

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Maria Christina W. Avellar, PhD*



Dear Members of the ASA,

It is with great pleasure that I open this July edition of our Newsletter with a few updates and news items to share with you.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to our all members who are volunteering their time serving on the Standing Committees in our Society for the 2021-2022 calendar year, especially those who have accepted the responsibility to serve as Chairs and Co-Chairs (both new and continuing). Check out our website for the updated rosters of our ASA Standing Committees at <https://andrologysociety.org/committees/>.

All ASA members are welcome to reach out and get involved in Committee activities. It is an exciting way to expand personal and professional networks, learn about the inner workings of the Society, bring your suggestions, have visibility and contribute to the society's activities. If you are a trainee and/or early stage investigator, I would recommend taking a few minutes to read about the Committees' duties described in our Constitution and Bylaws at <https://andrologysociety.org/bylaws/> and to discover the opportunities to contribute that you may have by joining one of them. Contact the Membership Committee at info@andrologysociety.org and they will be happy to assist and direct you to your chosen committee or to one that matches your interests and talents.

Although we highly encourage everyone to consider giving some time to one of our Committees as a way to grow stronger as a member and get to know your fellow Andrologists, there are additional ways to add to the ASA. One in particular is to make contributions to this very newsletter. We are always looking for news, announcements, events, and ideas from the discipline of Andrology to be shared with our membership. If you have an idea and news that you think deserves recognition or promotion, feel free to send us a message via the "Write" option under the *Inbox tab in your Member Profile* on our ASA website and briefly describe your contribution.

Let's now move to the one piece of news that most of you are waiting to hear about. Although there still is uncertainty in the road ahead as we cross the pandemic, we are expecting to have our **2022 Annual Meeting** from May 7-10 in person, being immediately preceded by the **Testis Workshop** that will be held from May 4-7 in the same location at Estancia La Jolla Star and Resort in San Diego, California. So be sure to make a note in your agenda and be prepared to have wonderful experiences and be together again! More news to come soon on our website and social media.

Finally, I would like to conclude by speaking of our discipline in the context of its history. One of the milestones in our andrology field is the discovery and importance of 5-alpha-reductase as it relates to steroid synthesis and metabolism. The conversion of testosterone to dihydrotestosterone is one of the central enzymatic events in the regulation of male reproductive homeostasis, development and physiology. Looking back several decades ago to the discovery of this enzyme and other androgen-related endocrinology we find the amazing work of the recently passed Jean D. Wilson, MD, (1932-2021). This internationally known endocrinologist contributed tremendously to basic, translational and clinical andrology; his discoveries had a profound impact on our understanding of systemic bodily androgen effects, especially prostate growth and pathology. We are grateful for the avenues of our own research that his insights and experimental results have made possible. The work continues...

Maria Christina Avellar
ASA President 2021-2022

CELEBRATING ENDOWMENT GROWTH

by Kenneth P. Roberts, PhD, Chair, Endowment Development Committee

The purpose of our endowments is to provide support for ASA annual operations through a secure, stable and predictable source of revenue. The ASA uses its endowment funds' income primarily to support the the annual meeting and keep it as affordable as possible for our members and guests.

In spite of the pandemic, the 2020-21 fiscal year was a very good year for ASA endowment growth:

- \$67,790 was raised from 67 gifts from 54 committed donors;
- The fully funded Richard D. Amelar, MD Endowment was established;
- 100% of the Board of Directors, the Endowment Development (EDC) and Membership Committees made contributions – the first time that level of committee giving has been attained;
- The Finance, Nominating and Ethics Committees all had 80%+ of their members contribute;
- Investment return generated by The Cleveland Foundation Growth Fund in 2020 was a very satisfactory 9.0%, which balances growth vs. risk.

Looking forward the ASA's 2021-22 fiscal year, in addition to its normal charge of growing the endowment, the EDC plans to work with the Program and Finance Committees to define more clearly each endowment fund's description and purpose.

We stand in the shade of trees planted by those who have come before us. The ASA gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following who have "paid it forward" through a charitable gift (read: investment) during the 2020-21 fiscal year. We invite all ASA members to add their name to the donor list in fiscal year 2021-22.

