award for Outstanding Contributions to Clinical Chemistry in a Selected Area of Research. Dr. Wittcliff was recognized at the annual meeting of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry held July 30- August 2, 2001 in Chicago, for his original research in the area of molecular endocrinology of human cancer.

Let us know about your honors! Submit your honors online in the Members Only section of the Society's Web site www.endo-society.org or send them to membernews@endo-society.org with "Member Honors" in the subject line.

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