



DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Secretary: N. G. J. Richards

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Message from the Chair JoAnne Stubbe

Let me start by thanking John Blanchard for his dedication and the energy that he put into the Division of Biological Chemistry (DBC) over the past four years. His efforts to establish the presence of our division at the Spring ACS meeting have been, by all accounts, very successful. The inclusion of outstanding young biological chemists in the symposia of award winners has given their work great visibility. Over the next five years, our division will make continued efforts to include young scientists in the symposia of the award winners and to support joint symposia among the inorganic, organic and physical divisions, and other divisions as well.

As I move into the position of Chair of the division, I find myself searching for some aspect of biological chemistry research and training on which I might focus. I feel that our most pressing issue is to attract and retain the brightest young biological chemists (undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) into our division. We want these young people to make the ACS and, more specifically, the Division of Biological Chemistry their home base and to look forward to our meetings with great anticipation. This is a tough challenge given the breadth of biological chemistry, the large number of meetings, and the huge size of the national ACS meetings.

There will be two major focuses of my term: a better venue for presentations by young people and recruitment of additional members to the division. I am looking for ideas about how to engage young biological chemists in a more effective fashion than the current poster sessions. At a minimum, the poster sessions need to be held in a smaller room, with food and drink, at a reasonable time—not late at night. I think the division has to figure out a way to make

this part of our programming more effective, given that our future is dependent on these poster presenters. Perhaps we could select a few “outstanding posters” and incorporate them into short talks within the themed symposia of the meeting. Alternatively, they could be included in a “Breakthroughs” session as implemented this spring in the division program organized by Marty Bollinger. His symposia will include participants that range in age from graduate students and postdocs to assistant professors, industrial biological chemists and senior investigators. I am looking for some creative solutions to highlight and encourage the future practitioners of biological chemistry. I am open to suggestions and welcome input (stubbe@mit.edu). Second, it has come to our attention that some officers of our division and many of the scientists that participate in the symposia sponsored by the DBC are not actually members of our division. We would like to encourage all of these participants and their students to become members. The dues received from expanded membership will provide the funds essential for supporting a better venue for poster sessions and travel awards for young people.

Let me close by thanking our outstanding group of dedicated officers. The heavy lifters are Scott Silverman, our treasurer, and Nigel Richards, our secretary. They run the division and have created order out of potential chaos. We are also grateful to the present and future Program Chairs: Marty Bollinger, Dewey McCafferty, Tom Wandless, and Sheila David. Their creative programming is the key to the success of the meetings. I hope that you all will have many great scientific breakthroughs in 2011 and will continue to support the ACS Division of Biological Chemistry.

Best, JoAnne Stubbe

Founders Travel Award

Tom Bruce, Bill Jencks, and Myron Bender, as a mechanism to foster collegial interactions within the community of chemists and biochemists interested in understanding the chemical basis for enzymatic catalysis and the regulation of enzyme action, founded the Winter Enzyme Mechanisms Conference in 1969. The passing of William P. Jencks coincided with the 20th meeting of the Winter Enzyme Mechanisms Conference, and this loss was felt keenly by many senior participants at that conference. The interest in recognizing Bill's many contributions to mechanistic enzymology, in a manner that would help to ensure the vibrancy of the community that he helped to create, resulted in the creation of the "Founders Travel Award", which supports the participation of students and/or postdocs at the Winter Enzyme Mechanisms Conference. The ACS Division of Biological Chemistry manages the investment of funds contributed for this award and has established the process for the competitive selection of the awardees.

Dr. **Paul D. Cook** (Vanderbilt) was selected as the recipient of the second Founders Travel Award. This award was presented to Dr. Cook on January 4, 2011 at the 22nd meeting of the Winter Enzyme Mechanisms Conference in St Pete Beach, Florida. Dr. Cook completed his Ph.D. with Hazel Holden at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and then moved to become a postdoctoral fellow with Richard Armstrong at Vanderbilt University. The audience at this conference paid close attention to Paul's stimulating talk on "Structure/Function Studies of the Fosfomycin Resistance Enzyme FosB".

