

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gail Prins, PhD



I extend warm greetings to all fellow SBUR members. Lots of work has been going on within the SBUR since our Spring Newsletter, so let me take a few minutes of your time to keep you abreast of the activities. The Spring SBUR Annual Meeting at the start of the AUA meeting was held on May 16, 2015 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center and was considered by all attendees as a great success. The details of the scientific sessions as well as our annual Business Meeting/Luncheon are highlighted below. The first order of business as your new President was to present Natasha Kyprianou, MD, PhD with the 2015 SBUR Distinguished Service Award for her dedicated years of outstanding service to the SBUR and the urologic community at large. We applaud you Natasha for your commitment to science and the SBUR in particular – we would not be who we are without the tireless efforts of leaders such as you. Of additional note, the SBUR in conjunction with the Society of Women in Urology bestowed the SWIU/SBUR Award for Excellence in Urologic Research to Karen Knudsen, PhD, Professor and Director, Kimmel Cancer Center, Thomas Jefferson University. Congratulations to Karen, a former SBUR Young Investigator Awardee (2006), on this distinction!!!

The European Society of Urologic Research (ESUR) and SBUR just finished a stellar joint scientific meeting in Nijmegen, Netherlands September 12-15, 2015; The 11th World Congress on Urologic Research. Led by ESUR Chair Zoran Culig, PhD (Innsbruck Medical University), Program Chair Jack Schalken, MD (Radboud University, Nijmegen) and myself as the SBUR Chair, the robust program focused on cutting-edge molecular and translational research across the urologic spectrum. The SBUR was well represented in speakers and attendees and we profusely thank our hosts for their warm hospitality and sharing of the best urologic research in Europe. We continue to cherish our warm relationship with our European colleagues and look forward to the next World Congress to be hosted by the SBUR in the United States in 2017. For details of the 2015 meeting and the program which includes presented abstracts and posters, go to <http://esur-sbur.uroweb.org/scientific-programme/>.

Not to be missed on our agenda is the upcoming 2015 Fall SBUR Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida November 12-15. Rosalyn Adam, PhD (Harvard Medical School) and her hardworking committee have put together an outstanding program focused on Environment-Gene Interface in Urologic Health and Disease and it promises to be a scientifically stimulating and socially memorable meeting. Please make plans to attend and take your trainees to network with fellow junior

investigators and established scientists in the field. The weather will be terrific, so don't forget your bathing suit and beach sandals.

As I promised at the beginning of my presidency, the SBUR committees have been re-invigorated and repopulated with new committee members and we are working to codify committee activities to better enact a consistent Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for current and future committee activities. At the end of this newsletter, you will find the complete listing of all SBUR Committees and their members to date. Thank you to all for volunteering your precious time to further the continued success of our organization. In addition to the Standing Committees, I have formed several new ad hoc committees. The Industry Relations/Fundraising Committee is working to identify partners who share a common interest in urologic diseases and seek to support the educational components of the SBUR. Anyone who has contacts or useful suggestions with regards to this essential fundraising component is encouraged to contact me or Ganesh Raj, MD (UT Southwestern), Chair of this committee. The newly formed Media Committee chaired by Don Vander Griend, PhD (University of Chicago) has been actively working with Drew Shifflet on the development of our new SBUR website scheduled to go live this November. This is exciting and we eagerly await this newly designed site with expanded information and interactive capabilities. This committee will next address Social Media opportunities for the SBUR including Facebook, Twitter, etc. Another new development is the formation of a Trainee Affairs Committee, chaired by Shawn Lupold, PhD (Johns Hopkins University). This group is charged with fostering activities which enhance the Society's trainee members, building them into our future Full Members. The committee is actively seeking trainee members (see announcement below) so apply if you are interested.

