ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

I am pleased to report a number of successes and areas of growth for the Department of Pathology over the past several months.

RESEARCH

A complete accounting of all active research projects held within the Department accompanies this issue. The Dean requires this information from all departments within the School of Medicine on a quarterly basis and moving forward, the quarterly information will be included with this newsletter. External research funding for all awards held within the Department of Pathology will reach nearly $8,300,000 (directs and indirects) between July and June of 2001. Pathology research funding will exceed our 2001 budget by 75% (indirect cost recovery more than 100%). Recent awards and those not formally received before the February 2000 budgeting process have been bolded to highlight some of the recent awards to pathology faculty. It should be noted that the attached accounting does not yet include awards for faculty held in outside institutions (VA, GSPH, MWH, CHP, UPCI). We are planning to include these amounts in future communications; however, obtaining routine, accurate and updated records from outside institutions continues to be a challenge.

I would also like to recognize Vida George and Julianne Vadnais for their dedication and commitment over the past year with a continuously growing workload. In order to meet the increased demands of both submissions and research accounting, LaTonya Thompson has been promoted to Assistant Research Accountant. LaTonya is also the Coordinator for the Graduate Program and the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program. Over the upcoming months, LaTonya will learn the procedures for research submissions and finance to make certain we are administratively prepared for more…. Congratulations to all!

PATIENT CARE

The last nine months have been successful clinically as well. A transition to the UPP EPIC billing system was made in July 1999 and Gail Antonich has worked tirelessly to improve charge capture, demographic capture, billing time lag and coding compliance.

The EPIC system is also capable of providing more detailed billing data electronically. With one full year and one-quarter on EPIC, we have attached a “1st Quarter Professional Patient Billing Statistics” for your review. Increased service volume by clinical faculty continues to offset the national decline in reimbursement for professional pathology patient care. Patient care revenue supports all of missions of the Department: excellence in patient care, teaching and research. The effort and success of clinical pathologists to consistently meet (and often exceed) revenue goals directly impacts the Department’s ability to continue in its mission. Therefore, UPP pathology faculty will receive a productivity bonus as a Supplement in the November UPP paycheck. Supplements will be allocated based on measured productivity in all Departmental missions. A second bonus for UPP
faculty will be allocated in June 2000, depending on continued Department financial success.

In addition to increasing Part B professional revenue, the Department has contracted for Part A professional services with UPMC Braddock effective July 1, 2000, and is also scheduled to begin serving UPMC-McKeesport on December 1st. The Department of Pathology provides professional pathology services for all but one of the UPMC-HS community affiliate hospitals. The community hospitals currently served by the Department include:

- UPMC-Horizon
- UPMC-Beaver Valley
- UPMC-Southside
- UPMC-Shadyside
- UPMC-St Margaret’s
- UPMC-Lee
- UPMC-Bedford Memorial
- UPMC-Braddock

**COMPLIANCE**
The Department was 100% compliant for UPP faculty and staff annual two-hour training requirement for Billing Compliance. Thanks to all for making the Department of Pathology “100% compliant.”

A gentle reminder: We are unable to pay any incentives or supplements in FY2002 to anyone not completing the annual training requirement for FY2001. In order to simplify attendance and completing the requirement, sessions have been scheduled to meet the full two-hour requirement this fiscal year.

**Thursday, January 18, 2001 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
**Room 1104 UPMC Conference Center**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2001 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**
**BST Video Center, Teleconference from Oakland to Greenville, Assembly Room and Lee Hospital (this is for the satellite hospitals)**

**Saturday, February 3, 2001 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**
**1104 UPMC Conference Center**

**Saturday, February 24, 2001 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**
**1104 UPMC Conference Center**

Please plan to attend one of the above sessions. By attending one 2-hour session, your compliance training will be complete for the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 648-1040.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**
All administrative staff can be reached at 648-1260 during business hours. Please see the updated office locations and areas of responsibility below:

**S-417 BST**
**John Dugan,** Department Controller, will manage all financial operations.
**Brian Rudolph,** Business Systems Analyst, Software Conversions, Training and Reporting.
**Senth Kathiresan,** Accountant, UPP finances.
**Linda Kraly,** University and UPP Purchasing.
**Vida George,** Grants Coordinator, Research Budgets, Submissions, Contracts and IRBs.
**Julianne Vadnais (Denhardt),** Research Accountant: all research accounts.
**Robin Zaidal,** Shared Services Billing and Provider Credentialing.
**Carolyn Nolte,** Payroll Coordinator, University and UPP Payroll (faculty and staff).

