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## Charleston Chapter

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This special edition newsletter recognizes three members who have recently made our chapter proud.

**Dr. Jack Thomas**, MUSC professor and our immediate past president, will be awarded the American Physical Therapy Association's Dorothy E. Baethke - Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching at the association's annual conference in June. This is the highest honor for academic teaching awarded by the physical therapy profession and a significant tribute to Jack's excellence as an educator.

**Dr. Sorinel Oprisan**, College of Charleston professor and our 2011-2012 president, has been awarded the Faculty Early Career Development award from the National Science Foundation. This award is the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. This award, which comes with a half million dollar research grant, marks only the second time this grant has been received at the College and also is the largest single-investigator grant.

Dr. Oprisan also received The Gordon E. Jones Distinguished Achievement Award, previously The School of Sciences and Mathematics Distinguished Achievement Award, which is made to an SSM faculty member in recognition of a particularly outstanding achievement in the area of teaching, research, or service, or an extraordinary combination in these areas. The award, consisting of a plaque and a check for \$500, was presented to Dr. Oprisan at the College of Charleston's annual picnic.

**Dr. Saul Adelman**, Citadel professor and our past president, has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research at an Undergraduate Institution. This is the first time the award has been given at the undergraduate institution level. This award is in recognition of his work on the chemical composition of stellar atmospheres. Dr. Adelman's research has been continuously supported over the past 35 years by the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, and NATO.

Our chapter congratulates Dr. Thomas, Dr. Oprisan, and Dr. Adelman on the receipt of these prestigious awards.