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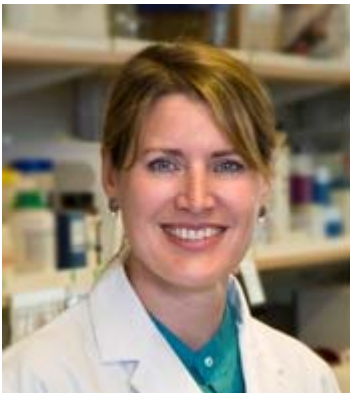
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Greetings from the President: Marianne D. Sadar, Ph.D.



Our organization continues to be very active in promoting education in urologic basic research and in providing a forum for discussion of scientific topics related to urology.

The SBUR Spring Meeting held in May in San Diego was a terrific success. The general theme of this meeting was "Targets and Therapies". The President of MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Ronald DePinho, gave the Coffey Lecture which addressed the Molecular Biology of Early Stage Prostate Cancers. Dr. Coffey was present at the meeting and presented the award to Dr. DePinho. The afternoon SBUR sessions on Targets and Therapies for advanced prostate cancer (chaired by Dr. Stephen Plymate) and benign disease (chaired by Dr. Wade Bushman) were well attended and many accolades were received on the quality of the speakers and the program.

The SBUR has been working together with the EAU Section of Urological Research (ESUR) in organizing the 10th World Congress on Urological Research, which will be held in Nashville Tennessee from 21-24 November 2013. The theme of the congress is Urologic Disease Heterogeneity. Dr. Neil Bhowmick and the organizing committee have put together an outstanding program. This congress provides a networking venue for established and young investigators from Europe and North America.

The SBUR is led by the SBUR Executive Committee which is a group of elected volunteers. On behalf of the SBUR, I thank the outgoing members of the Executive Committee for their time and service to the SBUR. These departures include our outgoing Past President, Dr. Zhou Wang, Treasurer, Dr. Robert Sikes, Dr. Jill Macoska as Secretary, and Dr. Cindy Miranti, member-at-large. The willingness of these members to devote their insight, experience and leadership to the SBUR is why this society continues to grow and attract the best and the brightest in the field of urologic basic research.

This year we have seen the rewards of the enormous contributions made last year by the SBUR outgoing President, Dr. Vinata Lokeshwar. She led us through a successful transition of management companies. We are now assisted by AUA Management under the leadership of Mr. Drew Shifflet, Executive Director and Ms. Kristin Pichon, Projects Coordinator. Already Mr. Shifflet and his team have had a very positive impact on the SBUR, both financially and in terms of operations, as evidenced by the very successful Spring Meeting. Thanks to Dr. Lokeshwar for leading this positive change and for strengthening the SBUR relationship with AUA and other AUA societies.

Our new Executive Members include: Dr. Jill Macoska as Vice President; Dr. Allen Gao as Treasurer; Dr. Rosalyn Adam as Secretary; and Dr. Aria Olumi as Member-at-Large. I look forward to working with this great team to make this organization a continued success.

Thanks to all of the members for your support of the SBUR. I look forward to seeing you in Nashville this November.

With Warm Regards,

Marianne D Sadar, President, SBUR

Vice President's Report - Save the Date for SBUR at AUA 2014, May 17! Jill Macoska, PhD

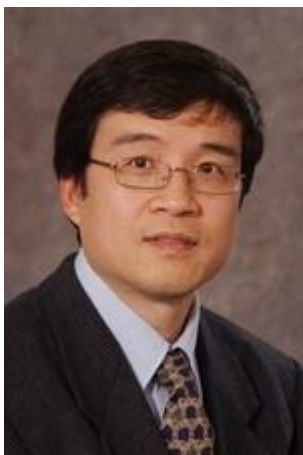


Please plan to attend the SBUR Spring Meeting at the AUA on Saturday May 17th in sunny Orlando, Florida! The joint SBUR/SUO meeting, organized by past SBUR President David Jarrard and current SBUR Vice-President Jill Macoska, will be held the morning of Saturday May 17th. This meeting is focused on hormonal and non-hormonal mechanisms that promote the development and progression of castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC). The morning session will wrap up with a presentation by the 2014 Coffey Lectureship awardee, Dr. Ken Pienta, from Johns Hopkins University. The joint SBUR/SUO meeting is immediately followed by the SBUR luncheon and membership meeting where you can catch up on SBUR news and meet newly inducted SBUR members!

