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Biophysical Society Announces 2013 New and Notable Symposium **Speakers**

Rockville, MD— The Biophysical Society has announced the speakers for the New and Notable Symposium at the Society's 57th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The New and Notable Symposium highlights the latest and most exciting discoveries in biophysics. Speakers are nominated by the Society's membership and selected by the Program Committee two months before the meeting. Over 170 nominations were received this year. The session will take place on Sunday, February 3, at 4 pm in Grand Ballroom A of the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Jody Puglisi of Stanford University, the chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee and the New & Notable Symposium, noted, "This year's New and Notable speakers will present exciting new results on a breathtaking range of topics, including structural biology, ion channels, motor proteins, genomics and biophysical methods. I believe our speaker slate, which includes both junior and senior investigators, reflects the breadth of the Biophysical Society."

The speakers and their presentation titles are listed below.

Yann Chemla, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, *Insights into* Motor Protein Mechanism through Simultaneous High-Resolution Optical Trapping and Single-Molecule Fluorescence.

Adam Cohen, Harvard University, All Optical Electrophysiology with Microbial Rhodopsins.

Lila Gierasch, University of Massachusetts, The Allosterically Active State of an Hsp70 Molecular Chaperone.

Daniel Minor, Jr., University of California, San Francisco, Structure of a Sodium Channel Pore-only Protein.

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ABOUT THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Each year, the Biophysical Society Annual Meeting brings together over 6,000 research scientists in the multidisciplinary fields representing biophysics. With more than 4,000 poster presentations, over 180 exhibits, and more than 20 symposia, the BPS Annual Meeting is the largest meeting of biophysicists in the world. Despite its size, the meeting retains its small-meeting flavor through its subgroup meetings, platform sessions, social activities, and committee programs.

The 57th Annual Meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.1), in Center City Philadelphia. Registration is available at http://bit.ly/TZqQmO or onsite. For press registration, contact Ellen Weiss at eweiss@biophysics.org or 240-290-5606.

The Biophysical Society, founded in 1958, is a professional, scientific Society established to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics. The Society promotes growth in this expanding field through its annual meeting, monthly journal, and committee and outreach activities. Its 9000 members are located throughout the U.S. and the world, where they teach and conduct research in colleges, universities, laboratories, government agencies, and industry. For more information on the Society, or the 2013 Annual Meeting, visit www.biophysics.org.