As in previous years, the SBUR has a strong partnership in furthering urologic research with the AUA, in particular the AUA Office of Research led by Carolyn Best, PhD. Multiple SBUR members actively participate as SBUR representatives on the AUA Research Council and Education Council where we assist in formulating research agendas, programs and work on urologic research advocacy in Congress, the NIH and other granting agencies. We thank Carolyn for her strong advocacy for urologic research and her recognition of the important role played by the SBUR in leading urologic research within the urology community. A tip of the hat goes to all SBUR members who work to make this happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the current members of the Executive Committee who work together to run the affairs of the SBUR: Vice-President Hari Koul, PhD

(Louisiana State University), Past-President Jill Macoska, PhD (University of Massachusetts, Boston), Secretary Rosalyn Adam, PhD, Treasurer Allen Gao (UC-Davis), At-Large Directors Peter E. Clark (Vanderbilt University), Shawn Lupold, Travis Jerde (Indiana University), Emeritus member Timothy Ratliff (Purdue University) and Ad Hoc ESUR member Zoran Culig, PhD. Working with each of

you is my distinct pleasure. Finally, a hearty thank-you to all members of the management team who run our day-to-day activities and keep us functioning: Drew Shifflet, Executive Director, Kristin Pichon, Lisa Heffner, Stephanie Cascone and Cara Smith. We could not make it without your terrific service.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hari Koul, PhD



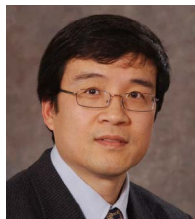
Mark your calendars for attendance at the Spring SBUR meeting being held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 in San Diego, CA at the San Diego Convention Center. As in past years, the SBUR and Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO) will host a joint morning scientific program chaired by SBUR Vice President Dr. Hari Koul and SUO President-Elect Dr. Christopher Evans. The theme of this year's joint

meeting is Therapeutic Resistance in Urologic Oncology, and includes talks by leading investigators on the topics of therapeutic resistance. The Donald S. Coffey Keynote Lecture, at the close of the morning session, will be given by Dr. Carlo Croce (Distinguished University Professor, The John W. Wolfe Chair in Human Cancer Genetics-

Ohio State University). The SBUR/SUO morning session will be immediately followed by an SBUR luncheon and business meeting where we will welcome newly inducted SBUR members, honor our Society president Dr. Gail Prins, pass the gavel to the incoming SBUR President Dr. Hari Koul, and discuss new developments within the SBUR. Following the business meeting will be two concurrent SBUR Breakout Sessions: Inflammation, Metabolism and Epigenetics in Urological Diseases (co-chaired by Drs. Benyi Li and Zongbing You), and Non-coding RNAs in Urologic Malignancies (chaired by Dr. Shawn Lupold). This is the perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new colleagues. We hope you plan to attend!

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Allen Gao, MD, PhD



Dear SBUR Members –

As reported at the May 2015 business meeting, SBUR finished 2014 with overall Net Assets of \$394,682.

We experienced an Operational Surplus of \$40,299 due to positive net returns from our spring and fall meetings. Positive investment

returns for the year totaled \$11,877 and the total added to Net Assets for the 12-month period was \$52,176.

As of June 30, 2015, the Combined Statement of Financial Position reflects Total Assets of \$433,452 with Net Assets (Equity) of \$417,898. A majority of the SBUR's revenue and expense activity is associated with our fall symposium and membership dues and will be reported at the end of the year. We have budgeted the fall meeting to have a positive return, and while not as robust as last year.

Based on a recommendation from the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee has decided to move investments from Charles Schwab to Vanguard and this process is being completed. Vanguard offers mutual fund options that are self-balancing and have the lowest operating expenses, and reports are clearer than what we have seen in the past for periodic review. As reported last year, our portfolio continues to be based 60 percent Equity/40 percent Fixed Income.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer and very much thank you for your continued support for the SBUR.

SECRETARY'S UPDATE

Rosalyn Adam, PhD



As the days shorten and we embrace the autumn, it is again gratifying to reflect on another successful year for the SBUR. We enjoyed an excellent program of SBUR events in the Spring, held in conjunction with the AUA Annual Meeting, including a Basic Science Symposium that was 'standing room only' and a highly stimulating joint event with the SUO, capped by an outstanding

Donald S. Coffey lecture delivered by Philip Beachy, PhD.

We have enjoyed a particularly robust year in terms of membership applications, with over 50 new applications since the Spring SBUR meeting in May. We are also delighted to see a significant improvement in members choosing to renew their memberships in a timely manner, for which we are very grateful. Stay tuned for enhancements in managing your membership profiles in 2016!