The afternoon SBUR meeting focuses on the biology of bladder function and disease. Session I, "Bladder Cancer Pathobiology and Therapeutic Targeting," will be moderated by Charles Rosser and features talks from David J. DeGraff, Andrea Morrione, Mark L. Day, Dan Theodorescu, and Jonathan Ewald.

Session II, "Micturition - A Physiological Readout" is organized in conjunction with NIDDK/KUH Program Director, Deborah Hoshizaki. This session will address the use of animals to model human bladder function in terms of: 1) the harmonization of methods used for the measurement of bladder function in animals, 2) and how data acquired from animals does/does not compare to human data.

Treasurer's Report - Allen Gao, MD, PhD



Dear SBUR Members –

It is an honor to serve as SBUR Treasurer and I am happy to provide a quick report on our Society's financial status.

SBUR finished 2012 with overall Net Assets of \$273,291. Due mostly to positive investment returns, we added \$20,720 to Net Assets for the 12-month period.

As of June 30, 2013, the Combined Statement of Financial Position reflects Total Assets of \$323,849, with Net Assets (Equity) of \$307,205. The Statement of Activities for the year shows total revenue of \$58,233 and total expenses \$38,423 resulting in an operating surplus of \$19,810. Total investment income and gain on investments of \$14,104 results in an increase in Net Assets of \$33,914. Revenues and Expenses for SBUR's fall meeting will be fully reflected in November when the meeting occurs.

As Mr. Shifflet mentions in this newsletter, we are working diligently on tightening up our protocols for our investments. We will be discussing this in detail at the November meeting of the Executive Committee and expect to maintain a Moderately Conservative investment portfolio.

A majority of the SBUR's revenue and expense activity is associated with our fall symposium and membership dues. We have budgeted this meeting to have a positive return and are also working with Dr. Bhowmick (Program Chair) to expand some of the food and beverage and other programming functions to make the meeting enjoyable as well as highly educational for all attendees.

I look forward to being able to report on another positive financial year for SBUR and appreciate the opportunity to serve my colleagues in this way. Thank you for your continued support for the SBUR.

Secretary's Report - Rosalyn Adam, PhD



As we move into the autumn season for 2013, we have enjoyed six fruitful months of new management by the AUA. As the new Secretary, I have enjoyed meeting and interacting with Mr. Drew Shifflet, the Executive Administrator for SBUR and his colleagues Kristin Pichon and Liz Asplin. Together they have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition, and our interactions have been highly collaborative thus far, which bodes well for the ongoing and future health of the society. As a society we enjoyed a highly successful Spring meeting in San Diego, although some of us were surprised at the so-called 'May gray' that afflicts Southern California in the Spring! We are looking forward to a wonderful Fall Symposium in Nashville and encourage everyone to submit abstracts and register for the meeting.

Executive Director's Report - Drew Shifflet, CAE



As you know, the latter part of 2012 and early months of 2013 marked a transition of SBUR management services to the American Urological Association. SBUR has contracted with AUA for an initial two-year period through December 2014. I have been at the AUA for 16 years and am excited about working closely with SBUR leadership and members. From the AUA's perspective, the Executive Committee has discussed the importance of operating more closely with and helping to support all organizations within urology's big tent, to find commonalities in the parallel missions of strengthening education and research. Management Services is one way to build closer relationships. During this process, the SBUR leadership has been given a clear understanding of the role AUA plays, and both parties have emphasized SBUR's autonomy. One favorite aspect of my job is being able to connect members with programs, events, departments, committees and networks within the urology community inside and outside the AUA, so I welcome your calls and inquiries.