**S-414 BST**
**Gail Antonich,** Operations Manager: EPIC patient billing, consult billing and facilities management.
**Sharri Bottoms,** CoPath Report Batching for EPIC.

**S-705 Scaife Hall**
**Jamie Hunsinger,** Coordinator for Residency and Clinical Fellowship Programs.

**109 Scaife Hall – Photo Lab**
**Linda Shab,** Photo Lab Manager
**Tom Bauer,** Asst. Photographer
Glassware Technicians:
Wendy Jameson  S-436 BST 
Carl Taylor     S-757 Scaife Hall

S-424 BST
Jackie Gaines, Administrative Coordinator, administrative support for the Administrative Office, and seven faculty members located in the BST.

LaTonya Thompson, Assistant Research Accountant and Coordinator of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programs.

S-410 BST
Chris Szalkuski, Assistant to the Chairman, Manager of Departmental Communication, Teaching ECU Reporting.

Thank you for the opportunities over the past year to work with a great group of people in a successful and growing Department.

Susan DiGeronimo-Wild, MHA/MBA
Administrative Director

Recruitment of New Faculty
The Department would like to welcome the following new faculty members.

Dr. Harry Blair from UAB (Department of Pathology) joined us in July. Harry is an established investigator in osteoclast physiology and development.

Dr. Marta Couce has joined the Division of Neuropathology and was most recently at the Boston University Medical Center.

Dr. Nick Giannoukakis joined the Department as a member of the Diabetes Institute. He was formerly with the Department of Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry.

Dr. Joseph Huth joined the Department on April 1, 2000 and will fill the half-time position vacated by Dr. Shaila Fernandes at UPMC-Beaver.

Dr. Charles Krifcher has joined the Department in July and continues to provide service for UPMC-Braddock.

Dr. Joseph Newsome is the Director for the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources and comes to us from Georgetown University Medical Center. As the attending veterinarian of the animal care program and the director of DLAR, Dr. Newsome is responsible for the administrative, regulatory, and financial functions of the DLAR.

Dr. Sureshchandra Patel has joined Bedford Hospital March 1 as an Assistant Professor of Pathology.

Dr. Antonia Sepulveda has joined the Surgical Pathology staff. She comes to us from Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Jorge Sepulveda has joined the Section of Laboratory Medicine also coming from Baylor.

Dr. Michael Shurin joined the Department transferring from the Department of Surgery to the Division of Immunopathology. He brought with him Galina Shurin, Ph.D. an Assistant Professor and Clemens Esche, M.D. an Instructor.

Dr. Marcus Simpson has joined the Institute of Transfusion Medicine at the Martindale Street location. He joins us from George Washington Hospital.

Dr. Cary Wu from the Department of Cell Biology at University of Alabama at Birmingham, who is a rising figure in cell-substratum biology and biochemistry.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

The Department of Pathology will observe the Thanksgiving holiday and will be closed Thursday November 23 and Friday, November 24.

Monday, December 11, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.  
Pathology faculty meeting in room 1104 UPMC Conference Center.

The University Winter Recess for the Administrative Office (as designated by the University academic calendar) will start December 24-January 1, 2001, however UPP staff will be available Tuesday, December 26 through the Friday, December 29th.

Glassware and Photograph labs will be closed.

Annual Faculty Holiday gathering will be held Saturday, December 9, 2000 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. at the Phipps Conservatory.

Monday, January 15, 2001 Martin Luther King Observance, University of Pittsburgh, UPP and UPMC closed.

Friday, March 9, 2001 Great Americans’ Day University of Pittsburgh closed, however, UPP staff will be in.

**Email List**

Please find attached to this issue of our newsletter a complete listing of all email addresses for faculty that have been submitted to us to date. If you have an email address change that is not included in this listing, please email Chris to have it updated at szalkuskict@msx.upmc.edu.

