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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR
THE 2011 BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

Bethesda, MD – FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2011 Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual Meeting in Hartford, CT from October 12-15, 2011. These awards are meant to promote the entry of underrepresented minority students, postdoctorates and scientists into the mainstream of the basic science community and to encourage the participation of young scientists at the 2011 BMES Annual Meeting.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 19 awards totaling \$31,350.

The FASEB MARC Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. A primary goal of the MARC Program is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minorities engaged in biomedical and behavioral research.

FASEB is composed of 24 societies with more than 100,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of scientists and engineers 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 its member societies and collaborative advocacy.

The following poster/platform presenters have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Sandra C. Bustamante López, Massachusetts Institute of Technology [BMES member]
Leethaniel Brumfield, North Carolina State University [BMES member]
Daniela E. Fuentes, The Pennsylvania State University [BMES member]
Salvador Garcia, California State University-San Bernardino

The following faculty/mentors and students/trainees have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Dr. Jerry Collins, Alabama A&M University [BMES, APS member]
Kasang Busambwa, Alabama A&M University
Abiola Kupoyini, Alabama A&M University
Julia Todd, Alabama A&M University
Andrea Tolbert, Alabama A&M University

Dr. Elizabeth Heitman, Alabama A&M University
Rhona Miller-Cebert, Alabama A&M University

Dr. Huinan Liu, University of California-Riverside
Carla De Los Santos, University of California-Riverside
Jaclyn Lock, University of California-Riverside

Dr. Teresa Murray, Yale University [BMES member]
Becca Scott, Purdue University [BMES member]

Dr. Vincent Pizziconi, Arizona State University [BMES member]
Robert Espinoza, Arizona State University
Carolina Tostado, Arizona State University