

WE WOMEN IN ENDOCRINOLOGY

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Action Items

Annual Dinner: Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Membership for 2009: Due now!

WE Election: Watch for ballot- to be sent soon

Dues for 2009

Full members, academic and industry	\$50.00
In training, post graduate (postdoctoral or clinical fellows):	\$15.00
Students (predoctoral or medical students):	no dues
Fill out enrollment form, only	

As a 501(c)3 organization, all membership dues and donations to WE may be tax deductible. Tax ID number 52-2137017.

Thanks to our contributors for 2009

Mentor Award:	Pfizer
Gold Level (\$5,000):	Wyeth-Ayerst Amgen Novartis
Silver Level (\$2,500):	Genentech
Other:	Fat Disorders Research Society

Membership

Please be sure to renew for 2009. In the current financial climate, fundraising is very difficult. Annual dues are the financial mainstay of WE and allow us to continue our activities. The newly remodeled WE website features an easy way to pay your dues and make donations through a secure website. If you have any questions about your membership status, please feel free to contact Lisa Halvorson, Secretary-Treasurer of WE.

Volunteer

Please consider volunteering for WE and TES activities. Just fill out the volunteer form on our new website and email or mail a copy to Lisa Halvorson, Secretary-Treasurer of WE. Alternatively, introduce yourself to any of the WE Committee Members at the annual dinner and express your interest.

Annual Meeting

The 2009 WE Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel in the Renaissance Ballroom. We are extremely pleased to announce that Dr. Vivian Pinn will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Pinn has a long track record of distinguished service in areas of vital interest to WE members. As the creator of the BIRCWH and WRHR grants, she has extensive experience with programs designed to mentor junior women, foster interdisciplinary research, and innovate in women's health research. As a top NIH official, she has an insider's view of the future of NIH-funded research, and other key issues at the nexus of biomedical research and government priorities. We look forward to her timely comments on women in healthcare, research and leadership positions.

Advanced registration for the WE dinner is available during registration for ENDO 2009. **Mark your calendars!** For further information, please contact Mary Ruppe, Chair of the Program Committee, at mary.ruppe@uth.tmc.edu.

Development

WE thanks the Fat Disorders Research Society for their second annual donation to Women in Endocrinology which has been used to support one of the Young Investigator Awardees. This patient group learned about the work of WE through their contact with Karen Herbst, MD, PhD, and has indicated a desire to continue to support research in the biology of adipose tissue.

The Development Committee is experiencing a challenging year for fundraising and encourages you to consider making a charitable contribution to WE. Corporate donations, membership dues and donations from you, our members, support the work of WE. Our new website features a convenient way to pay your dues and make donations through a secure website. As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax-deductible (tax ID 52-2137017). Donations can be directed to trainee development, to a targeted grant, or to unrestricted use in the areas of networking, development of informational programs, maintenance of the website and other critical functions.

WE Supports Trainee Development

WE is pleased to co-sponsor the 3rd Annual Endocrine Trainee Day which will be held on Tuesday June 9, 2009 at the upcoming ENDO meeting. Trainee Day provides a unique opportunity for graduate students and postdoctoral and clinical fellows to discuss the breadth of endocrinology with their peers and leaders in the field and to learn about strategies for building successful careers in endocrinology. Members of WE who have been

selected by the Endocrine Society to attend Trainee Day are eligible for designated support from WE and complimentary registration for the WE Dinner. WE has chosen the following three trainees for support this year:

- Houda Benlhabib, UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Allison Graziadei, Brown University
- Stacey Jamieson, Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, Australia

Congratulations to the 2009 WE Mentor and Young Investigator Awardees

The following awards will be presented at the WE Dinner in conjunction with ENDO '09. Please join us in congratulating the awardees for 2009!

WE Mentor Award – 2009 The primary mission of WE is to promote the scientific advancement and recognition of female endocrinologists. With this goal, WE presents an annual Mentor Award recognizing outstanding individuals who have encouraged and promoted female endocrinologists and who have been instrumental in changing institutional policy toward professional women. The 2009 Mentor Awardee is:

Bert O'Malley, M.D.
Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology
Baylor College of Medicine

WE Young Investigator Awards – 2009 These awards are provided to recognize outstanding abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society:

Neena B. Schwartz Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research:

- Nora Renthal, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Janet W. McArthur Award for Excellence in Clinical Research:

- Pouneh Fazeli, Massachusetts General Hospital

WE Young Investigator Awards:

- Vita Birzniece, Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Australia
- Melissa Brayman, UC San Diego
- Nathan Charles, University of Minnesota
- Sarah Dickerson, University of Texas at Austin
- Mimi Kim, National Institutes of Health
- Amutha Selvamani, Texas A&M
- Emily Szmuiłowicz, Northwestern University
- Dan Tang, Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Varykina Thackray, UC San Diego
- Yewei Xing, Medical College of Georgia

Fat Disorders Research Society Award:

- Aysegul Erman, McGill University, Canada

Communications Committee

Visit the WE website on a regular basis for information about upcoming meetings, news about awardees, careers in science and medicine, and membership renewals! If you have information to post or notice the need for a correction or update, please email GERALYN MESSERLIAN at gmesserl@wihri.org.

database (<http://women-inendo.org>). **Those who haven't paid their dues for 2009 should visit our website to renew their membership (\$50 for faculty and \$15 for fellows and students).** Your dues provide support for WE to continue its advocacy activities, website and newsletter. **WE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!**

- Ursula Kaiser, President -

WE President's Corner

I look forward to seeing all of you at the WE dinner on Wednesday, June 10, in the Renaissance Hotel Ballroom during The Endocrine Society's 91st Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening which will be highlighted with a presentation by Dr. Vivian Pinn, Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health, who will speak on "*Sustaining Women Leaders in Science and Medicine: Progress and Pitfalls.*" WE will also have the pleasure of presenting the Mentor Award to Dr. Bert O'Malley, who has not only had a most distinguished scientific career, but has also trained a large number of scientists, many of whom have been women and who themselves have gone on to highly successful independent academic careers. A generous donation from Pfizer provides permanent support for this important award.

This has been another successful year for WE. Women in Endocrinology continues to nominate leading women scientists and/or clinicians to elected positions and for prestigious awards within the Endocrine Society. With highly qualified applicants and committed volunteers, members of WE continue to be well represented within the leadership and committees of The Endocrine Society. Through continued corporate support, WE was again able to provide Young Investigator Awards to trainees and junior faculty presenting abstracts at the Endocrine Society meeting. This year, WE received generous donations from Wyeth-Ayerst, Amgen, Novartis, Genentech, and the Fat Disorders Research Society for these awards.

As President of Women in Endocrinology, one of my most important tasks at this time of year is to make new appointments to the committees of our organization. WE could not achieve all that we have without the tireless efforts of our committee leaders: Lisa Halvorson (Secretary-Treasurer), Carol Lange (Nominating), Judy Turgeon (Awards), GERALYN LAMBERT-MESSERLIAN (Communications), Tami Wolden-Hanson (Development), Gay Devi (Mentoring), and Mary Ruppe (Program). We always welcome fresh faces and new ideas, so please contact me or sign up online when you renew your WE membership to indicate your interest in working on WE committees. If you have not done so already, please be sure to update your membership information in the WE