Financial Reporting

As of January, the Finance team has begun preparing SBUR's Financial Statements according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and now presents them on an accrual basis. The SBUR Executive Committee is able to review a reformatted Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities and Cash Flows, schedules based on spring and fall meetings, and historical comparisons.

Investments

Several years ago, the SBUR established its investment portfolio with Charles Schwab. The Treasurer and Finance Committee are establishing a new investment policy that codifies SBUR's current portfolio allocation, performance benchmarks, parameters for triggering rebalancing, decision making authorities and clearer expectations of the investment advisor.

Membership

The membership records that management staff inherited at the end of 2012 were compared to existing AUA [database records](#), and where necessary new records were created. We continue to clean up membership data and make it seamless for members to maintain their contact information via a single website link. We appreciate your patience and encourage you to please call the office if there are questions about your membership ID numbers, email preferences, etc. Please keep your member record and contact information up-to-date by visiting [viewing the member roster at www.sbur.org](#). To make corrections to your contact information, send an email to info@sbur.org.

Survey

If you have not yet seen or participated, please inquire about the SBUR [membership satisfaction and programming survey](#). The SBUR leaders are keen to establish a better demographic breakdown of members, and at the same time learn about your patterns and preferences for attending SBUR meetings, the quality of educational programming and how you view opportunities for SBUR's travel grants and networking opportunities.

Fundraising

The Industry Relations team is working hard on securing CME grants, exhibit sales and soliciting industry-sponsored programs. By utilizing AUA's expertise, the SBUR leadership will be given assessment and reporting of industry trends and regulations, and fundraising will be strengthened.

Please contact the SBUR office if you have any questions or ideas to share about your SBUR membership.

Meeting Reports

Basic Science Symposium 115

"Inflammation and Fibrosis – Underlying Factors in Benign Urological Disorders"

May 3, 2013

San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

The 2013 Basic Science Symposium was a joint event organized by the SBUR, the AUA Foundation and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney diseases (NIDDK) that focused on the role of key components of the innate and adaptive immune responses and how they contribute to the pathogenesis of fibrosis, particularly in the context of lower urinary tract dysfunction. Attendance at the meeting was excellent, with 115 attendees treated to a number of wonderful talks and lively discussion around a timely and stimulating topic. The Program Committee comprised the SBUR Vice-President, Dr. Jill Macoska from the University of Massachusetts - Boston, Dr. Deborah Hoshizaki from the NIH/NIDDK, and Dr. Leo Giambaresi, AUA Director of Research. Speakers included Dr. Thomas Wynn from the NIH, Dr. Augustine Choi from Harvard Medical School, Dr. Lloyd Cantley from Yale University, and Dr. Jeremy Duffield from the University of Washington in Seattle.

SBUR Spring 2013 Meeting at the AUA

"Targets and Therapies"

May 4, 2013

Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA

The Spring Meeting morning session, held in conjunction with the Society for Urologic Oncology at the AUA Annual Meeting in San Diego was entitled "Targets and Therapies". As always, the turnout for the morning session was robust with **181** SBUR and SUO members in attendance. Presentations in Session 1, moderated by **Dr. Edward Messing, MD**, emphasized immunologic strategies for targeting urologic malignancies and included excellent talks from **Douglas McNeel, MD, PhD**, **Padmanee Sharma, MD, PhD** and **John Isaacs, PhD**. Talks in Session 2, moderated by **Dr. Marianne Sadar, PhD** focused on identification of key cancer targets and implementation of treatments against them and were presented by **Peter Nelson, MD**, **Myles Brown, MD** and **Orla Conneely, PhD**. The morning session was completed in outstanding fashion with the Donald S. Coffey lectureship given by **Dr. Ronald DePinho, MD**, President of MD Anderson Cancer Center, who spoke on 'Understanding and Managing Early Stage Prostate Cancers'.

