

# ARO Member News

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## Save the Date

We hope to see you at ARO's **36th MidWinter Meeting** in Baltimore, Maryland, February 16-20, 2013!

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## Abstract Submission Site

The abstract submission site opens **September 1, 2012!** As a reminder, you must be a current ARO member or sponsored by a current ARO member to submit an abstract for the 2013 MWM. If you have not yet renewed, we suggest doing so at your earliest convenience before your account incurs the \$25 reactivation fee on July 1.

## Small Grant Support

## Greetings!

We are pleased to provide you with this June 2012 issue of the ARO member news update.

Do you have information you would like ARO to consider including in future e-news updates? If yes, please email your content suggestions to [headquarters@aro.org](mailto:headquarters@aro.org).

Sincerely,

Linda Hood, Ph.D., Editor ARO

## Call for Young Investigator Symposia Proposals for 36th MidWinter Meeting

*Due Date: Sunday, July 1, 2012*

[Click here](#) to submit your proposal electronically

What is a Young Investigator Symposium?

The Young Investigator Symposium, similar to the nanosymposia offered at the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting, is an exciting opportunity for young investigators to organize a podium session at the ARO. Talks are given from the platform every 15 minutes with 10-12 minutes of presentation followed by questions. The key differences between a regular podium session and a Young Investigator Symposium are:

- Proposed and organized by the participants rather than by the program committee
- Restricted to junior investigators: Assistant Professors, Faculty < 5 years, and Post-docs
- The talks are thematically related, not just a collection of presentations.
- A minimum of 5 topically related talks are required to create a session.
- To promote diversity, no more than two presentations from any one lab should be included

How do the submitted symposia abstracts differ from normally submitted ARO abstracts?

The abstracts submitted as part of a Young Investigator Symposium will not differ in any way from abstracts normally submitted for the annual meeting, but an earlier submission will allow us to designate these presentations as a Young Investigator Symposium. If your symposium is accepted you will still be required to submit your abstract through the ARO website at the normal time but we will specially designate these abstracts after submission so they are grouped together. If your symposia proposal is not accepted you will still be able to submit your individual abstracts through the normal ARO submission process.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Larry Lustig, Program Committee Chair at: [llustig@ohns.ucsf.edu](mailto:llustig@ohns.ucsf.edu).

The ARO invites proposals for funding of small grants (up to \$1000) to support activities either in the US or internationally that would enhance our mission and visibility as the premier hearing research organization in the world.

Requirements: applicants must be ARO members, and lectures/events must include a slide and/or other materials that acknowledge ARO support. The ARO will fund up to three grants per year.

This year's deadline for submission of applications is October 1, 2012, for activities to take place in the 2013 calendar year. Notification will take place by December 1, 2012.

Please send proposals to [headquarters@aro.org](mailto:headquarters@aro.org).

#### Access JARO Online



Members no longer need to have a separate username and password to access the journal. Simply log onto the ARO website's members only section, hover over JARO in the top toolbar, and a drop down menu will appear that contains a link for member access to the articles.

#### Associate Members: Join spARO on Facebook



We encourage you to join the Facebook group of spARO ([www.facebook.com/groups/spARO2012/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/spARO2012/)) to keep tuned to the latest spARO activities. spARO makes every effort to build a fun and supportive trainee community, and to facilitate your career development. Join your peer trainees on Facebook to view pictures from past events and to keep our community ties strong in the cyberspace.

-Wei Zhao  
*spARO representative*

## Renew Your Membership - TODAY!

Renew your ARO membership **before July 1** - so you do not incur the \$25 reactivation charge, which will be applied to all lapsed accounts the date of the deadline. Renew now and save. The membership year for ARO runs April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

By not renewing you will miss out on the following member benefits:

1. The opportunity to sponsor an abstract for the 2013 ARO MidWinter Meeting (the abstract site opens on September 1)
2. Reduced fees for participation in ARO educational programs
3. Online access to JARO
4. Listing in and access to the online ARO membership directory
5. Up-to-date information on funding and educational opportunities in the field
6. Participation in the governance of the Association, including committee membership and choosing officers of the ARO

To renew online:

1. At <http://secure.aro.org/> select "Pay Your Dues Online"
2. Log in using your username and password. Note: This login is separate from your <http://www.aro.org/> members only username / password. If you need assistance in recovering your username / password for this site, please email the ARO Executive Office at [headquarters@aro.org](mailto:headquarters@aro.org). We will reset your account and email your login details.
3. Once logged in, you will be directed to the billing tab where you can add dues to your cart and proceed to checkout.

If you are in need of an invoice that you can return via mail or fax to the ARO, please contact the Executive Offices of ARO at [headquarters@aro.org](mailto:headquarters@aro.org).

Once again, a \$25 reactivation charge will be added to your account if payment is not received by July 1, 2012. Payment of membership dues is not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense. Please consult your tax advisor.

## From the ARO Diversity & Minority Affairs Committee

As our work realizes its potential to impact communication and balance health, the ability to reach a diverse population will be aided by our achievement of an equally diverse research work force. The ARO Diversity & Minority Affairs Committee has identified undergraduate students as a target population for long-term recruitment of under-represented minorities (URM) into our field as clinical and basic science researchers. We would like to increase the early exposure of these undergraduates to our field and particularly encourage our members to seek opportunities to supervise and mentor undergraduates from URM backgrounds. Several summer enrichment programs provide a framework within which our members can encounter these students. We have listed these programs on the ARO website with the hope that our members will engage the organizers of a program nearby and volunteer as research supervisors to URM students. We have listed additional resources below. Undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for travel grants to attend the mid-winter meeting as co-authors on a poster presentation. The aggregate effect of our individual efforts, however small, will over time bear fruit in realizing better population health.

1. The NIH National Institute of General Medical Sciences Website, Resources for Applicants to Promote Biomedical Workforce Diversity:

<http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/Diversity.htm>

2. The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) website:

<http://www.faseb.org/Policy-and-Government-Affairs/Science-Policy-Issues/Training-and-Career-Opportunities-for-Scientists/Resources-to-Enhance-Diversity-in-Science.aspx>

3. The NIH Blueprint for Enhancing Neuroscience Diversity through Undergraduate Research Education Experiences (BP-ENDURE) programs serve several institutions and also recruit mentors for neuroscience research training: <http://www.nigms.nih.gov/News/Results/20100924.htm>

4. Faculty can attend Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students as mentors and judges and receive financial support for their

efforts: [http://www.abrcms.org/reviewers\\_judges.asp](http://www.abrcms.org/reviewers_judges.asp)

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