



## American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics Membership & Web Announcements

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### ASPET ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Science Policy News

##### [Press Release: ASPET Congratulates 2012 Nobel Prize Winners Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., and Brian K. Kobilka, M.D.](#)



Robert Lefkowitz



Brian Kobilka

ASPET members Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka have won the 2012 Nobel Prize in chemistry. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the two researchers for their groundbreaking discoveries on an important family of receptors, known as G-protein-coupled receptors. Because so many

medications act on these receptors, this research will help scientists to develop better drugs...

##### ['Dear Colleague' Letter Regarding the Uniform Percentage Reduction Prescribed by the Budget Control Act](#)

Representative Norm Dicks (D-MA), the ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee has circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter summarizing the impact of sequestration on defense, education, homeland security, public safety, health, science, innovation, and safety-net programs. The letter urges Congress to replace sequestration with a "balanced approach to long-term deficit reduction that focuses on economic growth and job creation, and does no harm to our economic recovery in the short-run."

##### [ASPET Opposes Policy Provisions Affecting NIH Research](#)

ASPET co-signed with 200 other organizations a letter to the leadership of the House Labor, Health & Human Services, & HHS-Education Subcommittee to express concern and opposition to insufficient funds for the NIH and legislative language prohibiting economic or patient-centered outcomes research. The letter urges the committee to "reconsider the implications of this language and remove it from the final funding package."...

##### [President's S&T Council of Advisors Report Suggests Doubling the Output of New Medicines in Next 10-15 Years](#)

The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) has issued a report on challenges translating scientific advances into practical solutions, "Propelling Innovation in Drug Discovery, Development, and Evaluation." According to the report, the United States should set a goal of doubling the output of innovative new medicines that meet critical public health needs over

#### Membership News

##### [ASPET Member Get-A-Member Program](#)



Do you know someone who is not a member? Help ASPET stay strong by recruiting new members. Participate in the 2012 ASPET Member-Get-A-Member program, get a free ASPET T-shirt, and be entered into a raffle. You could win big prizes, including an iPad!

##### [2013 Membership Dues](#)

Pay your 2013 membership dues by December 31, 2012. Log into the [members-only portion](#) of the ASPET website to view your invoice and pay your dues. If you have forgotten your login name and/or password, please contact [membership@aspet.org](mailto:membership@aspet.org). Your 2013 Dues Notice was emailed to you in early September. Paper invoices will be mailed to you next week.

#### ASPET Journals News

##### [Seeking Candidates for Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor for New ASPET/BPS/Wiley Open Access Journal](#)

ASPET, the British Pharmacological Society (BPS), and Wiley-Blackwell are developing a new open access journal that will be jointly owned and managed by the three organizations. The new journal, named Pharmacology Research & Perspectives, will have an Editor-

the next 10 to 15 years, while continuing to increase drug safety...

### **[FDA Commissions Review to Examine Potential Budget Cuts](#)**

The FDA has asked a subcommittee of its advisory panel to update a report to help the agency allocate its resources as it plans for the potential sequestration, across-the-board budget cuts. In 2007, the FDA's Science Board Subcommittee on Science and Technology released a report, "FDA Science and Mission at Risk," which found that chronic underfunding of the agency severely comprised FDA's ability to carry out its public health mission...

### **[ASPET Capitol Hill Visits and Advocacy Outreach Program](#)**

To further enhance ASPET member advocacy, ASPET is encouraging its membership visiting Washington, DC/Bethesda for NIH or other business to make Capitol Hill visits to your Congressional delegation. To help facilitate this, ASPET will assume the costs of an extra night hotel stay following the conclusion of your official business...

## **ASPET Annual Meeting at EB 2013 News**

*Saturday, April 20 - Wednesday, April 24  
Boston, MA*

### **[View the Preliminary Program for the ASPET Annual Meeting](#)**

Take a look at the lectures and sessions that will be offered at the ASPET Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2013. EB 2013 will be held Saturday, April 20 - Wednesday, April 24 in Boston, MA. More details will be available soon.

### **[Preliminary Schedule for the Fourth GPCR Colloquium](#)**

The 4th GPCR Colloquium will take place in Boston, MA from Wednesday, April 24 - Thursday, April 25. Information on the program, abstract submission, and a link to register can be found here: <http://www.aspet.org/Meetings/GPCR2013/>.

### *Awards Information*

### **[Nominations Deadline for Benedict R. Lucchesi Distinguished Lectureship in Cardiac Pharmacology is December 1](#)**

Nominations for this Award must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST) on December 1, 2012 for an award to be presented at the ASPET Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2013 in Boston, MA. Click on the above link to find out more information about the award.

### **Application Forms for Best Abstract and Travel Awards are Available Online**

Any student or postdoctoral fellow that has submitted an abstract in an ASPET topic category for the Annual Meeting at EB 2013 in Boston is encouraged to apply. Applicants must be ASPET members in good standing in order to apply for these awards, so if you are not already a member, apply [NOW!](#)

**The following Abstract Awards are being offered:**

\* [Undergraduate Best Abstract Award](#)

in-Chief and a Deputy Editor. The Editor-in-Chief will work closely with the Deputy Editor and an editorial board to ensure the publication of high quality material...

## **ASPET News**

### **[ASPET Debuts a YouTube Channel!](#)**



Check out our [very first video posted](#), "ASPET Donkey Promotes ASPET Annual Meeting at EB 2013." Watch as the ASPET Donkey takes a trip down memory lane, reminiscing about EB 2012 in San Diego and gets excited thinking about the ASPET Annual Meeting at EB 2013 in Boston.

## **Other News**

### **[Register for the October 25, 2012 Mid-Atlantic Pharmacology Society Annual Meeting](#)**

The 2012 MAPS Annual Meeting, *Epigenetic Targets and Novel*

*Therapeutics*, will be held on Thursday, October 25, at GlaxoSmithKline's Upper Providence Site in Collegeville, PA. The meeting program and abstract submission forms are available [here](#).

- \* [Graduate Student Best Abstract](#)
- \* [Postdoctoral Scientist Award](#)
- \* [Young Investigator Award](#)

Applications for the four aforementioned awards must be completed by November 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. (EST) by electronic Web submission.

**The following Travel Awards are being offered:**

- \* [Minority Graduate Student Travel Awards](#)
- \* [Young Scientist Travel Awards](#)
- \* [Minority Young Scientist Travel Awards](#)
- \* [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow Travel Awards](#)
- \* [Graduate Student Travel Awards](#)

Applications for all travel awards mentioned above must be completed by December 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. (EST) by electronic Web submission.

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