In the afternoon, SBUR attendees were treated to two breakout sessions. Session I moderated by **Wade Bushman, MD, PhD** explored 'Targets and Therapies for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia and featured presentations by **Chad Vezina, PhD**, **Chawnshang Chang, PhD**, **Wade Bushman, MD, PhD** and **Kevin McVary, MD**. Session II entitled 'Targets and Therapies for Advanced Prostate Cancer' was moderated by **Dr. Stephen Plymate** with talks presented by Dr. Plymate, **Paramita Ghosh, PhD**, **Marc Cox, PhD** and **Ganesh Raj, MD, PhD**. Both breakout sessions enjoyed excellent attendance and provided a forum for stimulating discussions in their respective subject areas.

AUA Research Forum - Showcasing Early Career Investigators

Sunday, May 5, 2013
San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

As one of the highlights of the research activities at the AUA Annual Meeting, the AUA Research Forum, chaired by **Dr. Johannes Vieweg, MD**, showcased outstanding research from nine early career investigators. Both MD and PhD scientists presented data spanning urologic disease, highlighting state-of-the-art technology and innovative approaches as applied to both benign and malignant disease. In addition to poster presentations, each presenter gave a short summary of the key findings from their research and engaged in lively discussions with audience members. Participants were judged by a panel of distinguished experts and **Dr. Viraj Master, MD, PhD** received top prize for his presentation entitled 'Video-Based Educational Tool Improves Patient Comprehension of Common Prostate Health Terminology'.

Minutes from the Spring 2013 Business Meeting

The SBUR 2013 Spring Business Meeting was held on Saturday, May 4th, 2013 at 12.00 pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego. The incoming SBUR President Marianne Sadar called the meeting to order. The outgoing president Vinata Lokeshwar contributed her parting thoughts and thanked the Society for their support during the past year. In Dr. Robert Sikes' absence, Mr. Drew Shifflet provided the Treasurer's report and made a brief statement on the overall financial health of the society, which was deemed positive. The SBUR President Dr. Sadar welcomed newly appointed board members, including Jill Macoska (Vice-President,) Rosalyn Adam (Secretary), Allen Gao (Treasurer) and Members-at-Large, Aria Olumi and Hari Koul. Dr. Sadar also announced 6 requests for new memberships for which the Society membership granted approval. SBUR members were reminded to register for the 2013 SBUR Fall Symposium and Dr. Sadar adjourned the meeting at 1.25 pm.

Awards and Honors

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

At the Spring 2013 meeting (AUA Annual Meeting, San Diego) the SBUR presented its Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. William Catalona**, for his dedication and contributions to the field of Basic Urologic Research. Previous SBUR Service Awards were given to Dr. Richard Williams, Dr. Anthony Schaeffer, Dr. Fray Marshall and Dr. James Mohler.



Dr. Nancy Weigel, PhD received the 8th annual Women in Urology Award, a joint award from the Society for Women in Urology and the SBUR. SWIU and SBUR have a common interest in recognizing female scientists with an accomplished background of basic science urological research. The award represents the collaborative efforts of these two societies toward their common goals.



Membership News - *Make connections! Talk with Experts! Advance your career!*

It's not too late to pay your 2013 membership dues. Don't miss out on renewing these exciting benefits:

- Eligibility for grants and Awards
- Discounted meeting registration for the Fall meeting
- FREE online access to the SBUR Membership Directory
- Access to program content development - your input is welcome!
- Collaboration and interchange of expertise among clinical and basic scientists

To pay your dues, go to www.SBUR.org or call the SBUR Office at 410-689-3950.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce a new **membership survey** that will be hitting your inbox in the coming weeks. Your participation in the survey is critical to help evaluate SBUR's member benefits and programs, as well as our opportunity to collect important demographics about the Society's membership. Your time and opinions are greatly valued and appreciated in this effort. Be on the lookout for this survey, and take the time to let us know what you think.