**Bulletin Boards**

Please contact Chris directly if you wish to hang a poster presentation on one of the bulletin boards in the hallway of the 4th floor of the BST.

**United Way Campaign**

Once again this year's coordinators are Dr. Strom for faculty and Chris Szalkuski for staff. You should have received your pledge sheet by now. It is hoped that our Department will actively participate in this year’s campaign. Appreciation for the work the United Way does can be shown through our participation in this University sanctioned and supported initiative.

**A Note from Payroll**

Due to the holiday in December, please note the payroll deadline dates for this month as follows:

**December 1, noon**

For December paychecks all hourly employees and work-study timesheets are **due in S-417 BST no later than November 20**.

Project hours, and if necessary, adjustments will be made in the following pay period.

November paychecks will be available for pickup in S-417 BST on **November 30**.

December paychecks will be available for pickup in S-417 BST on **December 15th**.

Faculty and Staff checks and direct deposit statements will be **POSTDATED for December 29th**.

- Carolyn Nolte  
  Payroll Coordinator

**CMP Graduate Training Program Retreat**

Winners of the June 1 Research Day presentations were:

**Students**

- Yu Dai - first place  
- Mihaela Avramut – second place

**Fellows Clinical Research**

- Fabien Baksh – first place  
- Cunxian Zhang – Second place

**Fellows Basic Research**

- Kelly J. Jordan-Sciutto – first place  
- Aaron Bell – Second place
New Graduate Students in the CMP Program
Please welcome the new Ph.D. graduate students in the training program:

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Spring 01 Course Offerings
The Cellular and Molecular Pathology Graduate Training Program is pleased to announce the following courses offered during the spring term:

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Graduate Program Website
The CMP Graduate Program Website has recently been updated to include new graduate faculty members and updated references lists of all graduate faculty members. You can visit the website at: http://path.upmc.edu/cmp/00.htm

-Robert Bowser, Ph.D.
Director, Graduate Program

RESIDENCY PROGRAM
The big news this year is the residency application process for pathology has gone electronic. Pathology is one of twenty-two specialties participating in the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). In this process US and Canadian applicants submit application materials electronically through their Dean’s Office while international graduates submit through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

slowly as AAMC staff added enhancements to software through September; at the same time there were delays in transmission of USMLE scores from the National Board of Medical Examiners and the ECFMG. However, things were working smoothly by early October.

The good news includes the following:

1. ERAS software makes filing a paperless dream. New materials, like recommendation letters, transcripts, and so forth are automatically grouped with other materials for individual applicants as they are downloaded from the ERAS post office. In the past we had to manually match these up among piles of applications in at least two offices - no small task.

2. There appears to be a decline in applications from international medical graduates (IMGs). Our program welcomes and actively recruits outstanding IMGs interested in pathology, but in past years all pathology programs have been flooded by many applicants who were poorly qualified and/or had little real interest in pathology training. There is a graduated financial disincentive to apply to more than 20-30 programs under ERAS, which may explain this phenomenon. Over 200 applications have been received to date, and a little over 10% are from graduates of American and Canadian allopathic and osteopathic medical schools. We hope this year to see the beginning of a reversal of the low numbers of American medical graduates choosing pathology for postgraduate training the past several years. Two excellent graduating senior Pitt Medical students plan to train in pathology; one is almost certain to stay at Pitt, and the second is strongly considering it.

3. The Post Sophomore Fellowship Program in Pathology has been resurrected, and we have an outstanding post-sophomore fellow this year from the Pitt Medical School class, Ken Clark, who will spend time in autopsy,
surgical pathology, forensic pathology and microbiology.

4. Our ACGME RRC site visit report from late 1999 was received last spring recommending continued full accreditation with minor comments regarding access to fine needle aspirations and full autopsies, primarily at the Medical Examiner’s Office.