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NOTICE ABOUT THE EXTRAMURAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR CONTRACEPTION AND INFERTILITY RESEARCH (LRP-CIR)

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. Additional detailed information about each LRP is provided at <https://www.lrp.nih.gov/eligibility-programs> and www.lrp.nih.gov/apply. The objective of the LRP-CIR is to recruit and retain highly qualified health and/or allied health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers as contraception and/or infertility investigators.

The NIH invites qualified health professionals who contractually agree to engage in NIH mission-relevant research for an average of at least 20 hours each week for at least two years, initially, to apply for an award in the Extramural LRP. The Extramural LRP repays up to \$50,000 annually of a researcher's qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research at a domestic, nonprofit, or government entity. Research funding from NIH is not required to participate in the Extramural LRP. LRP awards are based on an applicant's potential to build and sustain a research career.

Extramural LRP applications will be accepted from September 1 until November 18, 2021. All LRP applications must be submitted electronically using the Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST), <https://public.era.nih.gov/assist/>.

More information can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-143.html>

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past twelve months. We appreciate all of your contributions to the ASA. Your involvement is important and very much appreciated.

It's time to renew your membership for ASA! Our membership year now runs from July 1 to June 30.

Are you current with your dues? You can log on to your [Member Profile](#) on our ASA website and see if your membership is active so you can take full advantage of the growing list of ASA benefits, including reduced registration rates for the upcoming meeting in May 2022.

If you know that your membership with ASA has expired, renew your membership today!

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- A subscription to the internationally recognized journal, Andrology (valued at \$240).
- Reduced registration fees for the Annual Meetings, Testis Workshop and Andrology Lab Workshop. As a member, you'll be the first to receive abstract submission information, meeting programs and registration forms.
- Access to an online members only section, offering continuing education and dues histories, online dues payment, a bulletin board, and a searchable membership directory.
- Membership consists of Active, Associate, Life, Trainee and Emeritus Members as these classes are defined by the ByLaws.
- ASA individual members automatically become International Society of Andrology (ISA) members.

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their committee for the
2021-2022 year.

If you are interested
in joining this committee,
please reach out to Suresh Sikka,
ALW Committee Chair at
ssikka@tulane.edu.

View our full committee listing online at
<https://andrologysociety.org/committees/>

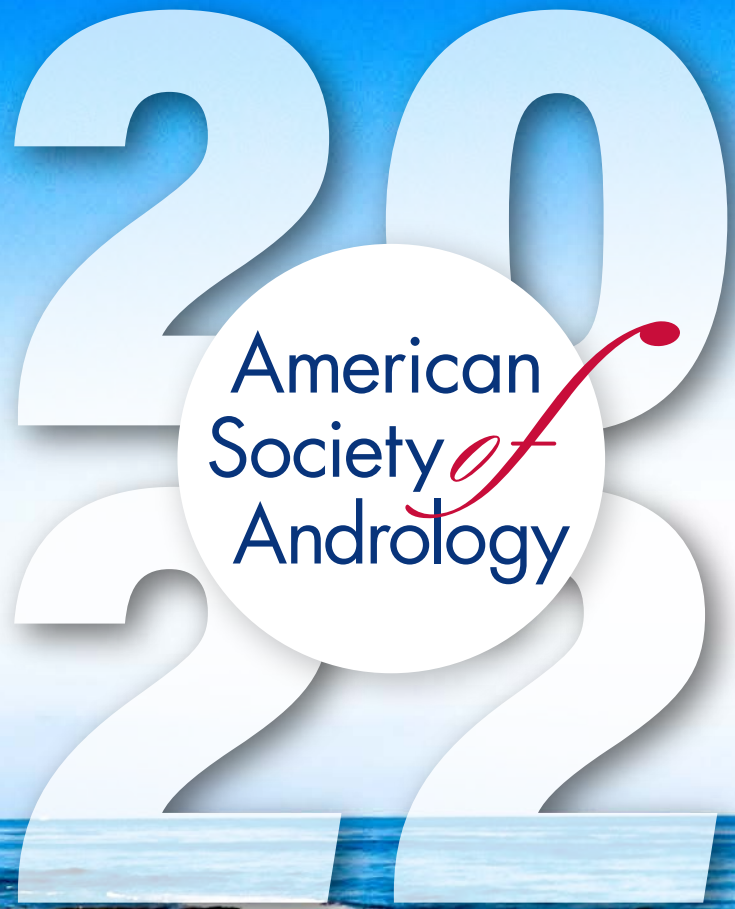
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