This issue of THE BIOLOGICAL PHYSICIST brings you all the information you need to make the most of the APS March Meeting. There’s a list of DBP-sponsored sessions on page 2, followed by announcements for the DBP Business Meeting, Student Travel Grant Awardees, and top contenders in the Image Competition. Plus, PRE and PRL Highlights, job ads, and a conference announcement. Enjoy, and see you in Pittsburgh!

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DBP Members have all surely been combing the online Epitome to make up their schedules for next week. But suppose you’ve missed something? Here’s a list of all the DBP-sponsored sessions this year. The list is online, with links to all speakers and abstracts, at http://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/MAR09/sessionindex2?SponsorID=DBP.

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A7. Systems Biology of Natural and Synthetic Circuits
A39. Cellular Biomechanics I
A40. Proteins: Structure and Functions I

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B7. Bacterial Growth Laws and Systems Biology
B39. Cellular Biomechanics II
B40. Proteins: Structure and Function II

Session D
D39. Focus Session: Noise and Fluctuations in Biochemical Networks
D40. Nucleic Acids: Packaging, Ejection and Translocation

Session H
H3. New Frontiers in Biomolecular Physics
H7. Cellular Imaging at the Nanometer Scale
H39. Lipid Bilayers: Structure and Function I
H40. Biological Physics I

Session J
J7. Complex Cellular Biological Networks
J39. Lipid Bilayers: Structure and Function II
J40. Biological Physics II

Session L
L9. Focus Session: Systems Far from Equilibrium II
L39. Focus Session: Theories and Simulations for Biomolecular Dynamics in Cell-like Environments
L40. Nucleic Acids: Structure, Function and Dynamics

Session P
P39. Self-Organization in Biological Cells and Tissues I
P40. Theoretical and Computational Biophysics

Session Q
Q7. Physics of the Immune System
Q39. Physical Mechanisms of Membrane Remodeling
Q40. Neural Computation

Session T
T5. Industrial Biophysics
T39. Focus Session: Physical Virology
T40. Focus Session: Knots and Loops in Biomolecules

Session V
V1. Noise in Biological Systems
V8. The Physics of Imaging and Radiotherapy
V18. Focus Session: Physics of Green Polymers and Biocompatibility
V39. Biological Networks and Systems Biology

Session W
W3. Physics of Circulating Tumor Cells and Metastasis
W7. Information Theory in Biology
W39. Quantitative Biology
W40. Single Molecule Biophysics

Session X
X7. DNA Loop Formation, Nucleosome Positioning and Transcriptional Regulation
X39. Focus Session: Crystal Growth of and Moderated by Proteins
X40. Proteins in Membranes

Session Y
Y5. Self-Organization in Biological Cells and Tissues II
Y39. Techniques in Biophysics
Y40. Physiological and Medical Physics

Session Z
Z3. Non-viral Based Gene Delivery Systems: Opportunities, Obstacles and Challenges
Z4. Biological Polyelectrolytes
Z7. Nanoprobes of Molecules and Cells
Z8. Statistical Physics in Biology
SPECIAL DBP MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Annual Business Meeting, Division of Biological Physics, APS
Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 5:45-6:45 pm,
Pittsburgh Convention Center, Room 412.
Light refreshments provided. Attendees sign in.
Meeting Chair: James Glazier, DBP Chair

AGENDA

1. Welcoming remarks.

2. Awards:
Announcement of winners of the 2009 Shirley Chan Student Travel Grants.
Announcement of winners of the 2009 Image Gallery Competition, presentation of
prize(s) and certificate(s).

3. Reports by Tom Nordlund, Secretary-Treasurer:
(a) Financial reports for 2008 vs. 2007.
(b) Support for speakers in 2009.
(c) Report on DBP membership, profile and growth.

4. Highlights & Initiatives in the year 2008-2009
Opportunities Workshop in BP (continuing): Funded by Agouron Foundation.
Recruitment Drive: “free” 1st-year DBP membership for newcomers (F. Salsbury).
Announcement of new DBP Thesis Award program.
Announcement of Newsletter Editor and Request for Contributions/Suggestions (Bahar).
Announcement of new Fellowship Committee, Discussion of Fellowship nomination
procedure.

5. Presentation of 2008 APS Fellows sponsored by the DBP, with certificates and pins.
(Glazier):
Rafael Bruscheiler, Hans Othmer, Gabor Forgacs, Sunney Xie, Terence Hwa, Joseph
A. Zasadzinski, and Vijay Pande

6. Report from the 2009 Executive Committee Meeting (Nordlund, Glazier).

7. Open discussion from DBP members on non-scientific business issues:
Request for suggestions for additional services to members by DBP.

