



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

CAIRIBU MISSION

The CAIRIBU community will foster collaboration across multiple basic science and clinical disciplines to identify and address gaps in knowledge related to the biology, physiology, biochemistry, genomics, genetics, and metabolism of benign urologic diseases. Our overarching goals are to (1) support the next generation of urologic researchers by providing meaningful education and mentoring; (2) enhance knowledge of mechanisms associated with normal development, function, and disease pathology related to the urinary tract, kidney, and prostate; (3) cultivate new research tools and ideas by expanding the collaborative network within and outside of the traditional urologic research field; and (4) use the knowledge and tools generated from our collaborative work to reduce the burden of benign urologic illness and disability by developing and testing new therapies to effectively treat, manage, and prevent these diseases. CAIRIBU aims to create a transdisciplinary infrastructure to promote benign urologic research collaborations, encourage and embrace new investigators into the field, train and mentor the next generation of benign urologic basic scientists and clinician scientists, and develop and share resources and new tools to enhance urology research.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 AUA Research Scholar Awards. Deadline extended to November 5, 2020. Direct your questions to grantsmanager@auanet.org. Awards provide \$40,000 per year for 1- and 2-year mentored training. Eligible applicants are:

1. Clinical and postdoctoral fellows ≤ 5 years beyond completing doctorate or residency
2. Early career investigators within the first 5 years after beginning a faculty position

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32). Posted 6/26/2020; use standard application dates. Kirschstein-NRSA F32 awards provide up to 3 years of support for postdoctoral research training. The NIDDK has several scientific/research contacts depending on the focus of your proposal. For kidney and urologic disorders, the contact person is Christine Maric-Bilkan, PhD (Christine.maric-bilkan@nih.gov).

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE

UROLOGY (Gold Journal) is planning a **special edition on the burden of non-malignant genitourinary diseases and disorders**. Guest editors are W. Stuart Reynolds, MD, MPH and Richard Lee, MD, MBA. The purpose of the issue is to raise awareness and highlight the significant impact and burden that benign GU diseases have on individuals, their communities, society, and the healthcare system. Manuscripts on the impact of benign GU conditions on medicine, society, the environment, and the economy are encouraged. Submission deadline is February 1, 2021.

CAIRIBU MEETING PLANNING

The 2020 CAIRIBU meeting is now a virtual meeting. It will be held within the December 2-4 window but will likely not include more than 1½ days of programming. The meeting theme is **“Crossing the Disciplinary Divide.”**

While some of the planned meeting programming will be cut or condensed, a major feature of the 2020 virtual CAIRIBU meeting will be an interactive poster session. **Posters from all CAIRIBU Centers and Programs are anticipated. Abstracts are due October 1. See next page for abstract preparation and submission guidelines.** All abstracts will be reviewed, as last year, by friendly expert reviewers. Each presenter will get a written copy of the reviews. “Best Posters” will be recognized.

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Go to <https://niddkcairibu.urology.wisc.edu> to link to each of the 16 CAIRIBU Centers and Programs.

- **George M. O'Brien Urology U54 Cooperative Research Centers:** (1) University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2) Columbia University, and (3) University of Pittsburgh
- **P20 Exploratory Centers for Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology:** (1) Harvard University, (2) Columbia University, (3) University of Alabama at Birmingham, (4) NorthShore University HealthSystem/Purdue University, (5) Washington University, (6) Duke University, (7) Vanderbilt University, (8) University of Tennessee, and (9) Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- **K12 Urological Epidemiology Institutional Career Development Programs:** (1) University of Michigan, and (2) University of California San Francisco/Kaiser Permanente
- **K12 Multidisciplinary Urologic Research Career Development Programs:** (1) Duke University, and (2) University of Wisconsin-Madison

CAIRIBU CONNECT

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The annual CAIRIBU meeting will be virtual and will take place within the Dec. 2-4 window.

Specific times for programming during those days will be available shortly. There will be a poster session. Below are guidelines for preparing abstracts. Abstracts are due OCTOBER 1, 2020.

General abstract guidelines

- All authors named in the abstract must have agreed to its submission for presentation
- It is the responsibility of the submitting author to ensure the abstract is in perfect order with no spelling or grammatical errors as abstracts will not be corrected
- Submitted abstracts will be evaluated individually by peer reviewers based on these criteria:
 1. Context and interest: Question or hypothesis is clearly stated, key evidence leading to question or hypothesis is clearly articulated, scientific/clinical significance is cited
 2. Experimental design and data presentation: Experimental approach and methods are clearly described, data is concisely presented and prioritized to include most relevant findings
 3. Evaluation and analysis of data: Results are concisely described, conclusions are clearly noted without over- or under-statement, future work to alleviate any remaining questions is cited, figures and/or tables (if used) are helpful to illustrate findings
 4. Written communication: Title is informative, abstract is written well and presented in logical order without irrelevant information, scientific nomenclature is correctly used
- Abstracts of works "in progress" are acceptable
- High quality abstracts may be chosen for awards and potentially for oral presentations [*guidelines for oral presentations – e.g., length, # of slides, format, etc. – will be available after the abstract submission deadline*]
- An author may submit up to 3 abstracts, but only one will be eligible for an oral presentation of any kind

Preparation of abstracts

1. **Deadline**. Abstracts are due by 11:59 p.m. (Central Time) on October 1, 2020. Send via email (Word doc or PDF) to penn@urology.wisc.edu.
2. **Size**. Abstract is limited to 2,330 characters not including spaces. Character count includes body of abstract, tables, and graphics (i.e., NOT the title, authors' names or affiliations). Tables account for 225 characters per table. Graphics also account for 225 characters each.
3. **Title**. Should clearly define the topic and contain no abbreviations.
4. **Authors**. List the primary author's full name followed by other authors' names. Spell out the names of all authors using full first name, middle initial, and last name. List each author's affiliation as in the example on the next page.
5. **Body of abstract**. The abstract should be informative and detailed.
 - a. Body must contain 4 separate paragraphs: **Introduction and Objective, Methods, Results, and Conclusions**
 - b. It is not acceptable to state that "results will be discussed;" specific outcomes are necessary, including for abstracts that describe studies still in progress
 - c. Major new findings should be clearly articulated
 - d. Standard abbreviation may be used after spelling out the full term the first time it is used followed by the abbreviation in parenthesis
 - e. Graphs and/or tables may be used; character count is as stated in #1 above
 - f. Proprietary names of drugs are not allowed; use generic names