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American Association of Anatomists (AAA) 2014 Young Investigator Award Winners

Presenting Awards for Scientific, Education, and Leadership Contributions to the field of anatomy.

BETHESDA, MD. (April 22, 2014) – The [American Association of Anatomists \(AAA\)](http://www.aaa-anatomists.org) is honored to announce the 2014 Young Investigator Award winners. All awards will be presented during the *Closing Awards Ceremony* being held at the San Diego Marriott Hotel on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. during AAA's 2014 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology (EB).

The 2014 Young Investigator Award winners are:

R.R. Bensley Award in Cell Biology: Takanari Inoue, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, will be honored with a plaque for his early contributions to the field of anatomy through discovery, ingenuity and publication in the field. He will also present a lecture, *Synthetically Rerouting Phagocytosis by Rapidly Turning Inert Cells Into "Eat you" Mode*, on Tuesday, April 29th at EB.

C.J. Herrick Award in Neuroanatomy: Xiangmin Xu, Ph.D., of the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, will receive a plaque for his contributions to the field of comparative neuroanatomy. He will also give a lecture, *Inhibitory Neuron Organization and Function in Cerebral Cortex*, on Tuesday, April 29th at EB.

H. W. Mossman Award in Developmental Biology: Lionel Christiaen, Ph.D., of New York University, will be honored with a plaque for his early contributions to the field of developmental biology. Dr. Christiaen will also present a lecture, *The Chordate Origins of the Second Heart Field and Head Muscle Stem Cells*, on Tuesday, April 29th at EB.

Morphological Science Award: Ben Emery, Ph.D., of the University of Melbourne, will receive a plaque in honor of his important contributions to biomedical science through research in the morphological sciences. He will also give a lecture, *Regulation of Oligodendrocyte Differentiation and CNS Myelination by a Novel Transmembrane Transcription Factor*, on Tuesday, April 29th at EB.

About AAA: *The American Association of Anatomists (AAA) was founded by Joseph Leidy in Washington, D.C. in 1888 for the "advancement of anatomical science." Today, via research, education and professional development activities, AAA serves as the professional home for an international community of biomedical researchers and educators focusing on the structural foundation of health and disease.*

About Experimental Biology (EB): *EB is an annual meeting comprised of over 14,000 scientists representing six sponsoring societies and multiple guest societies. Primary focus areas include anatomy, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, nutrition and pharmacology. EB is open to all members of the sponsoring and guest societies and nonmembers interested in the latest research impacting life sciences. Attendees represent scientists, academic institutions, government agencies, non-profit organizations and private corporations.*

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