2013 SBUR Fall Symposium and 10th World Congress on Urological Research

"Urologic Disease Heterogeneity – Requiring a Multidisciplinary Research Approach"

November 21- 24, 2013

[Register Now](#)

Omni Nashville Hotel
Nashville, TN

The theme of this year's Fall Symposium is the heterogeneity of urologic disease and how this presents a need for multidisciplinary approaches to investigation and ultimate therapeutic intervention. Dr. Neil Bhowmick and the organizing committee have put together a superb program that will present cutting edge findings from across the spectrum of urologic disease research. The meeting will feature 36 speakers whose interests span disciplines as diverse as systems biology, circulating tumor cells, pelvic pain, multispectral imaging and drug delivery, to name a few. The Leland W. K. Chung lecture will be delivered by Dr. Lynn Hlatky from Tufts University in Medford and will focus on systems biology. Dr. Darius Bagli from the Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto will present the AUA Lecture on disease heterogeneity in pediatric urology. Plenary sessions will include I) Host and disease, turning the tables; II) Re-thinking our basic and clinical understanding of urogenital diseases; III) Translating technology; IV) Stem cells are part of the urologic tissue heterogeneity and therapeutic solutions; V) Trying to put it all together, what makes therapeutic intervention elusive? As always, we will have two poster sessions to stimulate discussion, networking and collaborations and will select 5 abstracts for podium presentations from among the travel award winners. Lastly, in recognition of the international nature of the congress, we will feature 3 plenary talks from our colleagues overseas.

Deborah Hoshizaki, program officer at NIDDK, will be joining us for this year's meeting in Nashville. Deborah will be available to attendees throughout the meeting to discuss NIDDK priorities and how the work of individual projects can be tailored to have the best chance of funding. Don't miss this great opportunity to get valuable insight.

View the Final Program [here](#).

Early Bird deadline for registration is October 16. [Register now](#) and Save!

Book your room at the [Omni Nashville Hotel](#) by October 31.

Items of Interest

Funding Announcement: Developmental Centers for Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

The National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) is pleased to announce the release of a new funding announcement titled "Developmental Centers for Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology (P20)". The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to seek applications for the Developmental Centers for Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology Program (P20).

The intent of this Program is to build research teams composed of individuals with complementary expertise who propose to develop innovative resources or new research projects that utilize integrative approaches addressing research questions relevant to benign urological diseases. Each Developmental Center is centered on a single Project and must contain an Administrative Core and an Educational Enrichment Program. As part of the larger efforts in the Division of Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic Diseases (DKUH) to expand and enhance the urology research community, the Developmental Centers Program will work in partnership with the George M. O'Brien Urology Cooperative Research Centers Program (U54) and the Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research (KURe) Career Development Program.

The application due date is November 18, 2013. Please be advised that, although not required, a letter of intent is strongly encouraged to be received by KUH by October 18, 2013. The RFA is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-13-019.html>.

Early Career Investigators Workshop

The AUA Office of Research is now [accepting nominations](#) for young investigators to attend the first AUA Early Career Investigators Workshop of 2014. The workshop, a "Urology Research Toolbox for Success," will be held January 10-12, 2014, at the AUA Headquarters in Linthicum, Maryland. The goal of this workshop is to motivate and support young scientists and urologists by providing an outstanding mentoring/career development/scientific program presented by leaders in the field. The meeting agenda is designed to provide information necessary to foster career success and to provide attendees with a solid foundation for successful grant writing. A maximum of 20 attendees will be selected to attend this meeting. Nominations must be received no later than October 24, 2013. [Learn more!](#)

2013 - 2014 Executive Committee

There was a robust response to the elections held earlier in 2013 to fill positions on the SBUR Executive Committee. Dr. Marianne Sadar thanked Dr. Vinata Lokeshwar, the outgoing President and Dr. Jill Macoska, the outgoing Secretary for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Society. Dr. Sadar also welcomed the President-elect, Dr. Macoska and other members of the Executive Committee. The current make-up of the committee is as follows:

Dr. Marianne Sadar	President
Dr. Jill Macoska	Vice President
Dr. Vinata Lokeshwar	Past President
Dr. Rosalyn Adam	Secretary
Dr. Allen Gao	Treasurer
Dr. Neil Bhowmick	Member-at-Large
Dr. Aria Olumi	Member-at-Large
Dr. Hari Koul	Member-at-Large
Dr. Timothy Ratliff	Founding President of SBUR
Dr. Zoran Culig	Ad hoc Member – ESUR

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