Administrative oversight of graduate training responsibilities in the Department has been divided this year with Jamie Hunsinger overseeing the graduate medical education component comprising the Residency Program and the Clinical Fellowship Program (headed by Clayton Wiley). She is being assisted by two terrific student helpers: Kate Cosgrove and Warren Gonsalves. We anticipate interviewing 35-45 applicants this year for 8-9 first year positions. Interviews will continue to be mostly in groups of 4-6 applicants on Fridays with a reception for applicants from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. All faculty and trainees are urged to attend these to get to know applicants and demonstrate what a great place the ‘Burgh’ is to train. Jeffrey Kant, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Residency Program

Our Department will be hosting several evening receptions as part of the residency recruitment for the 2001 academic year. The dates, times and locations of these receptions are noted below. Please note that the first receptions are held in 1104 UPMC at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 27, 2000
Friday, November 17, 2000
Friday, December 8, 2000
Friday, December 15, 2000
Friday, January 5, 2001
Friday, January 12, 2001
Friday, January 19, 2001

We look forward to your attendance. Please encourage other members of your Division to attend as well. We look forward to seeing you at each of our receptions. If you have any questions about the reception or the residency program in general, please call me at 649-9699. -Jamie Hunsinger Residency Coordinator

ASCP awards Medical Students
Congratulations to Jayson Pereira on being selected for the American Society of Clinical Pathologists’ Medical Student Pathology Fellowship Program in community hospitals. The fellowship award is in the amount of $1,000.

The ASCP honors one medical student at each school in the US for general academic excellence and promise. This year’s congratulations goes to Aaron Shafer, a second year medical student, for receiving the American Society of Clinical Pathologists’ Award for Academic Excellence and Achievement.

Stowell-Orbison Award
Worked presented by Shashi Baksh at the USCAP meeting entitled “Clonal Evolution of Primary and Metastatic Malignant Melanoma” won one of our Stowell-Orbison prizes. Work was done in collaboration with Fabien Basksh, John Abernethy, R. Siva, R.M. Cong, P. Swalsky, A. Bakker, J., Woods, Uma Rao and Syd Finkelstein. Congratulations.

Section of Laboratory Medicine
The academic gains of the faculty in Laboratory Medicine have been remarkable over the past year. This has been reflected in all areas -- publications, presentations and funding. Particularly exciting is that this increase is broadly based due to successes by most of the members of the Department.

Since FY98-99, the external funding coming through the Department of Pathology attributable to the faculty of Laboratory Medicine has seen a greater than four-fold increase in external funding. In just the past quarter, notable gains in funding have been realized as new and renewed NIH funding for Harry Blair, Tim Oury, Micheal Shurin, Xiao-Ming Yin,
Alan Wells, and Cary Wu. This is above and beyond other existing NIH funding for Harry Blair, Sandy Kaplan, Bruce Rabin, Michael Shurin, Alan Wells, Cary Wu and Xiao-Ming Yin. New VA and DoD funding was obtained by Harry Blair and Michael Shurin. Sandy Kaplan, Ileana Lopez-Plaza, Charles Rinaldo/Kirsten St. George, Jinhua Luo and Cary Wu garnered new foundation and industrial support.

These new fundings recognize the substantive increases in impact studies published by these faculties including papers in Journal of Immunology, Journal of Cell Biology, and Journal of Biological Chemistry. National and international recognition of both continued and emerging expertise is reflected by major reviews in Advances in Cancer Research, Bioessays, Journal of Cell Science and Journal of Molecular Medicine as well as invited plenary talks at AACR, ASM, and FASEB meetings and Keystone Symposia and Gordon Conferences.

In addition to these great strides, there have been significant advances in the clinical practices. The individual Division reports describe these in details. A few instances highlighted include UPMC system-wide standardization in blood culture (Bill Pasculle), automated hematology and coagulation (Sandy Kaplan), initiation of a practice guideline for thyroid function testing (Mohamed Virji), and utilization review of POCT glucometry (Mohamed Virji) and VRE and C. difficile testing (Bill Pasculle). These endeavors, and more left unmentioned here, have brought the Clinical Laboratories back to the forefront as a partner with the UPMC Health System in managing change in our health delivery environment.

Lastly, I would like to re-introduce the new faces who have joined this Section over the past six months and have had an immediate impact on our tripartite mission of teaching, service and research (in order of arrival): Cary Wu (Research), Harry Blair (Research/Magee/VA), Michael Shurin (ImmunoPathology), Jorge Sepulveda (Clinical Chemistry) and Mark Simpson (Transfusion Medicine).