In addition to my ongoing role as Secretary, this year I have also had the privilege of serving as the Program Chair for the 2015 SBUR Fall Symposium. This has been an eye-opening and educational experience, greatly facilitated by the support of a superb organizing committee. Drawing on the diverse interests of the committee, we hope to have put together a stimulating program of events that will encourage lively discussion and a spirited exchange of ideas, along with the social interactions we typically enjoy at the meeting. We will also have representatives from the NIDDK and the AUA Office of Research at the meeting who we hope will answer questions about funding opportunities and strategies, as well as the future funding landscape. We hope to see all of you in sunny Fort Lauderdale in November and ask that you encourage your colleagues to attend the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Drew Shifflet, CAE



I would like SBUR members to know two new staff who help manage the Society.

- Lisa Heffner, lheffner@urologymanagement.org, is working closely with the Program Planning committees and other projects relating to the SBUR spring and fall meetings. Lisa also works closely with the Executive Committee.
- Stephanie Cascone, scascone@urologymanagement.org, is your new Membership Coordinator. She is available to speak with you about membership applications and dues and answer other general questions and inquiries about involvement with the SBUR. Stephanie works closely with the Membership Committee.

We are happy to be assisting with SBUR operations and making improvements. Some of these include:

- Support for new SBUR committees (e.g., Membership, Fundraising, Finance, Media)
- Revised membership application and refined processes
- Moving investments to Vanguard
- New SBUR website
- Ongoing attention to governance protocols

Once again, please know that we are here to help you. If you have any questions about research, projects, grants or any other career related questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

2015 MAY MEETING REPORTS

SBUR/SUO JOINT SESSION

"EMERGING PARADIGMS IN METASTASIS"

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

As in previous years, the spring morning session was held in conjunction with the Society for Urologic Oncology (SUO) and this year focused on Emerging Paradigms in Metastasis and covered critical issues common to all urologic malignancies. Jointly chaired by Leonard Gomella, MD (SUO) and Gail S. Prins, PhD (SBUR), the session was very well attended by members from both Societies. The morning began with a succinct and pointed overview of the challenges faced with re-emerging urologic cancers in a talk by Michael L. Cher,

MD, who in turn challenged the audience to specific research issues that the urologic community must tackle. The first emergent topic addressed tumor dormancy and the stem cell niche and the potential of mTOR inhibitors in blocking conversion of dormant cells to active cancer stem cells in a talk by Russell Taichman, DMD, DMSc. The direct clinical application of mTOR as a druggable target in metastatic renal cancer was addressed by Robert Figlin, MD, providing clinical data on their effectiveness. The topic of epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) and its counterpart MET was addressed by Fazlul H. Sarkar, PhD who presented evidence for therapeutic targets that might block this process, critical for metastatic spread. Circulating tumor cells were discussed next by Massimo Cristofanilli, MD who

shared his experience with monitoring CTCs in a clinical setting as they establish distant metastasis. Thea Tlsty, PhD next wowed the audience by unpeeling the role played by cancer associated fibroblasts (CAFs) in metastatic spread of breast cancer, identifying stromal CD36 as a master regulator of normal tissue homeostasis. Its loss in CAFs provides a mechanistic link between anti-cancer and pro-tumorigenic states of stromal cells, providing an early switch towards metastatic growth and identifying a direct drug-able target for cancer control. The session on metastasis ended with a robust and lively debate on the clonality of prostate cancer metastasis led by Natasha Kyprianou, PhD. Strong evidence for a single clonal origin was presented by Vasani Yegnasubramanian, MD, PhD while Francesca Demichelis, PhD showed compelling data for multiple clonal origins for metastatic prostate cancer. A lively discussion ensued with comments from audience members making it clear that there is still much to be learned about spread of this disease. Stay tuned.

The morning session concluded with a remarkable lecture by the distinguished Philip Beachy, PhD from Stanford University who was the 2015 Donald S. Coffey Lecturer. His talk, entitled “Stem Cells in Homeostasis and Disease” described how sonic hedgehog expressing stem cells in the bladder activate adjacent stromal cells to drive differentiation through multiple secreted effectors. Using the rainbow mouse model for lineage tracing, he was able to unequivocally demonstrate that muscle-invasive bladder carcinomas arise exclusively from sonic hedgehog (Shh)-expressing stem cells in basal urothelium. Further, these cancerous lesions originate from single stem cell clones that rapidly establish invasive carcinoma across the urothelium. He closed with examples for targeting this pathway as a potential therapeutic option for patients.

