

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



Dear Members of the ASA,

It is with great pleasure that I open this September edition of our Newsletter.

Let's start with an announcement of the terrific news that we now have a new major Award — ***the ASA Impact Award!***

Approved in our last Board of Directors meeting, the ASA Impact Award has been created to recognize long-term ASA members who have made stellar contributions to translate research into actions/solutions of longstanding problems or needs in the field of Andrology; from constructing and designing solutions for new diagnostic methods, therapeutics, and products, to health advocacy, policy and practice recommendations, to the development and delivery of education and outreach to different target segments.

This is a terrific, timely and needed award. Looking ahead, the first presentation of this *ASA Impact Award* will be during our 2022 ASA Annual Meeting in California. A big tip of the hat to Chair Kate Loveland, Sally P. Darney, and all the members of the Awards Committee for such outstanding work! A call for nominations has been released to all membership, with more details on how to participate by sending in the name of your nominee. See more details on page 4.

Continuing with the theme of recognizing our ASA members, September is the American Medical Association's (AMA) Women in Medicine month in the US, created to recognize the growing number of women in the profession. In this newsletter, we showcase four of our *ASA Women in Medicine* to celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of all our women physicians, scientists, and educators in medicine.

Next, also approved in our last Board of Directors meeting, the ASA is proud to announce another partnership with the Gordon Research Conferences series; this time our organization is contributing support to the "2022 Gordon Research Conference on Mammalian Reproduction", under the organizational lead of our ASA member Kyle Orwig, PhD, and Margaret Petroff, PhD (Conference Co-Chairs). More details can be found on page 5.

I would like to reiterate that we are moving forward with the plans to have our 2022 ASA Annual Meeting (May 7-10) and Testis Workshop (May 4-7) as an in-person meeting at Estancia La Jolla Star and Resort in San Diego, California. Our leadership is closely working with our management company Veritas on the meeting arrangements and conference webpage. Stay tuned for abstract submission deadlines. More news to come soon by email as well as on social media and our website (<https://andrologysociety.org/2022-annual-meeting/>).

Onward to October ...

Maria Christina Avellar
President, ASA 2021-2022

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MEDICINE MONTH

Jennifer Hughes and Celia Santi, Co-Chairs and members of the Women in Andrology Committee



CHRISTINA WANG, MD, FRACP, FRCP

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Associate Director, UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Harbor-UCLA/LA BioMed.
Assistant Dean, Clinical and Translational Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA
Investigator, Professor, The Lundquist Institute*

How long have you been practicing? 40 years.

What drew you to the field of Andrology? *New field, no one in my university knows anything about this.*

What keeps you excited about the field of Andrology? *New discoveries that increase our understanding of male reproduction.*

If you had a magic wand, what is one thing you would change to make the lives of the people you work with better overall? *More funding for research.*

What types of activities do you do outside of the clinic? *Family gatherings, reunions.*



MARY SAMPLASKI, MD

*Associate Professor of Clinical Urology
Institute of Urology
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*

How long have you been practicing? *I started on faculty at USC Urology in June 2014; 7 years... time flies.*

What drew you to the field of Andrology? *So many aspects of clinical Andrology are appealing to me both personally and professionally. I tend to be somewhat detail-oriented, so microsurgical vasectomy reversals appeal to my need for perfect anastomoses. I find the interplay of genetic,*

hormonal, lab and ethical aspects of andrology, endlessly fascinating. I also enjoy the highly personalized nature of Andrology- each patient has a unique set of circumstances and goals that I strive to meet. And (most importantly), nothing beats the joy that I feel when I hear that one of my patients has achieved a pregnancy or live birth... that is what keeps me feeling motivated about coming to work every day.

What keeps you excited about the field of Andrology? *Andrology is a relatively young specialty. There is so much potential for growth, and hope for new developments and that is exciting. Looking a semen analysis, I know that it is so rudimentary... there is so much that happens with sperm function that we do yet know or understand, and knowing that potential is invigorating. It is an exciting time to be a reproductive urologist.*

If you had a magic wand, what is one thing you would change to make the lives of the people you work with better overall? *Give all of my patients (that desire) both sperm that work and live births.*

What types of activities do you do outside of the clinic? *I enjoy puzzles of all kinds: escape rooms, board games, who-dunnit shows. I also enjoy scuba diving, and one of the best memories of my life was having a pod of wild dolphins join us for a drift dive in Rangiroa (too bad USC does not have a urology satellite there).*

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TOLULOPE BAKARE, MD

*Assistant Professor
Director of Male Reproductive Health
Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Department of Urology
UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
Investigator, Professor, The Lundquist Institute*

How long have you been practicing? *About 4 years.*

What drew you to the field of Andrology? *I loved the idea of helping people achieve their dreams of having a family. Being part of something so close to the couple and intimate is so rewarding.*

