CURRENT EVENTS

CANCAS News Notes – February 2011

CANCAS/ NCAS Annual Meeting, Elon University, March 25-26, 2011

Abstract Submission and Registration:
The Annual Meeting is an excellent venue for undergraduates and graduate students to present posters and presentations. Poster and oral presentation abstracts are due on February 25, 2011 (next Friday!) and can be submitted online. Early online registration is also due on February 25. Late online registration is due March 17, 2011. Meeting and registration information is now available online at: http://www.mbio.ncsu.edu/ncas2011/

Special Workshop for Undergraduate Students:
There will be a graduate school workshop on Saturday, March 26 from 1:30 – 3 pm at Elon during the meetings. There will be a panel of graduate school representatives (directors, faculty members, postdoctoral associates) to talk with undergraduate students about graduate school selection and applications, funding graduate education, adjusting to graduate life, developing a research focus, and navigating the challenges of graduate school. Please encourage your students to attend this workshop. The CANCAS Student Officers have specifically requested this type of workshop at the NCAS meetings so we want to make sure the students at the meetings take advantage of this workshop.

Faculty Judges and Faculty/Student Moderators Needed for the Annual Meeting:
We are in need of judges for undergraduate research presentations that are being considered for Derieux Awards for Research Excellence. We also need moderators to lead each oral paper session. Moderators can be faculty or students. If you are willing to judge or moderate, please contact Dr. Erin Lindquist (erinlind@meredith.edu)

Derieux Research Awards
To be eligible for the award the presenter MUST be a member of CANCAS (either through a CANCAS group membership to the student’s institution or as an individual member) and one presenter per presentation. Memberships must be up to date by the end of February. Awards will be given to both poster and oral presentations at the awards ceremony during the meeting’s dinner banquet at Elon on March 26.

CANCAS Officers for 2011-2012:
New CANCAS Officers will be elected during the CANCAS Business Meeting on March 26 at the meetings. It is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and to get involved in a worthwhile organization. CANCAS officer descriptions can be found at our website: www.cancas.org. If you recommend a student for a position, please contact Dr. Erin Lindquist (erinlind@meredith.edu) to nominate the students. If you are a student considering running for office, ask your advisor to submit your name. All nominee(s)
must attend the CANCAS Business Meeting at Elon to be elected. Please encourage all your undergraduate students to attend the CANCAS Business Meeting to elect their new officers and learn more about how they can get involved in CANCAs.

**Yarbrough Research Grant**
The call for Yarbrough proposals is now out and available on the CANCAS website at: http://www.ncacadsci.org/cancas/Yarbrough.html

Proposals are due April 15, 2011.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

We are inviting CANCAS institutions to host the upcoming CANCAS Research and Career Workshop in Fall 2011. If you are interested in hosting the event please contact Dr. Erin Lindquist (erinlind@meredith.edu)

**PAST EVENTS**

**Membership**
Membership for individual and groups are available on-line for the 2010-2011 academic year. Be sure to register your school as soon as possible. The deadline for membership forms and dues WAS November 15, 2010. Membership forms are available online (www.cancas.org) and dues can be paid online. Submit your forms as soon as possible. I will need up-to-date contact information so that I can keep you, the membership, informed. Campbell University, Elon University, Guilford College, Meredith College, Mount Olive College, Peace College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Tri-Beta at UNC Pembroke, and Tri-Beta at Wake Forest University are now group members. Elizabeth Ann Wilkie from UNC Pembroke and Annelise Rogers from Meredith College are individual members. Thank You!

**CANCAS OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011**

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If you have any ideas for CANCAS and what they could do for you, feel free to contact the above officers.

FINAL NOTES
Suggestions & Comments can be directed to Dr. Erin Lindquist <erinlind@meredith.edu>. Let me know if you have any news that you would like included in the monthly News Notes or suggestions to improve the series. If you notice errors in any of the news, please let me know so that I can send out a correction or fix it for the next month. Thanks!

An archive of previous News Notes can be found at: www.cancas.org