

following awards at its 125th meeting, held in Boise, Idaho, in August.

The Robert A. Millikan Award, given for notable and creative contributions to physics teaching, went to **Simon George**, a professor of physics at California State University, Long Beach. AAPT recognized George for, among other things, his influence on learning and teaching physics worldwide.

Barry C. Barish director of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory and the Ronald and Maxine Linde Professor of Physics at Caltech, received this year's Klopsteg Memorial Lecture Award. At the meeting, Barish presented his lecture entitled "Catching the Waves with LIGO."

Thomas L. O'Kuma, lead teacher of physical sciences at Lee College in Baytown, Texas, received the Excellence in Undergraduate Physics Teaching Award, and **Lowell G. Herr**, a recently retired physics teacher at the Catlin Gabel School in Portland, Oregon, was given the Excellence in Pre-College Teaching Award. AAPT cited both for their "many contributions to the teaching of physics and to the professional growth of physics teachers."

Frey Voted President-Elect of AAPM

Medical physicist **G. Donald Frey** of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston will be the president-elect of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine for 2003. He will begin his term on 1 January 2003, becoming president in 2004 and chair of the AAPM board in 2005. The current president-elect, **Martin S. Weinhaus**, will take the presidency this January, succeeding **Robert G. Gould**, who will become chair of the board.



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In his candidate statement, Frey said that he plans to "continue efforts to make the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the medical physics profession more visible to the public, medical and scientific professionals, and political leaders." He added that perhaps "this increased visibility will help recruit new physicists into the profession." He also conveyed his interest in increasing AAPM's role

in developing regulations and accreditation programs.

Frey received a BS in physics with a minor in philosophy from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, in 1965 and a PhD in nuclear physics from the University of South Carolina in 1970. Following brief service in the US Army, Frey joined MUSC in 1971, rising through the ranks from associate professor to his current position as professor of radiology and director of diagnostics physics. His primary area of interest is medical physics education.

In other AAPM election results, **David R. Pickens** (Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee) will take office on 1 January as secretary for a two-year term. Elected to the AAPM board of directors for three-year terms are **Julie E. Dawson** (Saint Louis University), **Benedick A. Fraass** (University of Michigan), **Michael G. Herman** (Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota), and **Timothy D. Solberg** (UCLA).

Busch-Vishniac to Lead ASA

Ilene Busch-Vishniac, who was elected president-elect of the Acoustical Society of America, took office on 5 June 2002, succeeding **Richard Stern**. Busch-Vishniac, dean of the G. W. C. Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, will become president of the society in 2003.

"As president I will focus on the two biggest challenges ASA faces: balance and vitality," Busch-Vishniac said. "The society traditionally has been well served by its great breadth in terms of discipline coverage and type of member (academic and practitioner). If ASA is to succeed in the future, it must maintain this breadth and balance the needs of various members with equitable distribution of precious resources. It must send a clear message of valuing all of its members equally." She added that ASA must recognize that its membership is aging and "either face its demise in a relatively short future or craft



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ways to engage more junior acousticians in its activities." She noted that many opportunities exist to create new programs that will target acousticians at early stages of their careers and significantly enhance the value of ASA to them. "By focusing on issues of balance and vitality, we can ensure the preeminence and financial viability of the ASA for many years to come."

Busch-Vishniac earned a BS in physics and a BA in mathematics from the University of Rochester in 1976, and received her PhD in mechanical engineering from MIT in 1981. Before joining the University of Texas at Austin in 1982, she had been a member of the technical staff in the acoustic research department at Bell Labs in Murray Hill, New Jersey. At UT Austin, she taught mechanical engineering and was associate chair for academic affairs from 1991 to 1994. In 1998, she moved to her current position at Johns Hopkins. Her research focuses on noise control and transduction. Her area of specialization is the application of system dynamics techniques to the special problems of sensors and actuators of multiple energy domains.

Also taking office will be **Steven M. Brown** (Steelcase Inc in Caledonia, Michigan) and **Ronald A. Roy** (Boston University) for three-year terms as members of the ASA executive council and **Anthony A. Atchley** (Pennsylvania State University) for a one-year term as vice president-elect.

IN BRIEF

In July, the Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur in Nice, France, announced the winner of its 2002 Médaille de l'ADION (Medal of the Association for the International Development of the Observatory of Nice). **Margaret J. Geller**, senior scientist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is being recognized for her "eminent contributions to the study of the structure and evolution of systems of galaxies." She will receive the medal during a ceremony to be held in Nice next spring.

In August, **Maxim Marchevsky**, previously a postdoctoral researcher at the NEC Research Institute in Princeton, New Jersey, joined the physics faculty at Syracuse University as an assistant professor of physics.