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**FASEB MARC PROGRAM ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010
POSTDOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT AWARD**

Bethesda, MD – The FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program is pleased to announce the selection of six early career scientists as recipients of the 2010 FASEB Postdoctoral Professional Development and Enrichment Award. The FASEB Postdoctoral Professional Development and Enrichment Award (funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health) was established to recognize outstanding achievement by an early career life scientist from an underrepresented minority group. These awards are primarily intended for advanced postdoctoral fellows or new assistant professors who will be able to utilize these resources to gain knowledge, skills and training to enrich their competitiveness for research funding, publication in top tier journals and employment in prestigious research intensive settings.

The six recipients of the 2010 award are:

- **Mauricio Di Fulvio, Ph.D.**, Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine (*ASBMB Member*)
- **Maureen Estevez, Ph.D.**, Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Neuroscience, Brown University (*AAA Member*)
- **Princess Imoukhuede, Ph.D.**, Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (*ISCB Member*)
- **Alexis Ortiz, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor in the School of Physical Therapy Program, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus (*ACSM Member*)
- **Maria Juliana Serrano, Ph.D.**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Baylor College of Dentistry (*AAA Member*)
- **April Stull, Ph.D.**, Postdoctoral Fellow in the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Division of Nutrition and Chronic Diseases, Louisiana State University Systems (*ASN Member*)

Recipients of the award receive a \$3,000 unrestricted career development award and a certificate of recognition. In addition, a travel award up to \$2,500 is provided to each award winner to support his/her participation in a national scientific meeting. This is the third year that the FASEB MARC Program will make these awards.

For more information, please visit The FASEB Postdoctoral Development and Enrichment Award website: <http://www1.faseb.org/postdocprofdevaward/>. 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 23 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.