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National Postdoc Appreciation Day is THURSDAY!!

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Click here for a list of events.

NPA Michigan Regional Meeting October 10, 2009
Click here for more information.

NPA’s 8th Annual Meeting March 12-14, 2010 Philadelphia

Also join us for the National Summit on Gender and the Postdoctorate March 10-11, 2010

Board Elections
Follow this link to read the candidates’ statements, CVs, and letters of support.

Voting will begin on September 24, 2009, and close at 11:59 p.m. EST on October 8, 2009.

Members eligible to vote will be notified by e-mail when the voting opens.

Apply Your Science to Serve Society

For 36 years, the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships have provided scientists and engineers with a unique opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to national and international issues in the federal policy realm, while learning first-hand how to craft policy in Congress and implement policy in more than 15 federal agencies.

AAAS seeks candidates from a broad array of disciplines, ethnicities and disability status. Fellows represent a spectrum of career stages and come from a range of sectors, including academia, industry, non-profits, and government labs.

To learn more about the fellowships application, selection, and placement processes and ask questions of former Fellows, attend a webinar on on 2 October, 2009 at 12 p.m. EDT. To RSVP for the webinar, click here.

For more information on the fellowships, click here.

GREAT Group Fall Meetings

The AAMC Group on Graduate Research, Education, and Training (GREAT) is holding its fall meetings from Thursday, October 22 through Sunday, October 25 in St. Louis, MO, at the Chase Park Plaza. The GREAT Group and its Sections serve the interests of over 500 medical school graduate deans, MD-PhD program directors, postdoctoral program directors, and program administrators, who have responsibility for biomedical PhD, MD-PhD, and postdoctoral training.

"Innovation and Optimization of Graduate Student and Postdoctorate Learning and Development" is the theme for both meetings. The Postdoctorate Leaders Section meeting will be held beginning on the afternoon of Thursday, October 22, and run through the morning of Saturday, October 24. The GREAT Group Annual meeting will begin on the afternoon of Friday, October 23 and run though the morning of Sunday, October 25. To encourage discussion among the GREAT constituencies, we have organized several joint sessions on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, follow this link or contact Jodi Lubetsky at 202-828-0485 or jlubetsky@aamc.org.

Spotlight: Member Benefit
MetLife has partnered with NPA to offer NPA members participation in the MetLife Personal Pension Builder.

Follow this link for more information or to download the brochure, "Retirement Income 101."

Call for Nominations Open for 2010 DSA

The Call for Nominations for the 2010 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is open.

Do you know an individual who has demonstrated a profound, sustained, or leadership contribution to improving the postdoctoral experience? Consider nominating her or him. Follow this link for more information. Deadline for nominations is October 14.

(Please: Dr. Stacy L. Gelhaus, Chair of the NPA Board, presents Dr. Michael Teitelbaum of The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation the 2009 DSA Award in recognition of the foundation's work on behalf of postdocs.)

Please Complete the 2009 NPA Annual Survey & Enter Raffle for iPod touch

The 2009 NPA Survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete, and the results of this survey will help us to serve you better. Tell us what you think! Plus, complete the survey and you will have the opportunity to enter a free raffle drawing for an iPod touch. You do not have to be an NPA member to complete the survey. The survey will close on October 1.

Click here to go to the survey.

Thanks so much!