SBUR SPRING 2015 MEETING AT THE AUA

“STEM CELLS IN UROLOGIC ORGANS AND THERAPEUTIC OPPORTUNITIES”

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA

The afternoon session continued on the theme Stem Cells in Urologic Organs and Therapeutic Opportunities. Moderated by SBUR members Susan Kasper, PhD and Donald Vander Griend, PhD, the program incorporated new developments in stem cell research across multiple areas of benign and malignant urologic diseases. Tom Lue, MD shared his exciting new research on penile stem-progenitor cells and their efficacy for erectile dysfunction therapy. Eric Kurzrock, MD continued this theme using embryonic and induced pluripotent stem cells for urothelium regeneration in human model systems, providing data for eventual applications in humans. Dr. Vander Griend presented his work on the essential role of Sox 2 in normal prostate development. Intriguingly, evidence also showed unique, non-stem cell roles for Sox2 in hormone resistant prostate cancer, associating with a neuroendocrine phenotype. The theme of prostate stem cells during development and in prostate cancer was further discussed in two separate lectures. First, Li Xin, PhD presented his findings on prostate epithelial lineage hierarchy using mouse models, showing evidence for both basal and luminal cell stem-progenitor hierarchies that largely remain autonomous except in cases of tissue injury where basal cells can give rise to luminal progeny. The sessions concluded with a talk by Susan Kasper, PhD (University of Cincinnati) who demonstrated that human prostate cancer stem cell proliferation and differentiation are controlled through modulation of androgen receptor levels, regulated by proteasomic degradation. In summary, the audience was provided with a better realization of the therapeutic opportunities on the horizon through the research and utilization of stem cells in urologic organs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUA2016 EVENTS PLANNED BY THE AUA OFFICE OF RESEARCH

The AUA Office of Research is coordinating an excellent slate of research events for the 2016 AUA Annual Meeting scheduled for May 6-10 at the San Diego Convention Center. To recap 2015 events, the Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, “High Impact Science in Urologic Oncology and Progress in Biomedical Imaging” drew a record attendance of 950, and the Basic Sciences Symposium, “Aging and Urologic Manifestations” drew 681 attendees. Both events are held on Fridays of the Annual Meeting. The Sunday events consisted of the Challenges for Urologic Research Series, “Development of Prognostic and Predictive Biomarkers in Urologic Oncology,” the Funding Opportunities and Grantwriting Guidance for Early Career Investigators Workshop, and the Research Forum: Early Career Investigators Showcase, the only venue dedicated to the work of young investigators. Congratulations to the SBUR nominee, Donald Vander Griend, PhD for winning second place in last year’s Showcase!

For 2016, the topics and presentations will again feature an array of basic, translational, and clinical research. The Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, “Forging New Paths in Research to Advance Urologic Oncology” is scheduled for Friday, May 6 from 8am-5pm. The program will consist of updates from the NCI-funded SPOREs (Specialized Programs of Research Excellence). The Basic Sciences Symposium will focus on “The Microbiome in Urologic Health and Disease” and is scheduled from Friday, May 6 from 8am-5:30pm. The Sunday lineup on May 8 will again feature the Challenges for Urologic Research Series, focusing this year on “Diabetes” from 10am-2pm, the Funding Opportunities and Grantwriting Guidance for Early Career Investigators Workshop from 1:00-3:00pm, and the Research Forum: Early Career Investigators Showcase from 3:00-5:30pm. The AUA2016 plenary program will also include three talks featuring AUA and Urology Care Foundation research programs:

- o “Highlights of Urologic Oncology Research” presented by Dr. Aria Olumi on Sunday, May 8 from 7:30-7:40am
- o “Highlights of Benign Urologic Research” presented by Dr. Jill Macoska on Sunday, May 8 from 7:40-7:50am
- o Rising Star in Urology Research Highlights: Sunday, May 8, 10:30-

10:45am, presented by Dr. Benjamin Canales, with an introduction and program update by Dr. Carolyn Best

Thanks to SBUR President, Dr. Gail Prins, and other SBUR members serving on the AUA Research Council and the Research Education, Communications, and Conferences Committee for their assistance in developing our 2016 programs.