The following people also submitted outstanding applications for this award and therefore received "Honorable Mentions":

Johnathan Cheng (MIT) (Advisor: Sarah O'Connor)

Tobias Erb (Illinois) (Advisor: John Gerlt)

Troy Johnson (Kansas) (Advisor: Todd Holyoak)

Congratulations to these individuals for their outstanding poster contributions at the meeting.

Meetings of the Division of Biological Chemistry at the 2011 National Meetings of the American Chemical Society

241st ACS National Meeting, March 27-31, 2011, Anaheim, CA. J. Martin Bollinger, Jr, Department of Chemistry, Pennsylvania State University will serve as the Chair of the division's Program Committee for this meeting (jmb21@psu.edu).

Please note that this meeting will also feature the **BIOCHEMISTRY 50th Anniversary Symposium**, which will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2011 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, and 1:30-4:30 p.m.). Speakers will include **Gordon Hammes, Clara Kielkopf, Catherine Royer, Squire Booker, Christopher Walsh, Shu-ou Shan, Ron Kaback and Charles Sanders.**

242nd ACS National Meeting, August 28-September 1, 2011, Denver, CO. Dewey McCafferty, Department of Chemistry, Duke University will serve as the Chair of the division's Program Committee for this meeting (dewey@duke.edu).

Poster Presentations. Posters will be presented at several sessions during the week of the ACS meeting. The division encourages submission of abstracts for posters. Contributions on topics related to the themes of the organized symposia are particularly encouraged.

Submission of Abstracts. The instructions for submissions of abstracts for poster and oral presentations are given towards the end of this Newsletter.

Travel Awards. The division offers travel awards for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to attend the 242nd ACS National Meeting from August 28-September 1, 2011. The level of support is \$500, which can be used to offset travel costs and registration fees. Detailed information about these awards is provided later in this Newsletter and on the updated division web site.

2011 Award Symposia

Douglas Turner (Rochester) was selected as the winner of *Biochemistry's* Gordon Hammes award and lectureship, and he will deliver his lecture at the Fall ACS meeting in Denver in August 2011. **Stuart Schreiber** (Harvard) was chosen to be the 2011 winner of *ACS Chemical Biology's* lectureship, and he will present his talk at the Spring ACS meeting in Anaheim in March 2011. **Nathanael Gray** (Harvard Medical School) was named the winner of the Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry, **Sarah O'Connor** (MIT) received the Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry, and **Richard Armstrong** (Vanderbilt) was announced as the winner of the Repligen Award in the Chemistry of Biological Processes. The Lilly, Pfizer and Repligen award lectures and symposia will all take place at the Fall ACS meeting that will be held in Denver later this year. Finally, **Madan Babu** (MRC Cambridge, UK) was selected as the inaugural *Molecular Biosystems* Award winner, and he has elected to present his work within the Spring 2011 program of the Division of Biological Chemistry. Details for nominating individuals for the 2011 Lilly, Pfizer and Repligen awards are outlined later in this newsletter. More information about the work of these award winners can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.divbiolchem.org/awards/recipients>

We would also like to congratulate and recognize **Stephen Kent** (Chicago) and **Kevan Shokat** (UCSF) who have been awarded the ACS National Bader Award in Bioorganic/Bioinorganic Chemistry and the Breslow Award for Achievement in Biomimetic Chemistry, respectively. The symposia for both of these awards will be held at the Spring ACS meeting in Anaheim in March 2011.

Future National Meetings

243rd ACS National Meeting, March 25-29, 2012, San Diego, CA. Dewey McCafferty, Department of Chemistry, Duke University will serve as the Chair of the Program Committee for this meeting (dewey@duke.edu).

244th ACS National Meeting, August 19-23, 2012, Philadelphia, PA. Tom Wandless, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University will

serve as the Chair of the Program Committee for this meeting (wandless@stanford.edu).

Regional ACS Meetings

Regional meetings of the American Chemical Society provide young chemists, particularly graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, the opportunity to make professional contacts and hone their presentation skills in a relatively low-key atmosphere. The Division of Biological Chemistry encourages its members to participate in the following regional meetings.

