

## **ONES awardee elected to American Society for Clinical Investigation**

*By Eddy Ball*

NIEHS grantee Gokhan Mutlu, M.D., is one of the 80 early career physician-scientists inducted into the [American Society for Clinical Investigation \(ASCI\)](http://www.the-asci.org/index.shtml) (<http://www.the-asci.org/index.shtml>) for 2013, during its annual joint meeting with the American Academy of Pediatrics April 26 in Chicago.

[Mutlu](http://fsmweb.northwestern.edu/faculty/FacultyProfile.cfm?xid=12730) (<http://fsmweb.northwestern.edu/faculty/FacultyProfile.cfm?xid=12730>) is an associate professor of medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, specializing in pulmonary and critical care medicine, and an associate editor of the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

As one of the first group of grantees awarded Outstanding New Environmental Scientist support in 2006 (see [story](#)), Mutlu has been conducting research on the effects of fine particle exposure on blood flow and heart disease risk, with a [project](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/project_info_description.cfm?aid=8238627&icde=16171493&ddparam=&ddvalue=&ddsub=&cr=1&csb=default&cs=ASC) ([http://projectreporter.nih.gov/project\\_info\\_description.cfm?aid=8238627&icde=16171493&ddparam=&ddvalue=&ddsub=&cr=1&csb=default&cs=ASC](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/project_info_description.cfm?aid=8238627&icde=16171493&ddparam=&ddvalue=&ddsub=&cr=1&csb=default&cs=ASC)) titled "Mechanisms of Airborne Particulate Matter Induced Thrombosis," which was renewed in 2012 for five more years.

As ASCI bylaws stipulate, to be considered for membership, "[A prospective member must be a] physician who is 50 years of age or less [and] has accomplished meritorious original, creative, and independent investigations in the clinical or allied sciences of medicine and enjoys an unimpeachable moral standing in the medical profession."

"I am honored to have been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation, whose mission is to advance medical research," Mutlu said. In a message to NIEHS program administrators, he also credited his NIEHS grant support. "I believe that the ONES award was the key factor for my election," he wrote.

ASCI is dedicated to the advancement of research that extends understanding and improves the treatment of human diseases, and members are committed to mentoring future generations of physician-scientists. The ASCI considers the nominations of several hundred physician-scientists from the United States and abroad each year.

ASCI membership includes more than 3,000 physician-scientists from all medical specialties, selected for their outstanding records of scholarly achievement in biomedical research. The membership represents active physician-scientists who are at the bedside, research bench, and blackboard. Many of its senior members are widely recognized leaders in academic medicine.



*Mutlu, right, joined members of his lab to share congratulations for the ASCI recognition of their leading-edge research. Shown with Mutlu, left to right, are Scott Budinger, M.D., Micah Rogel, Ph.D., graduate student Saul Soberanes, Luisa Morales, M.D., and Recep Nigdelioglu, M.D. (Photo courtesy of Gokhan Mutlu)*

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