2016 Early Career Investigators Workshop Now Accepting Nominations

The AUA is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Early Career Investigators Workshop (ECIW), to be held on September 13-15, 2016 at AUA Headquarters in Linthicum, MD. The ECIW is designed to foster career development in urologic research by providing participants with a solid foundation for successful grant writing. ECIW activities include small group and individual grant review sessions with senior scientific advisors, presentations on career development and work-life balance, and mock study sessions. A maximum of 30 nominees will be selected to participate in the workshop. Nominations must be submitted by Thursday, March 31, 2016. Contact: research@auanet.org.

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2016 AUA/SBUR Summer Research Conference: Registration Open

The 2016 American Urological Association (AUA)/Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR) Summer Research Conference will be held on July 16-17, 2016 at the AUA Headquarters in Linthicum, MD. The topic for this year is "Targeting Epigenetics and Genome Regulation to Improve Urologic Health." The purpose of this conference is to bring together 1) leaders in the field of epigenetics and genome regulation and, 2) investigators inside and outside of urology to increase understanding of epigenetic factors in the development and progression of urologic disease and facilitate effective approaches to therapeutically target these factors. Contact: research@auanet.org.

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Research Events at the 2016 AUA Annual Meeting

The 2016 AUA Annual Meeting will be held on May 6–10 in San Diego, California. Entering its 111th year, the AUA Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of urologists and urology researchers in the world, providing unparalleled access to groundbreaking research, new guidelines and the latest advances in urologic medicine. AUA Research events at the Annual Meeting will include the Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, the Basic Sciences Symposium, the Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program, the Funding Opportunities and Grantwriting Guidance for Early-career Investigators, the Early-career Investigators Showcase and the Challenges for Urologic Research Symposium.

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Prostate Cancer Foundation 2016 Young Investigator Awards

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) is pleased to announce a request for applications for Young Investigator Awards. Every PCF Young Investigator is required to be under the direct supervision of a mentor. Applicants should be within six-years following completion of a professional degree or clinical training such as MD, PhD, MD-PhD, DSc, ScD, DDS, DDM, DDS, DMD, MBBS or equivalent and hold the title of postdoctoral fellow, instructor, research associate, assistant professor, or equivalent. Applications are encouraged from early-career basic scientists, medical oncologists, pathologists, urologists, radiologists, radiation oncologists, public health experts, bioinformaticians, bioengineers, or professionals from any other field that could contribute to the end of prostate cancer. The deadline for application submission is Friday, March 11, 2016, 3:00 pm EST. Contact: applications@pcf.org.

Call for 2016 Young Investigator Research Proposals in Bladder Cancer

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) is pleased to announce the availability of two 2016 research awards of $50,000. The Young Investigator Award funds researchers in basic, translational, clinical, epidemiologic, bio-engineering or any other scientific or research field, but who are also working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational bladder cancer research. This one year award hopes to inspire more investigators to join the bladder cancer field, a disease in which more research is desperately needed. The application deadline is March 16, 2016. Contact: mgrants@bcan.org.

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Attending the AACR Annual Meeting?

In an effort to share information on all of the programs, resources and opportunities for research scientists and young investigators, the AUA will be exhibiting at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting on April 16-20, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. If you are attending this event, we invite you to visit the AUA booth to learn about the benefits of AUA membership and how to join other Research Scientist colleagues as members of the AUA. If you are unable to attend this event, visit our website to learn more about Research Scientist membership. We hope to see you in New Orleans!

Duke University Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Research Day

The Duke Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research Career Development Program (KURe) and the Duke Pelvic Medicine Research Consortium (PMRC) proudly present the KURe and PMRC Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Research Day. This event will take place on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Searle Center at Duke University Medical Center. This event will feature oral presentations from external and internal speakers, poster presentations, and research awards. Faculty, fellows, postdocs, students and staff from within and outside of Duke with an interest in any aspect of benign urological diseases are encouraged to submit abstracts and/or attend. The abstract deadline is April 1, 2016. Contact: Dr. Cindy Amundsen.
2nd Annual University of Wisconsin-Madison O'Brien Research Center of Excellence Spring Symposium: Save the Date!

