Metabolomics Society Newsletter May 2013

Dear Members,

This month’s newsletter has several exciting announcements concerning the Metabolomics Society’s Awards schemes, including the 2013 Honorary Fellowships and the new Best Publication awards for the Metabolomics journal. Congratulations to all the winners! There is also some exciting news regarding the formation of an international agreement between our Society and the Australia & New Zealand Metabolomics Network. And of course a reminder of our international conference in Glasgow in July 2013, with only days left to register at the regular fee level, and an update on the Metabolomics journal. So please, read on.....

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2013 Honorary Fellows Announced
On behalf of the Board of Directors it is with great pleasure that earlier this month we announced the award of the Metabolomics Society’s two lifetime Honorary Fellowships for 2013. An Honorary Fellowship is the Society’s highest achievement award. This year we recognise the following outstanding scientists:

• **Professor Lloyd Sumner**, *in recognition of his outstanding contributions to establishing the Metabolomics Society as a truly international and financially sound organisation as both Treasurer and President, and for his seminal research contributions to the field of plant metabolomics.*

• **Professor Douglas Kell**, *in recognition of his pioneering contributions to the fields of metabolomics and Systems Biology, as well as for being a passionate advocate and teacher in these fields.*
Nominations are now open for the 2014 Honorary Fellows; please see details of the nomination procedure at http://www.metabolomicssociety.org/pages/honorary-fellowships

**Best Publication Awards in the journal Metabolomics**

This is a brand new award scheme, just commissioned by the Board of Directors, and sponsored by Springer who publish the Society’s journal. There are two types of award annually:

- **Best Paper Award** to recognise the paper with the highest total number of citations during the previous three years. The winner receives a $300 gift certificate for Springer books, a front cover image in the *Metabolomics* journal and the paper will be made open access for 30 days.
- **Highest Download Award** to recognise the paper with the highest total number of downloads during the previous three years.

We are pleased to announce this year’s winners as:

**2013 Best Paper Award**
- *Winner* – Masahiro Sugimoto et al., Capillary electrophoresis mass spectrometry-based saliva metabolomics identified oral, breast and pancreatic cancer-specific profiles, doi: 10.1007/s11306-009-0178-y
- *Runner up* – Jan Hummel et al., Decision tree supported substructure prediction of metabolites from GC-MS profiles, doi: 10.1007/s11306-010-0198-7

**2013 Highest Download Award**

**Pre-2013 Best Paper Award**

Congratulations to all of you! Certificates will be awarded during the Society’s conference in Glasgow (see below). Further details about this award scheme can be found at http://www.metabolomicssociety.org/pages/publication-awards

**Metabolomics Society forms its first international affiliation with the Australia & New Zealand Metabolomics Network (ANZMN)**

The Metabolomics Society seeks the opportunity to work more closely with both regional and national metabolomics communities, to jointly advance and promote the development, adoption and application of metabolomics approaches in scientific research. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has developed a new framework to establish more formal relationships with established
metabolomics organizations or networks who share a mission to further the advancement of metabolomics science.

On behalf of the President’s of both the ANZMN (http://www.anzmn.com.au/) and Metabolomics Society, we are pleased to announce the formation of such an alliance, to establish a greater degree of cooperation, effective communication and knowledge exchange for our mutual benefits.

The Metabolomics Society welcomes discussions with other established regional and/or national groupings with the aim to form similar international affiliations. Please contact the Chair of the International Affiliations Task Group, Ute Roessner (Secretary@MetabolomicsSociety.org) for further information.

Metabolomics Society Annual Conference Series

9th Annual Conference of the Metabolomics Society, 1-4 July 2013, Glasgow, UK

- A record number of abstracts have been submitted to our annual conference!!
- Register now – regular registration fees end on 31st May
  http://www.metabolomics2013.org/page/register-here
- Accommodation is available, close to the conference venue, see details at
  http://www.metabolomics2013.org/page/accommodation
- Conference dinner at The Kevingrove Art Gallery, see details at
  http://www.metabolomics2013.org/page/social-programme

10th Annual Conference to be held in.... please attend the Glasgow conference to hear this exciting news release!!

11th Annual Conference - to be held in summer 2015. Are you interested in hosting this event in North America? If so, please email conference@metabolomics2015.org for further information, or visit our website at: http://www.metabolomics2015.org (deadline for bids is 1st July 2013)

Metabolomics journal, Vol. 9, Issue 3, June 2013

See the latest issue of our journal at: http://link.springer.com/journal/11306/9/3/page/1
In addition to the many excellent research papers, each issue contains a section of typically 4 pages that is contributed by the Society. For the June 2013 issue there are two short pieces:

- News: The continuing growth and development of YOUR metabolomics society – describing the activities of the committees and task groups in the Society.
- Opinion: Metabolomics as a robust tool in systems biology and personalized medicine: an open letter to the metabolomics community by Michael Snyder and Xiyan Li – which is certainly worth a read.

Corporate Membership of the Metabolomics Society

Corporate Membership is the Metabolomics Society’s membership category for companies. The Industry Engagement Task Group have recently clarified the benefits of such membership, including both Core benefits and Conference benefits; see details at http://www.metabolomics2013.org/page/corporate-benefits
**Interested in helping to lead the growth of your scientific community?**

*Have you considered serving on the Board of Directors of the Society?* During the summer of 2013 we will be seeking nominations for places on the Board of Directors (as current Directors come to the end of their terms). Details to follow soon.

**Visit our Metabolomics Society Website** [http://www.metabolomicsociety.org](http://www.metabolomicsociety.org)

We are constantly developing this site. Stay abreast of the latest metabolomics news via the Twitter feed, typically updated on a daily basis. Also you can follow us on **Twitter**: Metabolomics Society [@MetabolomicsSoc](http://twitter.com/MetabolomicsSoc), Metabolomics Journal [@Metabolomics](http://twitter.com/Metabolomics), and the 9th Annual Conference of the Metabolomics Society [@Metabolomics13](http://twitter.com/Metabolomics13). And of course you can visit us on [Facebook](http://facebook.com).

And why not check out the latest [MetaboNews](http://www.metabolomicsociety.org), a monthly newsletter for the worldwide metabolomics community produced by The Metabolomics Innovation Centre, Canada. It has lots of information about new technologies, software and databases, events, job postings, conferences, training opportunities, interviews, publications, and other newsworthy items concerning metabolomics!

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