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Happy New Year from mophys

By now we have probably all settled in for the year 2023 and mophys wishes you a great start for the new academic semester!

We thank David Kline for a great year as the mophys president 2022, and we are looking forward to his sage advice this coming year as the immediate past-president.

Please keep mophys in mind going forward and send us information about your accomplishments throughout the year. We would like to share this information with the entire mophys community and put your hard work in the spot light! Also tell your colleagues about mophys and invite them to join our society.

Thank you and all the best from the [Missouri Physiological Society](#).

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New mophys president Darla Tharp takes office

Darla Tharp, Ph.D. is an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Missouri. The main goal of her research is to investigate mechanisms involved in the development of heart failure in order to discover new potential targets for therapeutic intervention. She took office in January and we are excited for her 2023 term as the mophys president!



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Introducing the new mophys committees

There were many changes to the mophys structure with the beginning of the year. We now have various committees to better serve the mophys membership. These are the new committees:

- **Annual Meeting Committee**

- Darla Tharp, Ph.D. - MU - Chair
- Vincenza Cifarelli, Ph.D. - SLU
- Kyle McCommis, Ph.D. - SLU
- Vaishnavi Srirama - SLU
- Fateme Khodadadi - MU

- **Membership Committee**
 - James Smith, M.S. - MU - Chair
 - Nicole Nichols, Ph.D. - MU
 - Kevin Cummings, Ph.D. - MU

- **Communications Committee**
 - Tim Ostrowski, Ph.D. - ATSU- Chair
 - Robert Baer, Ph.D. - ATSU
 - Haley Anderson - MU
 - Lara do Amaral Silva, Ph.D. - MU
 - Neil McMillan, M.S. - MU

- **Nominations Committee**
 - Kyle McCommis, Ph.D. - SLU - Chair
 - Yohei Norimatsu, Ph.D. - ATSU
 - Julie Semon, Ph.D. - Missouri S&T
 - Scott Zimmerman, Ph.D. - Missouri State
 - Andrew Linsenbardt, Ph.D. - Missouri Valley
 - Vaishnavi Srirama - SLU
 - Daniela Ostrowski, Ph.D. - Truman State
 - Larissa Ferreira dos Santos, Ph.D. - MU
 - James Smith, M.S. - MU
 - Karyn Turla, Ph.D. - UMKC
 - Amber Stratman, Ph.D. - WashU

If you want to contribute and facilitate physiology in Missouri, find out more about the [mophys committees](#) and how to become involved with mophys on our [website](#)!

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A message from the mophys committees

Communications committee:

Do you have an exciting event in MO science that you would like to promote to other mophys members? You may [submit your announcements](#) about local meetings, publications, important accomplishments, and open positions to the communications committee to be put in the next quarterly newsletter or on the [mophys website!](#)

Follow us on Twitter [@Mo_Phys](#) and on Instagram [@missouriphysiologicalsociety!](#)

Annual meeting committee:

The **2023 mophys annual meeting** will be held in the Education Union **at Saint Louis University on Saturday, September 30th.** The **Keynote Speaker will be John Thyfault, Ph.D.** from the University of Kansas Medical Center. The St. Louis Cardinals will be playing the Cincinnati Reds at Busch Stadium that evening, so those attending the meeting can enjoy some major league baseball as well!

Membership committee:

2021 Membership breakdown:

Total members: 34
Regular members: 23
Student members: 0
Trainee members: 11

2022 Membership breakdown:

Total members: 123
Regular members: 37
Student members: 76
Trainee members: 10

2022 total membership growth was 261%!

As we move into 2023 we hope to continue to recruit more members. The membership committee has some new ideas on how to increase recruitment, but we would love to hear from you! Please send us ideas you may have to help us in our recruitment efforts (membership@mophys.org).

Nominations committee:

The Nominating Committee will soon be gearing up to help ensure we have nominations for any open positions for next year. The President-Elect, of course, is a position needing to be filled on a yearly basis.

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Upcoming Meetings at a Glance:

- **Mar. 07, 2023** 30th Annual Cardiovascular Day ([Columbia, MO](#))
- **Apr. 20-23, 2023** American Physiology Summit ([Long Beach, CA](#))
- **Apr. 27, 2023** Student Research Conference ([Kirksville, MO](#))
- **Sept. 30, 2023** 2023 mophys annual meeting ([Saint Louis, MO](#))

[Click here](#) for full details.

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Share news about yourself or your institution:

We would like to know the exciting things going on at Missouri schools. mophys will promote your local meetings to a chapter-wide audience. Just send us some

basic information of your meeting and we will display it on the mophys website and include it in the mophys newsletters. This is a great way to draw more attention to your school and your science!

Did you recently win an award or publish important new data? We would also like to share these exciting news and accomplishments with our mophys community to highlight individual members and the science/teaching done in Missouri.

All it takes is an email to: contact@mophys.org

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President: Darla L. Tharp, Ph.D.

President elect: Kyle McCommis, Ph.D.

Secretary: Tim D. Ostrowski, Ph.D.

Treasurer: Jeffrey R. Henegar, Ph.D.

Early Sci. Rep.: Haley Anderson

Past president: David D. Kline, Ph.D.

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