8. Election results: Vice-Chair, Councillor, Members-at-Large.

9. Introduction of the DBP Chair for 2009-10: Stephen Quake

Adjourn.
Congratulations to the
Winners of the 2009 Shirley Chan
Student Travel Grants

Edward Banigan, University of Pennsylvania
Eric Botello, Rice University
Yeliz Celik, Ohio University
Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Univ of California, San Diego
Will Guest, Univ. of British Columbia
Yunfen He, SUNY Buffalo
Ziya Kalay, Univ. of New Mexico
Pablo Delfino Perez, Univ. of Florida
Dipak Rimal, Florida International University
Konstantinos Tsekouras, Rice University
Norman Yao, Harvard University

These students are first authors of oral or poster presentations at the 2009 March Meeting of the APS. They will be recognized at the Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 17.

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2009 Image Gallery Competition

View the top five entries at:

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http://ewald.cas.usf.edu/~davidra/dbp.images/jun.zhang.081125/Img1092edit.jpg
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Call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications

The National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS) provides an opportunity for postdoctoral scholarship at the interface between mathematics and biological science at the University of Tennessee. Highest priority will be given to those with explicit plans to develop their ability to effectively carry on research across these fields. We are particularly interested in requests to support research that integrates diverse fields, requires synthesis at multiple scales, and/or makes use of or requires development of new mathematical/computational approaches. NIMBioS Postdoctoral Fellows are chosen based upon indications that the applicant's research plans are consistent with the mission of NIMBioS, the applicant has the demonstrated ability to carry out the proposed research, and the opportunities provided through NIMBioS will enhance the capacity for the research to be completed in an efficient and timely manner. For additional information on NIMBioS, visit www.nimbios.org. Support: annual stipend of $51,000, full University of Tennessee employee fringe benefits, and an annual travel allowance of $2,000. Requests for Support: Submit a brief project description, references, and CV following the guidelines available at http://www.nimbios.org/postdocs/postdoc.html to Dr. Chris Welsh at cwelsh@utk.edu. Deadline: NIMBioS postdoctoral requests for support are reviewed twice a year and the selected researchers are offered positions at NIMBioS where they conduct research that is mostly self-directed. The deadline for activities beginning 1 September 2009 is 1 March 2009.
Background: Modeling is becoming an integral part of contemporary bioscience. The Glazier-Graner-Hogeweg (GGH) model as implemented in the modeling environment, CompuCell3D allows researchers to rapidly build complex models of multi-cell processes in development and disease with user-selectable resolution, from sub-cellular compartmental models to continuum models of tissues. CompuCell3D’s use of CC3D-ML, BioLogo and Python model-specification allows compact description of models for publication, validation and sharing. CompuCell3D is open source, allowing users to extend, improve, validate, modify and share the core software. For more information on the GGH and CompuCell3D, please visit: http://www.compucell3d.org/

Goal: By the end of the week, participants will have implemented a basic simulation of the particular biological problem they work on. Post-course support and collaboration will be available to continue simulation development.


Format: The workshop will consist of a limited number of lectures and extended hands-on computer tutorials.

Instructors: James A. Glazier, Maciej Swat, Benjamin Zaitlen, Abbas Shirinifard, Nikodem Poplawski, Randy Heiland (Biocomplexity Institute, Indiana University)

Target Audience: Experimental Biologists, Medical Scientists, Biophysicists, Mathematical Biologists and Computational Biologists from advanced undergraduates to senior faculty, who have an interest in developing multi-cell computational models, or learning how such models might help their research. No specific programming or mathematical experience is required, though familiarity with some modeling environment (e.g. Mathematica®, Maple®, Matlab®) and how to represent basic concepts like diffusion and chemical reactions mathematically, would be helpful.

Fees and Support: The basic registration fee of $500 will cover workshop participation, workshop materials and lunches. Partial support for registration, travel and hotel costs may be available.

Application and Registration: Enrollment is limited and by application only. To apply, please send a c.v., a brief statement of your current research interests and of the specific problem you would like to model. Students and postdocs should also include a letter of support from their current advisor. If travel support is being requested, please include a statement documenting need and amounts requested. Please submit all application materials electronically to Maciej Swat (mswat@indiana.edu) by June 30th, 2008. Funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.

Facilities: Participants will have access to an OSX cluster and will be able to connect to the Internet using their own laptops.

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