42nd Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM)
<http://www.marmacs.org/2011/index.html>
May 21–24, 2011. College Park, MD

43rd Central Regional Meeting (CERMACS)
http://cerm_regional.sites.acs.org
June 8–10, 2011, Indianapolis, IN

65th Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM)
<http://www.norm2011.org/home.html>
June 26-29, 2011, Portland, OR

Joint 46th Midwest Regional Meeting/ 39th Great Lakes Regional Meeting (MWRM/GLRM)
<http://mwrms2011.org/program.html>
October 19-21, 2011, St Louis, MO

63rd Southeast Regional Meeting (SERMACS)
<http://sermacs2011.org/>
October 25-28, 2011, Richmond, VA

67th Southwestern Regional Meeting (SWRM)
<http://centraltexasacs.sites.acs.org/swrm2011.htm>
November 9-12, 2011, Austin, TX

Other Meetings of Interest

2nd Southeastern Enzyme Conference, April 2, 2011, Atlanta, GA. Nigel Richards, Department of Chemistry, University of Florida will serve as the Chair of this meeting.
<http://chemistry.gsu.edu/sec/>

Nucleic Acids GRC, June 5-10, 2011, Biddeford, ME. Christopher Lima, Department of Structural Biology, Sloan-Kettering and Roland Kanaar, Erasmus Medical Center will serve as Co-Chairs of this meeting.
<http://www.grc.org>

Bioorganic Chemistry GRC, June 12-17, 2011, Andover, NH. Timothy Dore, Department of Chemistry, University of Georgia and Rami Hannoush, Genentech Inc. will serve as Co-Chairs of this meeting.
<http://www.grc.org>

Albany 2011 Conversation 17, June 14-18, 2011, Albany, NY. Ramaswamy Sarma, Department of Chemistry & Biological Sciences, SUNY-Albany will be the organizer of this meeting.
<http://www.ibsdonline.com/Albany-2011-Conversation-17-c4305.html>

High-Throughput Chemistry & Chemical Biology GRC, June 19-24, 2011, New London, NH. Roland Dolle, Department of Chemistry, Adolor Corporation will serve as Chair of this meeting.
<http://www.grc.org>

Enzymes, Co-Enzymes and Metabolic Pathways GRC, July 10-15, 2011, Waterville Valley Resort, NH. James Stivers, Department of Pharmacology & Molecular Sciences, Johns Hopkins and Anne-Francis Miller, Department of Chemistry, University of Kentucky will serve as Co-Chairs of this meeting.
<http://www.grc.org>

17th International Symposium on Flavins & Flavoproteins, July 24-29, 2011, Berkeley CA. Susan Miller, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, UCSF, Russ Hille, Department of Biochemistry, UC Riverside, Gary Cecchini, Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics, UCSF, Bill McIntire, Department of Molecular Biology, UCSF, and Bruce Palfey, Department of Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan will be the co-organizers of this meeting.
<http://smiller.ucsf.edu/ff2011/index.html>

Support for Meetings

The Division of Biological Chemistry provides grants to support symposia at ACS Regional meetings and for conferences in research areas of interest to the division membership. Members interested in applying for support from the division for a symposium or conference during

2011-2012 should submit an outline for the event as an e-mail attachment to Dewey McCafferty (dewey@duke.edu).

These proposals will be reviewed twice a year at the division's business meetings, which are held during the spring and fall ACS national meetings. **The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 1 and August 1 for review at the spring and fall meetings, respectively. Unfortunately, due to increased numbers of funding requests, proposals received after a given deadline will only be considered at the business meeting held after the next deadline.** These awards are intended to provide division members with new forums in which to present their work as well as supporting focused conferences in biochemistry and chemical biology. Proposals that are judged not to meet these objectives, such as requests for blanket support of regional ACS meetings, are unlikely to be funded. The division provided support for the following symposia and meetings held in 2010.

2010 Isotopes in Biological & Chemical Sciences GRC. February 14-19, 2010, Galveston, TX

Frontiers in Metallobiochemistry. June 5, 2010, State College, PA

2010 FASEB Summer Research Conference on Nucleic Acid Enzymes. June 6-11, 2010, Saxtons River, VT

2010 Bioorganic Chemistry GRC. June 13-18, 2010, Andover, NH

Trends in Enzymology. June 13-17, 2010, Ascona, Switzerland

2010 Central Regional Meeting of the ACS (CERMACS). June 16-19, 2010, Dayton, OH

2010 Enzymes, Coenzymes and Metabolic Pathways GRC. July 18-23, 2010, Waterville Valley Resort, NH

2010 Telluride Workshop on Nucleic Acid Chemistry. August 2-6, 2010, Telluride, CO

240th ACS National Meeting, Single Molecule Detection Symposium. August 22-26, 2010, Boston, MA

