

# Alumni Newsletter

## Department of Physiology and Biophysics

### University of Illinois at Chicago

#### November, 2006

#### **Awards/Recognition Evening**

On November 15, 2006 the Department held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards/Recognition Evening. In the attached program you will see that our students and faculty continue to be recognized for their accomplishments. We are just as proud of you and would be delighted to include in our Newsletter any information you would wish to share.

This year the Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Dr. R. John Solaro. Aurora Shehu received the Mark R. Lanbrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment and Sarah Scruggs received the Kate Barany Graduate Student Award.

I have posted some of the pictures I took during this event at the following URL.

[http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Awards\\_evening-2006/](http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Awards_evening-2006/)

(there is an \_ between Awards and evening (i.e. Awards\_evening-2006)

#### **Gift Giving**

With Thanksgiving in a couple of days and the holiday season soon to follow we all have much to be thankful for and often make contributions at this time of year. If you are so inclined you can give a gift that will directly benefit your Department. We have two funds to which a tax deductible contribution can be made:

James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund  
University of Illinois Foundation  
1305 West Green Street  
Urbana, IL 61801-2962

And

Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund  
(same address as above)

To make sure the checks get to the correct fund they should be made payable to the:

UIF James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund

Or

UIF Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund

**Final Thoughts**

I hope this past year has brought you much joy and success and that the upcoming year will be even better.

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**Seventeenth Annual**

**Awards/Recognition  
Evening**

**November 15, 2006**

**Department of Physiology and Biophysics  
Awards/Recognition Evening  
Faculty Alumni Center  
November 15, 2006**

***PROGRAM***

Congratulatory tribute to faculty, post-doc, student, and staff awardees

Announcement of the recipient of the 2006 Philip L. Hawley Award

Announcement of the recipient of the 2006 Kate Bárány Graduate Student Award

Announcement of the recipient of the 2006 Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment

***MAJOR FACULTY AWARDS***

**Mark Brodie, Ph.D.**, College of Pharmacy Class of 2009 Teacher of the Year Award.

**Yun Lai Chan, PhD**, 2006 Outstanding Service Award as president of Taiwanese American Science and Engineer Association of Illinois.

**Mark M. Rasenick, Ph.D.**, 2006 Distinguished UIC Professor Award

**R. John Solaro, Ph.D.**, 2006 Nagano Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research by International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences in Sapporo, Japan.

***STUDENT & POST-DOCTORAL AWARDS***

**John Allen** (Dr. Rasenick's Lab) – 2006 Graduate student best abstract award in Molecular Pharmacology, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) at Experimental Biology 2006. ASPET, John P. Perkins Travel Award to Experimental Biology. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award, Sigma XI Graduate Student Research Form of 2006.

**Sukriti Dewan** (Dr. de Tomb's Lab) – 2006 AHA predoc fellowship award

**Julia Halperin** (Dr. Gibori's Lab) – 2006 Larry Ewing Memorial Trainee Travel Fund for SSR meeting.

**Yevgeniya Koshman** (Dr. Russell's Lab) - 2005 Provost's Award.

**David Ramsey** (Dr. Qian's Lab) – 2006 Grant-in-Aid of Research Award, Sigma Xi Research Society. American Medical Association Foundation Leadership in Medicine Award, presented by American Medical Association and Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative. Outstanding Volunteer Award. Volunteer Services, University of Illinois Hospital. Grosswirth – Salny Scholarship, Mensa Education and Research Foundation.

**Aurora Shehu** (Dr. Gibori's Lab) – 2006 Women in Endocrinology Award, Endocrine Society. Constance Campbell Memorial Research Award (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). Univ. of Illinois Women in Science and Engineering Award. Larry Erwing Award - Society for the Study of Reproduction.

**Kittipong Tachanpa** (Dr. de Tombe's Lab) – 2006 AHA predoctoral fellowship award. UIC GSC/HPSC Travel Award.

**Samuel Senyo** (Dr. Russell's Lab) – 2006 Provost's Award, Sigma Xi 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, poster prize, 2006

***SERVICE RECOGNITION***

**30 Years of Service**

Yun Lai Chan  
Geula Gibori

**25 Years of Service**

Sarah Brodie Appel

**5 Years of Service**

Veronoqie U. Caffrey  
Shamim Chowdhury  
Matthew J. Fasano  
Sandra M. Rahbe

***RECENT GRADUATES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM***

**Bao, Lei, Ph.D.**, Advisor: Geula Gibori, Ph.D.  
**Conlon, Beth, Ph.D.**, Advisor: William Law, Ph.D.  
**Engel, Patti, Ph.D.**, Advisor: R. John Solaro, Ph.D.  
**Espiritu, Doris Joy, Ph.D.**, Advisor: Jose A.L. Arruda, Ph.D.  
**Ramsey, David, Ph.D.**, Advisor: Haohua Qian, Ph.D.

***PAST AWARDEES***

**Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award**

1993 – Dr. James L. Ferguson	2000 – Dr. Sergey Popov
1994 – Dr. Mrinalini C. Rao	2001 – Dr. Jesús García-Martínez
1995 – Dr. Mark M. Rasenick	2002 – Dr. Pieter P. de Tombe
1996 – Dr. Geula Gibori	2003 – Dr. Beata M. Wolska
1997 – Dr. Mrinalini C. Rao	2004 – Dr. Mark M. Rasenick
1998 – Dr. Kate Bárány	2005 – Dr. Mrinalini Rao
1999 – Dr. R. John Solaro	2006 – Dr. R. John Solaro

**Mark R. Labrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment**

1990 – Mark S. Barthel	1999 – David E. Montgomery
1991 – Constance Albarracin	2000 – Beth A. Nardulli
1992 – Karen L. Ball	2001 – Roli Prasad
1993 – Sheela G. Bhartur	2002 – Eileen M. Burkart
1994 – Kimberly A. Palmiter	2003 – Rashad J. Belin
1995 – Edward B. Arias	2004 – John A. Allen
1996 – Miroslav O. Stojanovic	2005 – Steven Wu
1997 – Michael C. Risk	2006 – Aurora Shehu
1998 – Jayashree Venkatasubramanian	

**Kate Bárány Graduate Student Award**

1998 – Miroslav O. Stojanovic	2003 – Haytham Mansour
1999 – Christian C. Evans	2004 – Aurora Shehu
2000 – Michael C. Risk	2005 – Patti Engel
2001 – Veronica L. Rundell	2006 – Sarah Scruggs
2002 – Roli Prasad	

***GRADUATE STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2006***

Kristine Ansenberg	Madhumita Pradhan
Benjamin Avner	Stacey Schwartz
Michael Brown	Kalyn Varnes
Santipongse Chatchavalvanich	Avraham Zwanziger
Liliana Grajales	

**I expect to pass through this world but once.  
Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show  
any fellow creature, let me do it now...  
for I shall not pass this way again.**