The University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Massachusetts-Boston O'Brien Research Center of Excellence Spring Symposium will be held on April 4–5, 2016 at the UW-Madison Fluno Center. The symposium provides a unique research and educational experience for those involved in basic, translational, and clinical urologic sciences. This year's theme is potential roles of environmental toxicants in urologic disease and abnormalities. As world leaders in urologic research and toxicology, UW-Madison and Umass-Boston are proud to have attracted the most highly respected speakers to participate in the symposium every year. The program is designed to address overarching goals in urologic sciences and toxicology, networking for all participants, and highlight successful multidisciplinary research teams in the area of urology and toxicology. Contact: Shana Peterson.

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Simulation Research in Gastrointestinal and Urologic Care: Challenges and Opportunities Workshop

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) are jointly sponsoring a one-day workshop to be held on Friday, June 10, 2016, on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

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The 11th National Symposium on Prostate Cancer: Save the Date!

The 11th National Symposium on Prostate Cancer, hosted by Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, will be held on September 26–28, 2016. The deadline for abstract submissions is June 15, 2016.

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Johns Hopkins Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute – Supporting Urologic Research

The Johns Hopkins Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute (JHGBCI) was established in 2014 and is dedicated to advancing the scientific understanding of bladder cancer and improving its treatment. The center emphasizes collaborative research both within and outside of Johns Hopkins, and international collaborations as well. To this end, JHGBCI recently announced the winners of their Second Annual JHGBCI Grant Awards, many of which supported AUA members and urologic researchers. JHGBCI also recently appointed its first director. Following the service of an interim director, AUA partner and distinguished urologic researcher Dr. David J. McConkey was appointed the first director of the JHGBCI.

AHRQ Management of Renal Masses and Localized Renal Cancer

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHQR) recently released a research review report on Management of Renal Masses and Localized Renal Cancer.

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**2016 Prostate Cancer Foundation Challenge Awards for Prostate Cancer Research**

The Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) is pleased to announce a Request for Applications for PCF Challenge Awards for investigations of metastatic, lethal prostate cancer. These awards will be funded depending on the level of innovation in applications received. High risk, currently unfunded projects are most desired. The application deadline is **April 29, 2016** at 3:00pm EDT. Contact: applications@pcf.org.

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**SPARC: Pre-clinical Development of Existing Market-approved Devices to Support New Market Indications (U18)**

The NIH Common Fund Program on Stimulating Peripheral Activity to Relieve Conditions (SPARC) has released a new funding opportunity announcement (FOA). This is the first FOA released under the Use of Existing Market-Approved Technology for New Market Indications research component of SPARC. It solicits proposals for pre-clinical testing of existing neuromodulation devices, from SPARC's industry partners, in support of new market indications. These pre-clinical studies are expected to generate the necessary safety and efficacy evidence to enable an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) submission for a future pilot clinical study. The application deadline is **May 2, 2016**. Contact: Dr. Danilo A. Tagle.

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**Spermatogenic Stem Cell Culture Systems to Preserve and Restore Reproductive Capacity in Males (R01)**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications from the scientific community to support outstanding research in the area of spermatogenic stem cell (SSC) biology. The overarching goal is to increase the chances that couples may have biological offspring without using conventional assisted reproductive modalities (i.e., IVF, ICSI). A focal point of the initiative is on the development of new techniques to culture and expand these cells over an extended period of time. Another area of study includes methods to eliminate malignant cells from SSC cultures following chemotherapy/radiation treatment. Also, spermatogenic stem cells from human adults could have a major impact on drug development and toxicity testing as animal-based systems do not sufficiently mirror the situation in humans. The application deadline is **June 5, 2016**. Contact: Stuart B. Moss.

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