

The Kasha Award

The Kasha Award is given annually to recognize and stimulate research and promote quality scientific writing. It is named after Dr. Michael Kasha, distinguished professor and co-founder of the Molecular Biophysics Graduate Program. All MOB students who are primary authors on a published paper in the past 2 years are eligible. The candidates are nominated by their major professor and selected by a committee.

Welcome

Laura R. Keller, Ph.D.
Professor of Biological Science

Presentation of Awards

Michael Kasha, Ph.D.
R.O. Lawton Distinguished Professor

Introduction of Speaker

Thomas C. S. Keller, III, Ph.D.
Professor of Biological Science

Speaker

Kenneth Eilertsen, Ph.D.
*Topic: "Cloning Livestock for Healthcare
and Agriculture: Applications of Nuclear
Transfer"*

Lunch Reception 12:30pm,
701 Keen Bldg. 7th floor, Physics Dept

The Speaker

Dr. Kenneth Eilertsen earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Florida State University. He received his Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics from FSU in 1994, working with Dr. Thomas Keller on the identification and characterization of cellular titin, a huge protein component of the nonmuscle cell cytoskeleton.

After graduating from FSU, Dr. Eilertsen undertook postdoctoral research in *Drosophila* genetics working on an unconventional myosin isoform at Duke University with Dr. Daniel Kiehart. He then moved to Johnson & Johnson, Inc., for further postdoctoral training, where he worked in Kurt Stenn's lab and was mentored by both Drs. Stenn and Satish Parimoo. While at Johnson & Johnson, Inc., he mapped and positionally cloned the mouse Asebia gene.

In 1997, Dr. Eilertsen joined ABS Global, Inc., the leading global source of bovine genetics and related animal care products, which is located in DeForest, WI. His current research focus is mammalian genomics, including high throughput genomic strategies for expression profiling, positional cloning, and molecular characterization of totipotent Embryonic Stem (ES) cells. ABS Global, Inc., and a partner company Infigen, Inc., are applying this technology to the xenotransplantation, pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, and agricultural fields.

We welcome Dr. Eilertsen back to Tallahassee!

**Previous winners of the
Dr. Michael Kasha Student
Publication Award**

1995

**Kenneth Eilertsen &
Drazen Raucher**

1996

Randal R. Ketchem

1997

Priya Subramony

1998

Goran Periz

Speakers

1995

Dr. Linda Nicholson

1996

Dr. Teresa E. Strzelecka

1997

Dr. Steven Pascal

1998

Dr. Anthony Nicholls

**The 1999 Kasha Award
Ceremony
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida**

**Molecular Biophysics Graduate
Program**

**April 20, 1999
11:15am
Room 555-MBB**



**Speaker
Kenneth Eilertsen, Ph.D.
ABS Global, Inc.,
DeForest, WI**