

The FASEB SRC **Gastrointestinal Tract XVII: Current Biology of the GI tract, Mucosa, Microbiota, and Beyond** has organized a Career Development Series. This includes two Meet-the expert mentoring sessions. The first, “From Trainee to Faculty: Making the Jump”, will feature the Assistant Professor-level speakers at the meeting, and will be primarily geared towards trainees interested in how these junior investigators made the critical transition from being trainees to getting their first faculty appointment. The second session, “Sustaining and surviving your career” will have a similar format, but featuring senior members of the field, drawn from our pool of senior invited speakers and session chairs. We will also be hosting the “The Art of Publishing Your Science”. This session will feature Dr. Richard Peek, Editor of Gastroenterology, Dr. Kim Barrett, Editor of Journal of Physiology, and Jerry Turner, Editor of Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology. The topical focus of this session will be strategies to prepare work for successful publication in high-impact journals. It will begin with a brief panel presentation of the key issues, challenges, and barriers to publication in the current scientific landscape, with an emphasis on preparing early-career scientists to make the most of their work. Finally, we will sponsor “Writing for a K award with an eye towards your first R01”. This session will feature Dr. Beth McCormick (U. Mass) and Dr. Wayne Lencer (Harvard) moderate a discussion with Dr. David Saslowsky and other program directors at NIDDK for career development awards and R01-based programs. The panel will discuss grant writing and logistics of acquiring career development awards and transitioning from them to independent R01 grants. A particular focus will be on common mistakes and how to avoid them.