MINUTES FROM THE SPRING 2015 BUSINESS MEETING

The SBUR 2015 Spring Business meeting was held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. at the Ernest Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. The outgoing President, Dr. Jill Macoska, called the meeting to order and thanked the membership for the honor to serve as 2014-2015 President. Dr. Gail Prins presented Dr. Macoska with the President’s Gavel Award for her service. Dr. Prins was formally introduced as the 2015-2016 President. She expressed her enthusiasm to work hard as President during the coming year, with a big part of her focus on developing the committees. Mr. Drew Shifflet, SBUR’s Executive Director, provided the Financial Report and reported positive results for the year. Dr. Rosalyn Adam, SBUR Secretary, presented slides showing increased membership (53 new members have joined from May 2014 – May 2015) and the age demographics of the members. Dr. Adam also reminded the committee of SBUR’s surveying and developing a Census of Membership to enhance the demographics and among other things, to more accurately identify the type of research specialty for each member. Dr. Marianne Sadar, Past President, reported on the results of the online elections. The following newly appointed board members were welcomed: Dr. Gail Prins (President), Dr. Hari Koul (Vice President), Dr. Travis Jerde (Member-At-Large).

AWARDS AND HONORS

At the Spring 2015 meeting (AUA Annual Meeting, New Orleans) the SBUR announced the recipient of this year’s Distinguished Service Award as Natasha Kyprianou, MD, PhD. Previous SBUR Service Awards were given to Dr. David Jarrad, Dr. E. Darracott Vaughn, Jr., Dr. Carl A. Olsson, Dr. John T. Grayhack, Dr. Patrick C. Walsh and Dr. Fritz H. Schroeder.



NATASHA KYPRIANOU, MD, PHD AND JILL MACOSKA, PHD – DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Philip Beachy received the 21st Annual Distinguished Donald S. Coffey Lecturer Award. Dr. Karen Knudsen received the SWIU/SBUR Award in Excellence in Urologic Research Award. Congratulations to all of our honorees!



JILL MACOSKA, PHD AND GAIL PRINS, PHD – PRESIDENT’S GAVEL AWARD



PHILIP BEACHY, PHD – DONALD S. COFFEY LECTURER HONOREE



KAREN KNUDSEN, PHD - SWIU/SBUR AWARD IN EXCELLENCE IN UROLOGIC RESEARCH HONOREE



MARIANNE SADAR, PHD AND JILL MACOSKA, PHD – PAST PRESIDENT’S AWARD

SBUR 2015 FALL SYMPOSIUM



November 12 – 15, 2015 • Fort Lauderdale, FL • Hyatt Regency Pier 66 Hotel

“THE ENVIRONMENT-GENE INTERFACE IN UROLOGIC HEALTH AND DISEASE”

NOVEMBER 12-15, 2015

HYATT REGENCY PIER 66

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

Join your colleagues in Fort Lauderdale, FL to hear stimulating lectures on cutting-edge research in urologic disease! The 2015 Fall Symposium will focus on the impact of environmental stimuli, both external and internal, and their interaction with genetic factors on urologic disease. Sessions will cross the spectrum of urologic disease research and will touch on all major research areas within our society. Dr. Rosalyn Adam and the organizing committee have put together a fantastic program. The meeting will feature over 30 speakers, 5 Travel Award Presentations and a Saturday evening Discussion Forum featuring presentations and discussion on 8 Model Systems for Urologic Disease Research. The Leland W.K. Chung Lecture will be delivered by Dr. M. Celeste Simon from the University of Pennsylvania and will focus on Hypoxia, Metabolism and Tumor Progression. Dr. Michael O'Donnell from the University of Iowa will deliver the AUA Lecture on A Role for Toll Like Receptor Sensitization in Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome.