-Dr. Alan Wells

Mycobacteriology Laboratory for the UPMC/Quest Joint Venture
Effective February 2000, the UPMC PUH Microbiology Laboratory became the mycobacteriology Laboratory for the UPMC/Quest Joint Venture. The laboratory will process specimens for the diagnosis of tuberculosis from all UPMC-HS hospitals and private doctors’ offices serviced by the Quest/UPMC-HS joint venture in Western Pennsylvania. In addition, specimens received at the Quest Diagnostics Greentree Laboratory from clients in New York State and Eastern Ohio will also be processed at UPMC Presbyterian. The UPMC mycobacteriology laboratory is one of a relatively few full-service mycobacteriology labs in the country and also currently serves as the laboratory for the Allegheny County Health Department Tuberculosis Program and as a TB reference lab for all hospitals in Allegheny County.  – Dr. A. William Pasculle

Division of Molecular Diagnostics
Was honored in February 2000 with a special Performance Improvement Award at the UPMC-PUH Quality Fair. MDX’s presentation “Procedural changes in molecular diagnostics improved quality, decreased cost and improved turnaround time,” won 6th place. Laboratory members participating included Karen Freilino, Yiping Chen, James Bird and Jeff Kant.

-Dr. Jeffrey Kant

Postdoctoral Research Training Program
It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr. Wendy Mars as the co-director of the Postdoctoral Research Training Program in Pathology. Dr. Mars has been a driving force from the inception of the program and will continue to coordinate the effort to promote the research career development for all of the fellows and research associates in the Department. For suggestions for questions regarding the program, availability of funding for pilot projects, please contact Wendy (648-9690) or myself (383-7816).

-Cris Achim, M.D., Ph.D.
SEMINAR SERIES
(in room 1104 UPMC Conference center
Wednesdays at 12 noon unless otherwise stated)

November 1
“Stress – your brain, your behavior and aging: Can you do anything about the Pathology?”
Bruce S. Rabin, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor of Pathology and Psychiatry
Division of Clinical Immunopathology

November 8
“Biliary epithelial cells and population dynamics in the development of cirrhosis”
Jake Demetris, M.D.
Professor of Pathology
Division of Transplant Pathology

November 15 (4:00 p.m., Lecture Room 5, Scaife Hall) Annual Robert S. Totten Lecture
“Tumor progression, diagnosis and prognosis in melanocytic tumors”
David E. Elder, M.B., Ch.B.
Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

November 29
“Novel paradigms in growth regulation and signaling; lesions from the liver”
Scott L. Friedman, M.D.
Irene and Dr. Arthur Fishberg Professor of Medicine
Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, NY

December 6
"Role for cell cycle proteins in HIV encephalitis"
Kelly Jordan-Sciutto, Ph.D.
Research Assistant Professor
Division of Neuropathology

December 7 (8:00 a.m., McCluskey Auditorium, CHP) Annual George Fetterman Lecture
“The Alagille Syndrome, Jagged and Notch: A window on Human Development”
David A. Piccoli, M.D.

December 13
"The Urokine Receptor, A Novel Proteinase-regulated Cell-signaling System".
Steve Gonias, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor of Pathology, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
University of Virginia

January 10, 2001
“Cytokine genotype polymorphism: A new tool for predicting solid organ and bone marrow transplant outcome.”
Adriana Zeevi, Ph.D.
Professor of Pathology
Division of Transplant Pathology

January 17
"Expression of IL-2 receptors on human carcinomas: opposite effects of exogenous and endogenous IL-2 on tumor cell growth."
Theresa Whiteside, Ph.D.
Professor of Pathology
University of Pittsburgh

January 24
"New concepts in the pathology of prostatic carcinogenesis"
Angelo DeMarzo, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Pathology and Urology
Johns Hopkins Medical Institution
Baltimore, MD

January 31
“Monitoring molecular mechanisms with expression profiling”
David A. Jones, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Oncological Sciences
Huntsman Cancer Institute
University of Utah

