

Florida Academy of Sciences

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FAS Office Edward A. Haddad, Executive Director : Julie Regier, Office Manager December 2006

From the Executive Director

On behalf of the entire Academy we extend a warm welcome to all of our new members who have joined FAS!

This is the time of the year when the FAS office is at its busiest processing membership applications and annual meeting registrations. It is our policy to send you a receipt for your membership renewals and annual meeting registrations. It normally takes about two weeks from the time we receive an application and process it until we send out a receipt. Please remember that in order to qualify for member rates for the annual meeting registration, you must have already renewed your membership for 2007 OR included your membership renewal fees with your application/registration for the Annual Meeting We do appreciate your patience with that. If you have any questions about membership or the annual meeting, do not hesitate to e-mail us.

We are proceeding with the restructure of our FAS website and the FJAS website to make them more appealing and informative. We have had several suggestions for improvements. If any of you have any photographs of you or your colleagues involving some scientific pursuit that you think would be interesting for our website, please send them here to the office for consideration. All photos should be in JPEG format.

The Academy received a request from an Orlando High School and the Orange County Science Curriculum Director for some of our members who would be willing to mentor students in developing and presenting science projects. Two of our members have expressed a willingness to help. We would encourage any of you who might be interested to ask us about this program.

Soon to be included on our website and in the Florida Scientist journal is a policy relative to advertising in the journal. Your employer or your own business may wish to advertise in the journal. The cost will be quite reasonable and your advertising will reach a wide audience.

At the upcoming annual meeting, our President-elect, Dr. Dan Odell will be installed as FAS President for the ensuing two years. At that time, a President Elect will also be designated to serve as President when Dr. Odell's term expires. Any member of the Academy is welcome to submit a name in nomination for the office of President Elect. If you would like to do so, simply E-mail your nomination to the office. ***Both Julie and I convey our best wishes to you for an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season***

Time to Renew Your Membership

Please remember to renew your FAS Membership for 2007 as soon as possible! The sooner you renew, the sooner you will receive your confirmation. Renewal forms and information can be found on the website. Also, please remember to include your correct e-mail address on your membership application, as all important FAS correspondence is now sent via e-mail. You may be sure that your e-mail address is never divulged to other members or anyone outside the Academy!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DUE DATE FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JANUARY 5, 2007!

From the President

Happy Holiday and all the best for 2007.

May one of your resolutions for the New Year be to enhance your participation in FAS.

There are so many opportunities for you to participate. So, please consider one or all of the following:

- Renewing your membership in FAS for 2007 as a Sustaining Member (our growth depends on increased financial support).
- Paying for a student or colleague to join FAS.
- Submitting an abstract for our 71st Annual Meeting at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, on March 16 and 17, 2007. Our Local Arrangements Chair is Kathy Carvalho-Knighton. Kathy and her colleagues are most enthusiastic about opening their campus to the academy.
- Encouraging a student or colleague to submit an abstract for the annual meeting.
- Coming to the banquet for the Annual Meeting on Friday evening, March 16, and bring a guest.
- Becoming a Section Chair.

Our links with the Orlando Science Center (OSC) have blossomed thanks to Ed Haddad. Check out *Ask a Scientist?*
<http://www.osc.org/askascientist/index.htm>

Download a copy of our first contribution to Scope (The Orlando Science Center Magazine) by FAS member John Brandenburg The article appears on page 5.
http://www.osc.org/whats_new/index.htm

I look forward to seeing you in St. Petersburg!

John Trefry

Associate Editor for *Florida Scientist*

The academy seeks applications for an Associate Editor for our journal *Florida Scientist*. The individual selected will assist our current editors Dean and Barbara Martin. Experience in scientific publishing and editing desired. Please submit a letter of interest with a statement of qualifications and CV to FloridaAcademyofSciences@osc.org.