Exciting Plenary Sessions to Include:

- Inflammation, Infection and Immunity in Urology
- Metabolism, Metabolic Syndrome and Urologic Disease
- Endocrine Disruptors and Urologic Disease
- Sex, Race and Ethnicity: Impact on Urologic Disease
- Nutritional Aspects of Urologic Disease

Dr. Tracy L. Rankin, Career Development and Training Program Director at NIDDK, will be joining us for this year's meeting and will give a presentation on the NIDDK Strategic Plan. Dr. Carolyn Best, Director of Research at the AUA, will provide an AUA Office of Research update.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Travis Jerde, PhD – Chair



Greetings,

As the Chair of the SBUR Membership Committee, I am grateful to have the chance to work with 10 outstanding SBUR members on our membership committee. A special thank you to Dr. Zongbing You, Dr. Benyi Li, Dr. Wendy Huss, Dr. Jennifer Doll, Dr. Doug Price, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Dr. LaMonica Stewart, Dr. Dale Bjorling, Dr.

Peter Clark, and Dr. Delores Lamb for your efforts thus far and for volunteering your time. The Membership Committee is working to fulfill the following committee objectives:

- Recruit and engage new members
- Develop, recommend, and implement strategies for membership retention
- Develop and/or recommend programs and services to engage membership
- Work with the Trainee Affairs Committee to recruit and retain SBUR in-training members.
- Communicate information to members as needed

Membership Recruitment: The Membership Committee has a goal of recruiting 100 new SBUR members by May 2016. As of September 30, 2015, there are 51 new members to join SBUR since May. On behalf of SBUR, we welcome all of the new members, and we hope and encourage that you actively participate. If you have questions on how

to get involved, please email us at info@SBUR.org.

Membership Update: Currently, SBUR has 470 members; however, there are approximately 75 members who have not paid their 2015 membership dues. If you are unsure of your membership status, please visit Members Only section of the SBUR website.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	PAID	UNPAID
MEMBER-ACTIVE	239	41
MEMBER-ACTIVE-LIFETIME	80	0
MEMBER-TRAINEE	76	34
TOTALS:	395	75

You can help! The membership committee will continue to work on reaching our goals, but there is no reason all of our SBUR members can't help in our recruitment efforts. We are all SBUR members because of the great benefits we receive from our membership, and we all benefit from the strength of our organization. We encourage you to go out and tell your colleagues of the benefits of SBUR ask them to consider joining.

Help grow your Society by passing this application to a colleague!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TRAINEE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Shawn Lupold, PhD – Chair



Join the Trainee Affairs Committee!

SBUR is launching a new committee, the Trainee Affairs Committee, and we are seeking volunteers from SBUR In-Training Members who would like to serve and be more involved with the society. The committee will meet periodically via teleconference calls or in-person at the SBUR spring and/or fall meetings to discuss, strategize, and implement the

following objectives:

- Engage the SBUR in-training members to identify needs.
- Develop and/or recommend programs and services to improve the SBUR experience for in-training members.
- Develop and/or recommend programs and services to promote the career development of SBUR in-training members.
- Work with the membership committee to recruit and retain SBUR in-training members.
- Communicate information for trainees through the SBUR website and newsletters

We are seeking three members for 1-year service from May 2016-May 2017: one graduate student (Ph.D. Candidate), one postdoctoral fellow (M.D. and/or Ph.D.), and one urology trainee (resident or clinical fellow). In order to be reviewed for the Trainee Affairs Committee, submit the following items:

- Application with brief summary of your interest in the committee*
- Curriculum Vitae (abbreviated form, preferably the NIH format)

Submission Deadline: January 1, 2016. Your application* and CV can be submitted via email to info@SBUR.org or faxed to 410-689-3825. If you have questions regarding the objectives or responsibilities of the Trainee Affairs Committee, please email SBUR at info@SBUR.org. We look forward to the future work and involvement of this committee.

TRAINEE AFFAIRS APPLICATION

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Jill Macoska, PhD – Chair



The Nominating Committee is now seeking active SBUR members for consideration as nominees for the office of Vice President, Treasurer, and two At-Large Directors (members) of the Executive Committee (EC).

- The Vice President will serve a one-year term in office and will become President of the SBUR the following year. The Vice President must have served previous terms on the EC other SBUR Committees.
- The Treasurer shall serve a term of three years. The first year of a new incoming Treasurer's service shall be in the position of Treasurer-Elect, which is a training position under the mentorship of the prior Treasurer. Nominees for the position of Treasurer shall have a history of active participation in SBUR activities including previous experience in serving on the SBUR EC.
- At-Large Directors of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee is the governing body of the SBUR. Three At-Large Directors join the SBUR elected Officers to form the EC. The two At-Large Director positions now being sought, will each serve a two-year term. Prior experience serving on SBUR committee(s) is desirable.

All nominees must be Active Members of the SBUR in good standing. Self-nominations are welcome. Although it is not mandatory, the Nominating Committee urges you to be sensitive to issues of diversity when nominating for SBUR leadership positions. For lists of previous Councils and Committee chair and members, consult the SBUR website.

Important: We ask that you first ask nominees as to their willingness to serve to the elected office prior to making their nomination.

The Nominations Committee will consider all recommendations and formulate a slate of candidates to be approved by the Executive Committee. These positions will be filled by a balloted election of Active SBUR members that will take place in Winter of 2016.

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE WITH A CV OR BIOSKETCH BY OCTOBER 31, 2015 TO

Lisa Heffner: lheffner@auanet.org

NOMINATION FORM

FROM THE AUA OFFICE OF RESEARCH

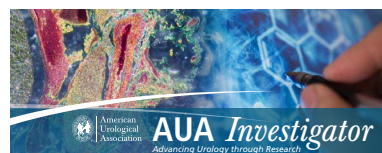
Carolyn Best, PhD, Director



I'm always delighted to share news from the AUA Office of Research (AUAOR). With the goal of engaging with every member of the urologic research community, finding out what your needs are, and helping to meet those needs, we've had a very busy and exciting year! Working with our Research Council and its three Committees, we've developed a new 5-year Research Strategic Plan to

advance our efforts to support research through funding, conferences, and advocacy. Some of our recent accomplishments and initiatives include:

- Advocacy: The AUAOR partnered with the AUA's Government Relations and Advocacy department to get bladder cancer added as a fundable topic in the House of Representatives' language for the DoD Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program. We're close to a victory in increasing funding for bladder cancer research!
- Grants: 2015 marked not only the 40th anniversary of AUA and Urology Care Foundation research funding, but also a year of unprecedented growth in the Research Scholar Award program, offering 27 research training awards to begin in July 2016.
- Conferences: We held our 3rd Early Career Investigators Workshop in September, which brought 34 junior investigators and 14 accomplished faculty together for one-on-one mentoring and guidance for successful grant applications and important career development topics. It was a tremendous success and I hope you can join us for the next event in Fall 2016.



- Communications: On November 23, we'll launch a new AUA e-publication—the AUA Investigator—focused exclusively on supporting urologic researchers. You'll see information about research events, resources, funding opportunities, job opportunities, and much more from the urologic research community. Contact us at research@auanet.org to subscribe!

Whether you're a medical or graduate student, resident, clinical or postdoctoral fellow, or early-career or established investigator, our goal is to support you in your research. I look forward to seeing you in Ft. Lauderdale as well as at the AUA Annual Meeting in beautiful San Diego, for several days of fantastic research events. See you soon!

RESEARCH IS ROOTED IN THE AUA MISSION

The American Urological Association (AUA) and Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR) have always had a deep and enduring relationship. The AUA's mission is to promote the highest standards of urological clinical care through education, research and in the formulation of health policy. The AUA is committed to research and to collaborating with other urologic research organizations to provide support to urology researchers of all backgrounds.

During a recent meeting, Carolyn Best, PhD, AUA's Director

of Research and Dr. Gail Prins, SBUR President, discussed the new Research Scientist category of AUA membership, as well as modifications to the criteria for the Resident/Fellow, Affiliate and Medical/Graduate Student membership categories. These changes were made to recognize the research community's value to progress in urology and to clearly identify and define membership categories that reflect the identity of the urology research community. This not only includes independent investigators, but also those in the education/training pipeline.

AUA member benefit highlights include access to information on research grants, discounts on research events and forums to include the AUA Annual Meeting, as well as journals and other publications.

For additional information on these changes or research resources offered by the AUA, please contact Florence Freeman, Director, AUA Member Services at ffreeman@AUAnet.org or visit www.AUAnet.org.

2015-2016 SBUR COMMITTEES

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