



CHANCELLOR'S Notes



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LSUHSC's Molina elected to APS leadership

Dr. Patricia Molina, Professor and Chair of Physiology, has been elected to the governing body of the American Physiological Society (APS). The APS is governed by an elected Council consisting of the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past President, and nine Councillors.



Dr. Patricia Molina

Dr. Molina is one of three newly elected Councillors. The officers will be introduced to the membership at the APS Business Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in Washington, DC. Their term of office will begin immediately after the Business Meeting.

APS is a nonprofit devoted to fostering education, scientific research, and dissemination of information in the physiological sciences. The Society was founded in 1887 with 28 members. APS now has over 10,500 members. Most members have doctoral degrees in physiology and/or medicine. ■

Research finds air quality in Acadiana bars hazardous

Analysis of research data led by Daniel Harrington, ScD, Assistant Professor of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, for a study conducted by Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living has found that the air in bars and clubs in the Lafayette area contains "very unhealthy" and "hazardous" levels of pollutants. The study assessed the impact of environmental tobacco smoke on indoor air quality by measuring air pollution in 22 Lafayette-area bars where smoking is allowed. The health effects associated with the "hazardous" level of exposure include serious risk of respiratory effects in the general population, and significant aggravation of heart or lung disease and premature death in people with cardiopulmonary disease and the elderly.



Dr. Daniel Harrington



Seventy-seven percent of the bars sampled – 17 of 22 – had "unhealthy," "very unhealthy," or "hazardous" air quality levels according to US Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The researchers concluded this study provides solid, scientific evidence that bar employees, as well as musicians and entertainers who play in bars are breathing unhealthy air on a regular basis. ■

LSUHSC's Manning named Nurse Educator of the Year



Jennifer Manning, RN, CNS

Jennifer Manning, RN, CNS, Instructor of Nursing, was awarded the 2011 Nightingale Nurse Educator of the Year Award by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation and Louisiana State Nurses Association. The honor is given to an outstanding nurse educator involved in a formal undergraduate or graduate nursing program based in Louisiana.

The awards were presented at the 10th Annual Louisiana Awards Gala for Nursing and Healthcare in Baton Rouge last Saturday. ■