240th ACS National Meeting, GSSPC Symposium. August 22-26, 2010, Boston, MA

30th Midwest Enzyme Chemistry Conference. October 16, 2010, Evanston, IL

2010 Midwest Regional Meeting of the ACS (MWRM), Protein Folding & Dynamics Symposium. October 27-29, 2010, Wichita, KS

Pacifichem 2010, Functional Nucleic Acids Symposium. December 15-20, 2010, Honolulu, HI

Travel Awards for 2010

The Division of Biological Chemistry promotes the work of our young talent (students and postdocs) through the award of Travel Grants. The following list contains the names of recipients for travel to the spring ACS meeting in San Francisco, CA in March 2010, together with their affiliations and advisors.

Divina Anunciado, Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Anne Baranger)

Aurea Chu, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Davis (Sheila David)

John Conrad, Department of Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan (Bruce Palfey)

Amber Davis, Department of Chemistry, St. Louis University (Brent Znosko)

Melissa Hill, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Davis (Delmar Larson)

Dr. Bridget Hines, Department of Biology, University of West Virginia (Letha Sooter)

Dr. Chinmay Majumdar, Department of Chemistry, University of Michigan (Anna Mapp)

Denis Malyshev, Department of Chemistry, Scripps (Floyd Romesberg)

Claudia McDonald, Department of Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan (Bruce Palfey)

Erica Milezek, Department of Biochemistry,

Emory (Dale Edmondson)

Qing Peng, Department of Chemistry, University of British Columbia (Hongbin Li)

Sushabhan Sadhukan, Department of Chemistry, CWRU (Gregory Tochtrop)
Dariusz Sliwa, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Utah State University (Scott Ensign)

Dr. Jongtae Yang, Department of Pharmaceutical Science, Oregon State University (Taifo Mahmud)

The following list contains the names of recipients for travel to the fall ACS meeting in Boston, MA in August 2010, together with their affiliations and advisors.

Christen Besanceney, Department of Biochemistry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Peng Wu)

Bradley Evans, Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Neil Kelleher)

Tyler Grove, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Penn State (Squire Booker)

Piyush Jain, Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Missouri-Kansas City (Simon Friedman)

David Mata, Department of Chemistry, Ohio State University (Thomas Magliery)

Jeff Mayfield, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Notre Dame (Jennifer DuBois)

Dr. Ioanna Ntai, Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Neil Kelleher)

Brinda Ramasubramanian, Department of Chemistry, Ohio State University (Thomas Magliery)

Yane-Shih Wang, Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M (Wenshe Liu)

On Yi Wong, Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Scott Silverman)

Dr. Huiping Zhang, Department of Chemistry & Chemical Biology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Linda McGown)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Division of Biological Chemistry Awards for 2012

Nominations are requested for the Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry, the Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry, and the Repligen Award in Chemistry of Biological Processes.

Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry: Nominees shall have accomplished outstanding research in biological chemistry of unusual merit and independence of thought and originality. The nominee shall not have passed the 38th birthday by April 30, 2012, and shall be actively engaged in the line of research for which the award is made. This prize cannot be made to a person who received another award sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company for the same technical accomplishment.

Recent recipients: Jacqueline Barton (1987), Peter Walter (1988), Michael Cox (1989), George McLendon (1990), Peter Schultz (1991), William DeGrado (1992), Stuart Schreiber (1993), Peter Kim (1994), Jeremy Berg (1995), Gregory Verdine (1996), Alanna Schepartz (1997), John Kuriyan (1998), Chaitan Khosla (1999), Xiaodong Wang (2000), Jennifer Doudna (2001), Kevan Shokat (2002), Andreas Matouschek (2003), Benjamin Cravatt (2004), Dewey McCafferty (2005), Linda Hsieh-Wilson (2006), Anna Mapp (2007), Paul Hergenrother (2008), Scott Silverman (2009), Alice Ting (2010) and Nathanael Gray (2011).

Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry: Nominees shall have accomplished outstanding work in enzyme chemistry where the presence of enzyme action is unequivocally demonstrated. The nominee shall be engaged in noncommercial work and shall not have passed the 40th birthday by April 30, 2012. This prize cannot be made to a person who received another award sponsored by Pfizer, Inc. for the same technical accomplishment.

Recent recipients: Gregory Petsko (1987), John Kozarich (1988), Kenneth Johnson (1989), James Wells (1990), Ronald Vale (1991), Carl Pabo (1992), Michael Gelb (1993), Donald Hilvert (1994), Gerald Joyce (1995), Andrew Karplus (1996), Daniel Herschlag (1997), Ronald Raines (1998), David Christianson (1999), Eric Kool (2000), Ruma Banerjee (2001), Karin Musier-Forsyth (2002), Dorothy Kern (2003), Wilfred van der Donk (2004), Nicole Sampson (2005), James Berger (2006), Neil Kelleher (2007), Carsten Krebs (2008), Virginia Cornish (2009), Vahe Bandarian (2010) and Sarah O'Connor (2011).

Repligen Award in Chemistry of Biological Processes: Nominees shall have made outstanding contributions to the understanding of the chemistry of biological processes with particular emphasis on structure, function and mechanism. There are no restrictions on age or membership affiliation for the Repligen Award.

Recipients: Gregorio Weber (1986), Thomas C. Bruice (1987), Robert Abeles (1988), Stephen Benkovic (1989), Harold Scheraga (1990), William Parson (1991), Frank Westheimer (1992), Jeremy Knowles (1993), Judith Klinman (1994), Wallace Cleland (1995), William Jencks (1996), James Spudich (1997), David Eisenberg (1998), Christopher Walsh (1999), Perry Frey (2000), Rowena Matthews (2001), Dale Poulter (2002), John Gerlt (2003), JoAnne Stubbe (2004), David Cane (2005), Vern Schramm (2006), Michael Marletta (2007), Hung-Wen (Ben) Liu (2008), Frank Raushel (2009), Ron Raines (2010) and Richard Armstrong (2011).

The Gordon Hammes ACS Biochemistry Lectureship: This lectureship is administered jointly by the Editor-in-Chief of *Biochemistry* and the ACS Division of Biological Chemistry. The objective of the lectureship is to honor, at an annual ACS meeting, the contributions of an individual who has had a major impact on scientific research at the interface of chemistry and biology particularly in the realm of biochemistry, biological chemistry and molecular biology. There are no restrictions on age or membership affiliation for the Hammes lectureship, but candidates must have published at least one paper in *Biochemistry*. Recent recipients: William Eaton (2009), Perry Frey (2010) and Douglas Turner (2011).

ACS Chemical Biology Lectureship: This annual lectureship will honor the contributions of an individual who has had a major impact on scientific research in the area of chemical biology. The lectureship will be administered jointly by the Editor-in-Chief of *ACS Chemical Biology*, Laura Kiessling (University of Wisconsin, Madison) and the ACS Division of Biological Chemistry. There are no restrictions on age or membership affiliation for the lectureship. Recipients: Alanna Schepartz (2010) and Stuart Schreiber (2011).

For all of these awards, a nominator should send the curriculum vitae of the candidate with a list of publications and a letter explaining the special achievements of the candidate. Additional letters of support for the specific candidate are desirable. Information about the nominating process is also posted at:

<http://www.divbiolchem.org/awards/nominations/>

The Deadline for Receipt of Nomination Materials is June 1, 2011 - *All materials should be sent to:*

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Nominations of Officers

The Nominating Committee:

Deborah Hung (hung@molbio.mgh.harvard.edu)
Paul Thompson (PThomps@scripps.edu)
Alice Ting (ating@mit.edu)

encourages nominations of candidates for the following offices in 2011. Please send your suggestions to any committee member by May 1, 2011.

Treasurer (3 year term)
Program Committee Member (4 year term)
Nominating Committee Member (3 year term)
Executive Committee (Two for 3 year terms)
Councilors (Two for 3 year terms)

Alternate Councilors (Two for 3 year terms)

Program Committee. The 2011-2012 Program Committee Chair, Dewey McCafferty, in consultation with the Program Committee (below) prepares the divisional program for ACS National meetings. The committee requests suggestions for symposia for national and regional ACS meetings.

