



**THE HISTOCHEMICAL
SOCIETY**

History



- The Histochemical Society (HCS) was founded in 1950. In 1963 it was incorporated as a not-for-profit scientific society in the State of New York as The Histochemical Society, Inc.
- The Society established its official journal in 1953, *The Journal of Histochemistry & Cytochemistry*.



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- In 2011 HCS became a member society of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

The HCS Mission Statement



The [Histochemical Society](#) is an organization of scientists sharing a passion for the development and use of visual techniques that provide biochemical and molecular information about the structure and function of cells, tissues and organs and for the dissemination of this knowledge through education and outreach.

The Society fulfills its mission through publishing its Journal, the [Journal of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry](#), and through the management of annual meetings, short courses and awards programs.

Membership, Leadership, Mentoring

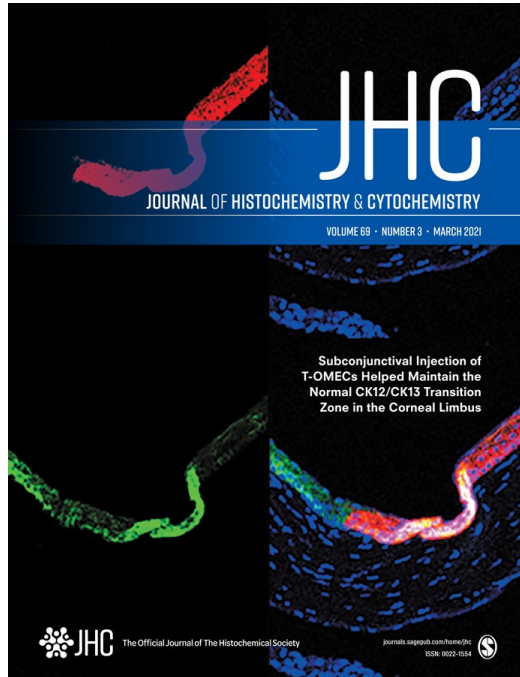


- **Biographic, demographic, and scientific diversity in governance is an overarching goal.**
 - **Members include cell biologists, pathologists, anatomists, biochemists, pharmacologists, and neuroscientists**
- **Society committees have a range of participants (including early career society members and members from small and large academic institutions, as well as biotech and industry)**
 - **Awards**
 - **Membership and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
 - **Finance**
 - **Program**
 - **Publications**
 - **Communication (we contract with [Delta Think](#) for social media posts)**
 - **Education**
- **~250 members**

Meetings and Courses



- Meets annually at EB as a guest society
 - American Association of Anatomists (2003, 2009)
 - American Society for Investigative Pathology (2007)
 - American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2008)
- Co-hosts international meeting
- Hosts guest society sessions at several other society annual meetings
- Host Monthly Webinars including collaborations with ASIP
- Designs and teaches a yearly shortcourse (started in 2008)
 - Immunohistochemistry and Microscopy (IHCM) Advanced Research Graining Course
 - Hands-on experience with immunohistochemical techniques and a broad range of microscopy imaging modalities
 - 30-35 students
 - Previously at Woods Hole, MA; now at Germantown, MD



JHC focuses on hypotheses that require demonstration of biology in situ. Multiple article types are offered to provide a broad venue for author's works.



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Awards and Grants



- **Awards**
 - Travel awards in Imaging and Histochemistry (for multiple conferences/workshops)
 - Travel awards for EB
 - Merit awards (contributions to HCS, histology and immunohistochemistry)
 - Trainees, young investigators, and established investigators
- **Grants**
 - Capstone
 - Undergraduate research projects
 - Cornerstone
 - Medical trainees, graduate students, or combined degree program students

What is unique about HCS?



- **Small society that offers trainees and early investigators multiple opportunities for awards and committee involvement**
- **Hands-on course to learn histochemical and microscopy methods and experimental approaches**
- **Diverse membership**
- **Partnering with ASIP to produce the “Behind our Science” Podcast**
- **To close the gap in understanding the complex mechanisms driving disease formation**