What keeps you excited about the field of Andrology? *There is so much we don't know! Looking forward to all the discoveries being made via research.*

If you had a magic wand, what is one thing you would change to make the lives of the people you work with better overall? *Oh gosh, I wish I could help some of the men I work with know and understand that infertility isn't their fault and doesn't make them less than. I offer therapy to many of my couple but I really wish they didn't get down on themselves. Of course, I also wish I could help all my patients have biological children.*

What types of activities do you do outside of the clinic? *I love orangetheory, and yoga. I'm a big foodie so I love to try new restaurants and I can't wait to be able to adventure in the world again soon!*



CAITLIN MARTIN, MD, MS

*Clinical Fellow, REI
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Washington University School of Medicine
St Louis, MO*

How long have you been practicing? *I am currently in my third year of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) fellowship after completing four years of Obstetrics and Gynecology residency. It takes seven years of training after medical school to become a reproductive endocrinologist! I'm excited to finish up the end of my training in June.*

What drew you to the field of Andrology? *REI fellowship is actually 18 months of research and 18 months of clinical training. I was attracted to Dr. Celia Santi's lab because I find sperm to be fascinating. There has to be more to assessing the male side of fertility than completing a standard semen analysis! The fact that her lab studies channels that may play a role in the ability of sperm to fertilize an egg was and still is very interesting to me.*

What keeps you excited about the field of Andrology? *The male side of fertility is understudied compared to the female side in the field of REI – the idea that what we are doing could help more people with infertility to get pregnant by as a result of our research keeps me going.*

If you had a magic wand, what is one thing you would change to make the lives of the people you work with better overall? *Have COVID disappear!*

What types of activities do you do outside of the clinic? *I enjoy spending time with my husband and two little kids. We love going to the parks and farmers markets in St. Louis. I also enjoy riding my peloton and crafting (knitting, quilting and using the cricut).*

THE ASA IMPACT AWARD

Awards Committee: Kate Loveland (Chair), Sally Perreault Darney, Michael Eisenberg, Jim Hotaling, Kathleen Hwang, Dolores J. Lamb, Kirk C. Lo, Gail S. Prins, Bernard Robaire, Robert S. Viger, Monika Ward

This new Major Award recognizes long-standing, current ASA members (10 years or more) who, in the course of their careers, make tangible, “real world” contributions to the solution of longstanding problems or needs in the field of Andrology. The emphasis is on translation of research (whether their own or that of others) into actions that protect and/or enhance male reproductive health. Such contributions may include one or more of the following:

- Design, development and approval of new diagnostic methods, therapeutics, and products
- Advocacy for and passage of new regulations, policies and practices (biomedical, public health, environmental, etc)
- Development and delivery of education and outreach of relevance to Andrology

The nomination package should consist of 1 nominating letter (from an ASA member), the nominee’s cv, and a Nomination Statement (maximum 4 pages; content detailed below), sent as a single pdf (in designated order) to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Kate Loveland.

Nomination Statements (no longer than 4 pages total) should include the following information and may include letters from the users and/or beneficiaries of the contribution.


- The context within which the individual worked, to include: governmental agency, industry, public health advocacy (e.g. non-governmental organizations or other), or academia
- The nature of the contribution(s)
- The real-world impact of the achievements

The deadline for this year’s call for 2022 nominations is November 10th, 5:00pm ET (US).

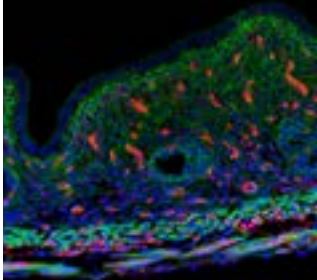
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ASA/GORDON RESEARCH CONFERENCES SERIES PARTNERSHIP

The ASA is proud to announce the society's contributing support to the "2022 Gordon Research Conference on Mammalian Reproduction"




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Announcing the 2022 Gordon Research Conference:
Mammalian Reproduction
August 14-19, 2022

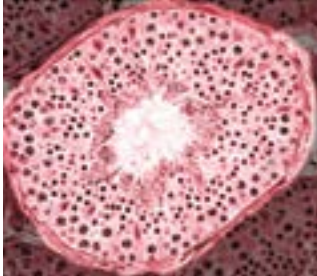


Location
Mount Snow
West Dover, Vermont
Registration is Open!

Registration deadline: July 17, 2022
To be considered for an oral presentation, please submit your abstract no later than **May 15, 2022**
Abstract format: 300 words or less, descriptive title, presenting author underlined, author affiliations included, no figures or tables, and only new, unpublished data.




