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## FASEB RECOGNIZES FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL POSTDOC APPRECIATION DAY

*Bethesda, MD* – FASEB congratulates and commends the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) for organizing the first annual National Postdoc Appreciation day. “We are pleased to join NPA in recognizing the significant contributions that postdoctoral scholars make to the research enterprise,” said FASEB President, Mark O. Lively, Ph.D. Since its inception in 2003, the NPA has been the voice of postdoctoral scholars in the United States. The organization has played an essential and effective role in raising awareness of the important contributions that postdocs make to the research enterprise, advocating for policies and practices at the national and institutional levels to improve the postdoctoral training environment, and providing a forum to facilitate information exchange and collaboration among members of the postdoctoral community.

In 2007, FASEB was honored with the NPA’s annual Distinguished Service Award for its contribution to enhancing the postdoctoral training experience. FASEB has championed the provision of health benefits for postdoctoral scholars, encouraged improvements in postdoctoral mentoring, and conducted and published [research](#) on the status of the postdoctoral workforce. Currently, FASEB is working to improve its [Individual Development Plan for Postdoctoral Fellows](#), a resource to help postdocs identify, pursue, and achieve their career and professional development goals.

“The contributions of our nation’s postdoctoral scholars are critical to the advancement of science and engineering,” said Lively. “We look forward to continuing our partnership with the NPA to raise the quality of postdoctoral training and recruit and nurture top research talent.”

*FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 90,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.*