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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY HONORS LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST KIDNEY DISEASE

Educational innovators and preeminent researchers are among the five leaders to be honored at ASN Kidney Week 2015

Highlights

- Five leaders in the kidney health community are being honored by the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), the world's largest organization of kidney disease specialists.
- The award winners will be honored at ASN Kidney Week, the world's premier nephrology meeting. More than 13,000 kidney health professionals from around the world will gather in San Diego on November 3–8.

More than 20 million Americans have kidney disease, the 9th leading cause of death in the U.S.

San Diego, CA (November 6, 2015) — Five leaders in the fight against kidney disease will be honored by the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) during the society's annual meeting, ASN Kidney Week 2015, held November 3–8 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

Mark L. Zeidel—Robert G. Narins Award

Mark L. Zeidel, MD, FASN, will be presented with this year's Robert G. Narins Award. He is the Herman Ludwig Blumgart Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and Physician-in-Chief and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). An accomplished clinician and teacher, he is also well-known for his research in the area of epithelial biology and water transport. Dr. Zeidel has made many important observations in the field, such as defining the role of atrial peptides in renal salt excretion, characterizing the biophysical function of water channels and barrier membranes, and advancing urothelial cell biology.

Dr. Zeidel is an innovative teacher, and has created an animated textbook in addition to original, nationally renowned courses at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory as well as an upcoming series of review articles. He has pioneered the provision of reliable, cost-effective care, both at the University of Pittsburgh and BIDMC. He also advanced development of an innovative curriculum in quality improvement for residents and fellows

at BIDMC. Dr. Zeidel has served on many leadership roles in both regional and national organizations where he has helped improve residency education funding, mentorship, and quality of care.

The Robert G. Narins Award honors individuals who have made substantial and meritorious contributions in education and teaching.

Roger C. Wiggins—John P. Peters Award

Roger C. Wiggins, MB, BChir, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan, will be awarded the John P. Peters Award. He served as Director of the Nephrology Training Program for 10 years, Division Chief for 15 years, and Director of the George M. O'Brien Kidney Center for 23 years. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the American Association of Physicians.

Dr. Wiggins' research focuses on the elucidation of mechanisms of glomerular injury leading to end stage kidney disease. He takes particular interest in podocyte biology, defining the role of podocyte depletion in glomerulosclerosis, and loss of kidney function. His lab is also working with several transgenic mouse models in which the process of progression is a major focus. Dr. Wiggins is currently working to translate discoveries made from these model systems to humans with the goal of providing practicing clinicians with insights and tools to prevent disease progression.

The John P. Peters Award Recognizes individuals who have made substantial research contributions to the discipline of nephrology and have sustained achievements in one or more domains of academic medicine including clinical care, education, and leadership.

Glenn M. Chertow—Belding Scribner Award

Glenn M. Chertow, MD, MPH, FASN, will be honored with the Belding H. Scribner Award for his career-long contributions to the practice of nephrology, including outstanding patient care, research, and service to professional organizations. He is the Norman S. Coplon Satellite Healthcare Professor of Medicine and chief of the Division of Nephrology at Stanford University School of Medicine.

In addition to an active clinical practice, teaching, and mentoring, he has developed and maintained a robust clinical research program. Dr. Chertow has also served in various leadership roles for many clinical trials sponsored by several institutes within the National Institutes of Health, and has been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has been honored by the American Kidney Fund and has served ASN in many capacities, including on the ASN Public Policy Board and as an associate editor of *JASN*.

The Belding H. Scribner Award is presented annually to one or more individuals who have made outstanding contributions that have a direct impact on the care of patients with renal disorders or have substantially changed the clinical practice of nephrology.

Dontscho Kerjaschki—Homer W. Smith Award

This year's Homer W. Smith Award will be given to Dentscho Kerjaschki, MD, Chair of the Department of Pathology at the Medical University of Vienna for his contributions to the field of renal pathology. He is the recipient of several distinguished awards, including the German Society of Nephrology's Volhard Preis, and has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and a member of the German National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Kerjaschki has also taught within the Department of Cell Biology at Yale and the University of California, San Diego.

His current research is focused on the biology and pathology of kidney glomerular disease and on lymphatic vessel biology and pathology. He has published more than 240 papers over the course of his career. Dr. Kerjaschki has served on several editorial boards of journals, including the *JASN*, *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, and as associate editor of the *American Journal of Pathology*.

The Homer Smith Award is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions which fundamentally affect the science of nephrology, broadly defined, but not limited to, the pathobiology, cellular and molecular mechanisms, and genetic influences on the functions and diseases of the kidney.

Janos Peti-Peterdi—Young Investigator Award

The ASN-AHA Young Investigator Award will be presented to Janos Peti-Peterdi, MD, PhD, for his groundbreaking research on pathophysiological underpinnings of chronic kidney disease (CKD). He is a professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics as well as the Department of Medicine at the University of Southern California. His laboratory examines kidney and cardiovascular pathophysiology—specifically the mechanisms of the healthy kidney that maintain body fluid volume, electrolyte balance, and blood pressure—and how they are changed in disease.

Dr. Peti-Peterdi also directs the National Institutes of Health–funded Multi-Photon Microscopy Core at USC for high-resolution intravital (live animal or in vivo) imaging of intact organs in small laboratory animals. During the past decade, the laboratory pioneered several applications of intravital multiphoton microscopy that allow researchers to quantitatively visualize the most basic physiological parameters of kidney and nephron function. His lab has recently deployed serial multiphoton microscopy to track individual cells during kidney disease development, and is using renal stem cells to develop a regenerative approach to treat CKD.

The Young Investigator Award is presented annually to an individual with an outstanding record of achievement and creativity in basic or patient-oriented research related to the functions and diseases of the kidney.

ASN Kidney Week 2015, the largest nephrology meeting of its kind, will provide a forum for more than 13,000 professionals to discuss the latest findings in kidney health research and engage in educational sessions related to advances in the care of patients with kidney and related disorders. ASN Kidney Week 2015 will take place November 3–8, 2015, at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

Founded in 1966, and with nearly 16,000 members, the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) leads the fight against kidney disease by educating health professionals, sharing new knowledge, advancing research, and advocating the highest quality care for patients.

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