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**American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) to Award
Kari Nejak-Bowen, PhD the 2014 ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award**



Bethesda, MD - Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen is the 2014 recipient of the ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding and sustained achievements at the earliest stages of a career in biomedical research. Accomplishments include, but are not limited to, publications and presentations as well as volunteered service to ASIP. This award is funded through the generous support of the A.D. Sobel-ASIP Education Fund. Dr. Nejak-Bowen is the first recipient of the Young Scientist Leadership Award, which was previously the ASIP Excellence in Science Award.

Dr. Satdarshan Pal (Paul) S. Monga of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine commends Dr. Nejak-Bowen's accomplishments for receiving a grant from the Pathology Postdoctoral Research Training Program for her first fellowship project. For her second fellowship project, she received funding from the American Liver Foundation & American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. Dr. Monga states that this "clearly exemplifies her intellect, motivation, and ability to multitask." Dr. Nejak-Bowen has had three first author manuscripts and two review articles published as well as authoring a book chapter.

Dr. Martha Furie of Stony Brook University states how impressed she is with Dr. Nejak-Bowen for receiving the Presidential Poster of Distinction Award at the 2012 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases meeting. Dr. Furie praises Dr. Nejak-Bowen's activity within ASIP citing her role as co-editor of the *ASIP Trainee Newsletter* (www.asip.org/Trainee_Newsletter). Dr. Furie states that this task is a "major responsibility for Kari and an invaluable resource for our younger members." Dr. Mark Sobel, ASIP's Executive Officer, also points out that Kari has been an active member of the ASIP Committee for Career Development Women, and Minorities as well as the ASIP Education Committee and has helped chair a special program for high school teachers and their students at the annual meeting entitled "Scientific Sleuthing of Human Disease."

Dr. George Michalopoulos of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine praises Dr. Nejak-Bowen saying: "This recommendation is made keeping in mind the overall dedication, commitment and diligence of Kari throughout her presence as an active factor for investigation and research in both Dr. Monga's laboratories and mine over the last eight years." Dr. Michalopoulos also discusses Dr. Nejak-Bowen's accomplishments, which include "very mature suggestions, actively assists others and designs high quality experiments which crucially dissect and highlight the mechanisms behind the phenomena that are being observed."

Dr. Nejak-Bowen received her BS from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999 and received her PhD from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. She has been a member of ASIP since 2007.

Dr. Nejak-Bowen presented her award lecture, "Targeting Beta-catenin Reveals Novel Roles in Hepatocyte Survival and Bile Acid Metabolism," on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the 2014 ASIP Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California during the Graduate Students Highlights in Pathology Research Session, which she will also co-chair. She received the ASIP Young Scientist Leadership Award on Monday, April 28, 2014 during the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation.