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Twenty-Four Early-Career Scientists Complete 2010 ASM Kadner Institute

Washington, DC (July 27, 2010) — The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) congratulates the 17 graduate students and seven postdoctoral scientists who successfully completed the 2010 ASM Kadner Institute for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scientists in Preparation for Careers in Microbiology, which was held July 24-28 at Michigan State University.

The Institute, developed in 2000 by the ASM Education Board Committee on Graduate and Postdoctoral Education, provides a “closely guided experience for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists in key topics important for choosing and succeeding in a microbiology career” says Shelley M. Payne, Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at the University of Texas at Austin and the Committee Chair.

At the four-and-a-half-day Institute, participants network, explore career options, and enhance their skills in grant writing, scientific presentations, communication, and ethics. The experience is intense and hands on; beforehand, each participant prepares a 10-page preliminary grant proposal, a 10- to 12-minute scientific presentation, and a curriculum vitae for evaluation by Institute faculty and peers. Career sessions spotlight a range of opportunities in the microbiological sciences, including teaching, conducting applied research in industry, and serving in public health or patent law. Participants of the 2010 Institute were as follows:

Senior-Level Graduate Students

- Felicia Barriga, Yale University
- Caitlin A. Brennan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Dacie R. Bridge, West Virginia University
- Heather A. Carleton, Yale University
- Huei-Mei Chen, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- Elizabeth M. Grasso, The Ohio State University
- Mohammad J. Hossain, Auburn University
- **Nastassia N. Jones, Southern Illinois University**
- Erica N. Jones-Foster, Howard University
- Erica N. Kintz, University of Virginia
- Rhea May, University of Colorado
- Stephanie R. Petzing, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
- Alecia N. Septer, University of Georgia

- Beza Seyoum, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University
- Sargurunathan SubashChandraBose, Michigan State University
- Vanessa A. Varaljay, University of Georgia
- Donna R. Weinbrenner, Clemson University

Postdoctoral Scientists

- Juliana R. Bordowitz, University of California, San Diego
- Nicholas C. Butzin, University of Connecticut
- Christina S. Faherty, University of Maryland
- Maria Hadjifrangiskou, Washington University in St. Louis
- Uri Mbonye, Case Western Reserve University
- Amanda K. Petrus, University of Connecticut
- Xuan Yi, University of Connecticut Health Center

The Kadner Institute is managed by ASM and sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. The 2011 Institute will be held from July 23 to 27 at Michigan State University, and the application deadline is May 15. For details, please visit www.asmgap.org or contact Ronica Rodela at rrodela@asmusa.org or (202) 942-9228.

ASM is the world's largest scientific society of individuals interested in the microbiological sciences. The mission of the American Society for Microbiology is to advance the microbiological sciences as a vehicle for understanding life processes and to apply and communicate this knowledge for the improvement of health and environmental and economic well-being worldwide.

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