

DIRECT BENEFITS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

◇ **ADVOCACY**

- FASEB has worked to affect positive change in visa policies affecting entry of international scientists to the United States. Together with coalition partners, we have raised the profile of this important issue and we have seen significant improvement in visa review and processing.
- FASEB interceded to change restrictions on which and how many government scientists were allowed to travel to international meetings.
- FASEB successfully advocated against a deemed export proposal by the Depts. of Commerce and Defense which would have imposed prohibitive restrictions on foreign scientists working in U.S. universities. FASEB also testified before the Deemed Export Advisory Committee (DEAC), whose December 2007 report endorsed many of FASEB's comments and included recommendations for complete overhaul of the deemed export system, including elimination of the current Technology Alert List.
- FASEB has played an active role in regulatory policy on an international level, involving standardization of policies related to:
 - * Animal care and use in research and education
 - * Transportation of select agents
 - * Stem cells and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT)
 - * Regulation of dual use biotechnology and biosecurity policy
 - * Intellectual property and technology transfer
- FASEB advocacy efforts which ultimately elicited the dramatic rise in the budget of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and increases in other U.S. science agencies, directly impacts international researchers supported by NIH or other agency funds.

◇ **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

- The Office of Public Affairs supports the policy development & research mission of the Science Policy Committee, which is responsible for developing proactive positions on issues impacting international scientists including:
 - * Training and career development of scientists
 - * Research integrity and conflict of interest policies
 - * Access to scientific literature
 - * Stem cell research and SCNT

◇ **OUTREACH**

FASEB actively promotes and educates the public on the benefits of basic biomedical research. We have created the *Breakthroughs in Bioscience* series, an illustrated set of articles designed to educate the public about how basic research discoveries lead to medical advancements. These, as well as many other educational and advocacy publications, are freely available on FASEB's website.



INDIRECT BENEFITS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

◇ INCREASED INVESTMENT IN SCIENCE

- As the federal government of the United States has increased its investment in science, in part due to FASEB's ongoing advocacy, other nations have been stimulated to compete, benefiting international researchers and science as a whole. Larger U.S. investments have also provided training opportunities for foreign scientists and students, as well as creating infrastructure for collaborative research at the international level.

◇ FASEB MODEL FOR OTHER NATIONS

- In an effort to serve as a model for biomedical research advocacy for other nations, FASEB has worked with similar advocacy groups in:
 - * Australia
 - * Brazil
 - * Canada
 - * China
 - * England
 - * Sweden
- In the future, FASEB hopes to increase collaboration with these like-minded international organizations, building on the FASEB model for science policy and advocacy.

OTHER BENEFITS

- As a member of a FASEB member society, international researchers are able to interact with the programs of other FASEB member societies, many of which have large international memberships.
- Researchers have access to FASEB's Office of Scientific Meetings and Conferences, which provides meeting management services and has extensive experience in international conference arrangements.
- Opportunities exist through the FASEB Summer Research Conference (SRC) series to expand international participation in the development of new scientific meetings and increasing the number of international venues existing for SRCs.
- FASEB society members are eligible for a discount on subscriptions to the *FASEB Journal* and have access to the online FASEB directory.
- FASEB's Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program is able to provide support for minority students in the U.S. to attend meetings both inside and outside the U.S.