J. Martin Bollinger (jmb21@psu.edu)
Sheila David (ssdavid@ucdavis.edu)
Dewey McCafferty (dewey@duke.edu)
Tom Wandless (wandless@stanford.edu)

242nd ACS National Meeting, August 28-September 1, 2011 - Denver, CO

Dewey McCafferty (dewey@duke.edu) is the division Program Chair. The call for papers has been posted at (<http://www.acs.org/meetings/>). Abstracts for invited talks and poster presentations should be submitted online (<http://oasys.acs.org>). This records the abstract in the automated OASYS system that is used to organize this meeting. Abstracts for the Denver meeting can be submitted until **April 1, 2011**, at which time the website will be closed to further submissions. Instructions for authors, including procedures for incorporating graphics or equations in the abstract, can be accessed at this website.

New to the Fall 2011 Denver ACS meeting, the division will be offering a special scientific session for graduate student and postdoctoral researcher short format invited talks, which will be selected from submitted abstracts. **If a student or postdoc wishes to be considered for an oral presentation, please select this option during the time of submission of the abstract.** As always, students are also welcome and strongly encouraged to contribute research posters for the division poster sessions.

Since 2010, we have offered a session entitled "Breakthroughs in Biochemistry" for longer format invited oral presentations during the ACS meeting. This format will continue to be available to principal investigators in Denver, with participants invited from submitted abstracts. **If an investigator wishes to be considered for**

an oral presentation, please select this option during the time of submission of the abstract.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF YOUR ABSTRACT TO THE ACS WEBSITE IS **April 1, 2011!**

Travel Awards to Attend the ACS 242nd National Meeting

The division will offer travel awards on a competitive basis for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to attend the meeting and present a poster on their research. The selected awardees will be reimbursed up to \$500 for travel and registration expenses. Receipts must be submitted along with a request for reimbursement after the meeting. No more than two awards will be made to one laboratory. In addition, **please note that no individual can win more than one division travel award, and that preference will be given to presenters within the division.** A list of travel awardees for 2010 is given on page 5 of this newsletter.

How to apply for a Travel Award

- (1) Fill in the Travel Award Application on the next page.
- (2) Attach a printed copy of your abstract.
- (3) Attach a one page CV.
- (4) Attach a signed letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor.
- (5) Send **ONE COMPLETE PDF FILE** of this material as *single* EMAIL attachment to the Program Chair Dewey McCafferty at dewey@duke.edu.

Be sure to use a subject line of "ACS Travel Awards" in your electronic application.

The deadline for submission of an application for a travel award is **June 15, 2011.**

Application for a Travel Award for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows (deadline **June 15, 2011).**

Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Department _____ Graduate Student: _____ Postdoctoral Fellow: _____

Institution: _____ Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Is an Abstract attached? _____ Is a CV attached? _____

Is a recommendation letter attached? _____

List of Volunteer Grant Reviewers for the Center for Scientific Review at NIH

The Center for Scientific Review at NIH has requested that the Division of Biological Chemistry prepare a pre-screened list of senior, experienced, highly qualified members of our society willing to volunteer to serve as NIH reviewers. By providing CSR with a pre-screened list of senior scientists who volunteer to be study section members, we will be ensuring that CSR's SROs (Scientific Review Officers) will consider members of the Biological Chemistry Division when they select reviewers. As you know, the quality of NIH's peer review process depends mightily on the quality and expertise of the reviewers serving on our study sections. I therefore urge you to consider volunteering to serve as a reviewer.

The criteria for being a reviewer are straightforward. The CSR seeks reviewers that:

- (1) are experienced senior scientists,
- (2) have received major peer-reviewed research support either from NIH or an equivalent agency,
- (3) understand the grant review process, and are willing to serve as study section members.

If you are interested in being included on this list, please send the following information to Nigel Richards, Secretary, Division of Biological Chemistry before the Fall ACS meeting (August 28, 2011). The Division Officers will prepare a pre-screened list at this time.

- (1) Name
- (2) Institution and business address
- (3) E-mail address
- (4) Web address
- (5) Area of expertise
- (6) Most appropriate study section of Integrated Review group, if known
- (7) Recent funding sources

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