

Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology 2022 Leadership Retreat Highlights

The Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology (ACDP) held its annual Leadership Retreat at Isla Bella Resort in Marathon Key, FL, on December 1-4, 2022. This year's meeting saw a large number of new and interim chairs and longer serving chairs who had not attended the meeting before along with many long-time attendees.



President Christopher Hardin, Ph.D. (Univ. of Missouri, Columbia) developed a program focused on Building and Maintaining a Positive Culture in a Continuous Storm.



The 15th annual Arthur C. Guyton Lectureship was given by Bina Joe, Ph.D. (Distinguished University Professor, Chairwoman of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Frederick-Hiss Endowed Professor, and Founding Director of the Center for Hypertension and Precision Medicine, Univ. of Toledo, Coll. of Med. and Life Sciences) and was entitled "Joe's Odyssey: Physiology Research, Executive Leadership and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The 2022 ACDP Distinguished Service Award was presented to Patricia E. Molina, M.D., Ph.D. (Richard Ashman, Ph.D. Professor and Head Department of Physiology, Director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence (ADACE), Louisiana State Univ. Health Sciences Center New Orleans) who gave a talk highlighting her career path as a physiologist and those mentors who were so influential along the way (see accompanying article).

Research talks this year were given by several new chairs in the TED talk format, allowing attendees the opportunity to learn more about the new members.

In addition, Robert Balaban, Ph.D., (NHLBI, NIH) gave a well-received and talk on “The Metabolic Design of Striated Muscle.”



Jacqueline Limberg, Ph.D. (Univ. of Missouri), a pre-tenured faculty member talked on “Building Culture – A Junior Faculty Perspective,” which outlined ways chairs were supporting their faculty and ways in which they could improve. She interviewed many junior faculty (pre-tenured and recently tenured) to present a wide variety of opinions and experiences.

Anne Robertson, Ph.D. (Univ. of Pittsburgh) gave a talk “Leveraging Your Village to Mentor Junior Faculty to Success” highlighting a mentoring program she developed. She then initiated an interactive “Mentoring Roundtable” that focused on questions raised by the attendees. That was followed by a session on “Chair Advocacy – Tools to Promote a Positive Culture” which featured a panel presentation and discussion by Toni Pak, Ph.D. (Loyola Univ. Stritch Sch. of Med.), Kerry McDonald, Ph.D. (Univ. of Missouri-Columbia Sch. of Med.), and Gaylen Edwards D.V.M., Ph.D. (Univ. of Georgia Coll. of Vet. Med.) who discussed the challenges they face as chairs.



Officer elections were held with the following results: Toni R. Pak, Ph.D. (Loyola Univ. Stritch Sch. of Med.) was elected President-elect. Rachele H. Crosbie, Ph.D. (Univ. of California, Los Angeles), and Larry J. Suva, Ph.D. (Texas A&M Univ. Coll. of Vet. Med.) were elected to three-year terms as Councilors and James P. Herman, Ph.D. (Univ. of Cincinnati Coll. of Med.) was elected to a 1-year term as Councilor to finish out the term of a Councilor who resigned after accepting another position. Nicholas A. Delamere, Ph.D. (Univ. of Arizona) was re-elected to another 3-year term as CFAS Representative.

Dale Buck Hales, Ph.D. (Southern Illinois Univ. Sch. of Med.) was thanked for his service as Past President. C. Lee Cox, Ph.D. (Michigan State Univ.), Merry L. Lindsey, Ph.D. (formerly of Univ. of Nebraska Med. Ctr.) and Toni R. Pak, Ph.D. (Loyola Univ. Stritch Sch. of Med.) were thanked for their service as Councilors.



The meeting was turned over to the new President Kebreten Manaye, M.D. (Howard Univ. Sch. of Med.) who encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for the 2023 ACDP Leadership Retreat to be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 30-December 3, 2023. As details are available, they will be added to the 2023 meeting web page at acdponline.org/Home/Meetings.

Royal Sonesta Hotel



The Leadership Retreat is open to chairs of departments of physiology or related areas, graduate directors in physiology or related areas, medical/osteopathic/veterinary physiology course directors and undergraduate program directors. The meeting will build upon this year's topics and will continue to focus on leadership issues and other areas of broad interest to those audiences.

Molina Honored at 2022 ACDP Leadership Retreat

The highest award given by the Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology (ACDP), the Distinguished Service Award, was awarded to Patricia E. Molina, M.D., Ph.D., Richard Ashman, Ph.D. Professor and Head Department of Physiology and Director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence (ADACE), Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans. Christopher Hardin, Ph.D. (University of Missouri, Columbia), President of ACDP, presented the award during the organization's 2022 Leadership Retreat at Isla Bella Resort, Marathon Key, FL, on December 1-4, 2022. Molina gave a talk entitled "Unchoreographed Evolution of a Research Trajectory; An Amalgam of Experiences" and discussed her career trajectory and her many influential mentors and their advice over the length of her career.



President Christopher Hardin presents Patricia E. Molina with the 2022 ACDP Distinguished Service Award.

Molina is a tenured professor at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) New Orleans. Molina completed her medical training at the Universidad Francisco Marroquin in Guatemala, Central America and her doctorate in physiology at LSUHSC. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt University, she was recruited to be an assistant professor of surgery and physiology at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. Subsequently she became the Director of Surgical Research at North Shore University Hospital, while holding a guest appointment at Brookhaven National Laboratory. She then joined the department of physiology at LSUHSC as an associate professor where she obtained tenured and promotion to the rank of professor prior to being appointed as Chair of Physiology and Director for the ADACE in 2008.

Her research focuses on the biomedical consequences of unhealthy alcohol use, particularly as they impact HIV disease pathogenesis. As Principal Investigator of the P60 Comprehensive Alcohol Research Center on HIV, she leads a multidisciplinary team of investigators that uses a bidirectional translational approach that integrates clinical and non-human primates in examining the impact of alcohol, environmental factors, and behaviors on risk of comorbid conditions that accelerate the frailty syndrome in persons living with HIV. Molina is the Director of the ADACE at LSUHSC, and currently serves as the Co-chair for the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.

Molina has been an actively engaged member of APS and ACDP. She has been a member of the Endocrine and Metabolism Section steering committee, Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Physiology: Endocrine and Metabolism*, member and Chairs of the Porter Committee and the International Committee, and Treasurer for the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS). She was recognized for her mentoring of underrepresented individuals in biomedical science with the A. Clifford Barger Underrepresented Minority Mentorship Award. Molina was the first Hispanic female and the 88th President to the American Physiological Society. She served as Councilor and later as President for ACDP and currently is an ACDP CFAS representative. Molina more recently served as President of the Research Society on Alcoholism from 2020-2021 and will be recognized with the 2023 Solomon A. Berson Distinguished Lectureship of the APS Endocrinology and Metabolism Section.