Jonathan H. Lin, MD, PhD, Receives the ASIP 2013 Cotran Early Investigator Award

Jonathan H. Lin, MD, PhD, of the University of California – San Diego, has been selected as the recipient of the ASIP 2013 Cotran Early Career Investigator Award. The Cotran Early Career Investigator Award is partially supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Elsevier, an ASIP Corporate Partner. This award recognizes early career investigators with demonstrated excellence as an investigator with recently established or emerging independence and with a research focus leading to an improved understanding of the conceptual basis of disease. The award is named in honor of Dr. Ramzi S. Cotran (1933-2000), a leader of pathology formerly of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and a Past President of ASIP.

Dr. Lin is trained in cell biology and pathology, and is currently studying the role of the UPR signaling pathways in the pathogenesis of human diseases. Dr. Steven L. Gonias, Chair of the Pathology Department of the University of California, San Diego, rates Dr. Lin as “an outstanding physician-scientist with publications in the highest-tier journals, an exciting experimental research agenda that impacts many human diseases, and a demonstrated passion and talent for his research field. His expertise and training in the unfolded protein response exquisitely suits him to decipher its role in the pathogenesis of diseases arising from protein misfolding and endoplasmic reticulum stress.”

Dr. Marilyn G. Farquhar of the University of California, San Diego characterizes Dr. Lin as “an engaging, lively physician scientist who is making tremendous progress investigating the mechanism of human diseases.”

Dr. Scott R. Vandenberg, also of the University of California, San Diego, states that Dr. Lin has impressed him “with his tremendous scientific knowledge and his ability to translate that knowledge to clinically important problems.” He feels that Dr. Lin will become “a leader in academic pathology.” Dr. Lin received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University. He then received his Ph.D. in Neuroscience and his M.D. from Columbia University. Dr. Lin received the ASIP Excellence in Science Award in 2009. Dr. Lin is an Assistant Professor of Pathology and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Cellular and Molecular Medicine at University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Lin presented his award lecture on “Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress in Disease Pathogenesis” on Monday, April 22, 2013 at the ASIP Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration (at Experimental Biology 2013) in Boston, MA. He received the Cotran Early Career Investigator Award during the ASIP Awards Presentation and Membership Business Meeting.