Organizers
Chairs: Kyle Orwig & Margaret Petroff
Vice Chairs: Joan Jorgensen & Richard Freiman



Meeting Description
This conference will highlight cutting edge advances in reproductive biology, including gametogenesis, endocrine function, ovarian and testis biology, uterine function, placentation, reproductive tract development, and parturition. Basic, translational, and clinical research on human and animal health will be featured in the form of plenary seminars, short talks selected from submitted abstracts, and poster sessions. The GRC offers a unique program that is designed specifically to bring together researchers of diverse and multi-disciplinary backgrounds who are at all stages of their careers.
Immediately preceding the GRC will be the Gordon Research Seminar (GRS), a **forum hosted by and for graduate students, postdocs, and other early-stage scientists**. Trainees are encouraged to attend both the GRC and GRS!

More information & online application at:
<https://www.grc.org/mammalian-reproduction-conference/2022/>



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Questions?

Please, contact: GRC conference chairs: Kyle Orwig, orwigke@upmc.edu or Margaret Petroff, petrof10@msu.edu.

MEMBERSHIP

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!

[Renew Membership](#)

ASA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- 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.

ASA IS OFFERING:

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membership to
ALL TRAINEES +
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membership OR 3-YEARS 50% DISCOUNT on membership to
ASA members and individuals applying to become a member
from specific countries according to the World Bank.

Reach out to colleagues and trainees at your and other institutions. Let them know about these opportunities to become a member of the ASA.

They can submit applications to the ASA at www.andrologysociety.org

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2021 NIH VIRTUAL SEMINAR
ON GRANTS ADMINISTRATION
AND PROGRAM FUNDING
NOVEMBER 1 -4, 2021

Who Should Attend?

If you are an administrator, researcher, early-stage investigator, graduate student, or anyone new to working with the NIH grants process...then this seminar is designed specifically for you.

More experienced? Attend our policy updates and check out our case study series.

<https://nihvirtualeseminar2021.vfairs.com/en/>

SECURING THE FUTURE OF ASA

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

Endowments provide a secure, predictable source of income for the Society. Our endowments support our continuing education and travel for our trainees, the future of our profession and ASA.

As we enter the last quarter of the calendar year, I respectfully ask all members of ASA to consider making an investment – of any amount – to support the endowment fund of your choice by simply going to the [DONATE](#) page of our website.

Through our investment strategy with The Cleveland Foundation we have been averaging over an 8% return, which balances risk and reward. Because of that dynamic, over time, the return will exceed the value of your current gift.

You can insure the future. Please make ASA one of your year-end philanthropic priorities.

OUR ANDROLOGY JOURNAL

Check out the latest two issues of our journal **ANDROLOGY** for timely articles reflecting a range of clinical and research perspectives in the area.

REMEMBER: ALL ASA MEMBERS HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE JOURNAL!

ANDROLOGY



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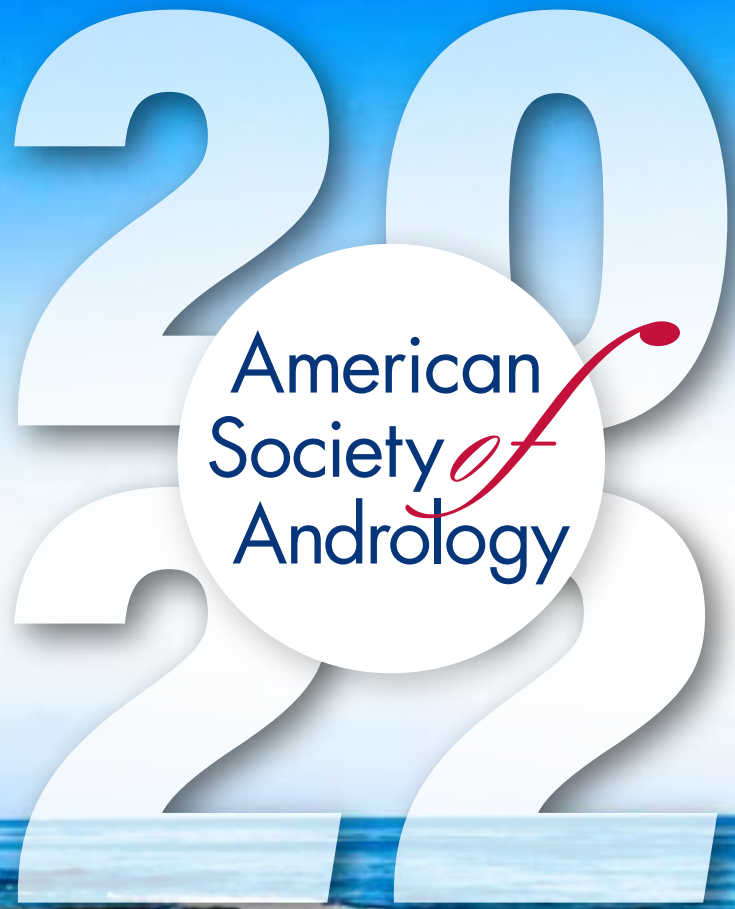
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