February 14 - 4:00 p.m. Lecture Room 5 Scaife Hall – Annual Maud Menten Lecture
“Mechanisms of hepatocarcinogenesis: Lessons from transgenic mouse models”
Snorri Thorgeirsson, M.D., Ph.D.
Chief, Laboratory of Experimental Carcinogenesis

Associate Professor of Pediatrics
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD

**February 21**
"Vascular smooth muscle cell phenotypes: Role of nitric oxide signaling pathways,"
**Thomas Lincoln, Ph.D.**
Department of Pathology
University of Alabama
Birmingham, AL

**February 28**
"Murine models of intestinal dysmotility"
**Raj Kapur, M.D., Ph.D.**
Department of Pathology
University of Washington
Seattle, WA

**March 14**
"Neural transplantation and myelin repair; a human therapy?"
**Ian D. Duncan BVMS. Ph.D. FRCPath.**
Department of Medical Sciences
University of Wisconsin
Madison, WI

**March 21**
“Bcl-2 and caspase regulation of neuronal apoptosis”
**Kevin A. Roth, M.D., Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of Pathology
Department of Pathology and Molecular Biology and Pharmacology
Washington University
St. Louis, MO

**March 22 4:30 p.m. Frick Fine Arts Building**
**Thomas J. Gill III Inaugural Lecture**
Title: TBA
Alan Wells, M.D., DMS
Thomas J. Gill Professorship
Department of Pathology

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**FACULTY and TRAINEE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Dorothea Becker, Ph.D.** promoted to Professor of Pathology without tenure July 1, 2000.

**Michael Becich, M.D., Ph.D.** has been appointed to Chief of Pathology at Shadyside. He has moved his office support staff to Shadyside also. Congratulations!

Study Section Membership 2000-present:
National Cancer Institute - Molecular Epidemiology

Dr. Becich gave the following presentations:

"The Role of Tissue Banking and Pathology Informatics in the Molecular Classification of Disease" University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA, May 15, 2000.

"Lifting the Veil on Pathology Reports: Pathologists as Patient Health Educators", 17th Annual Francis P. Boland, MD Memorial Surgical Symposium, University of Scranton/Mercy Health Partners, Scranton, PA, March 31, 2000.

"Role of the Internet in Health Care Delivery", 17th Annual Francis P. Boland, MD Memorial Surgical Symposium University of Scranton/Mercy Health Partners, Scranton, PA, March 31, 2000.


**Charleen Chu, M.D., Ph.D.** recipient of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund Charles E. Culpeper Scholarship in Medical Sciences. Dr. Chu will receive $100,000 for the next three years to fund her research in cellular and molecular mechanisms of neurodegeneration, particularly how they relate to Parkinson’s disease.

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The deadline date for the next Pathology Quarterly is February 15, 2001. Please email newsworthy items to szalkuskict@msx.upmc.edu.

Thanks!

John Gilbertson, M.D. was promoted to Research Assistant Professor and will be working in the Division of Pathology Informatics.

Susanne Gollin, Ph.D. in collaboration with the laboratory of Dr. William Saunders (Biological Sciences), Dr. Gollin published a paper in the January 4, 2000 issue of PNAS which was discussed by reporter Anita Srikameswaran in the January 4 edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, presented in News and Views in Nature Medicine (Feb. 2000), and also reported in the April issue of Popular Science magazine. They were funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to continue the research as part of the Oral Cancer Center at the University of Pittsburgh.


Bernard Klionsky, M.D. was honored at a retirement dinner on September 9. As an Emeritus Professor, he plans to continue to teach and work on special projects. As a long-standing member of the Department, his many contributions to Pathology and the Department are recognized, and he will be missed by many.

Heinz W. Kunz, Ph.D. awarded the Distinguished Investigator in Reproductive Immunology Award from the American Society for Reproductive Immunology at the 20th Annual meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Immunology in June 2000.

Jianhua Luo, M.D. was promoted to Assistant Professor (tenure stream) and is working in the Division of Cellular and Molecular Pathology.

Julio Martinez, M.D., was a visiting professor at the Uniad de Transplante Hepatico del Hospital Ramon y Cajal in Madrid. He gave a lecture on the Neurological Complications in Organ Transplantation. He received a Silvate Plate award to commemorate the occasion on July 12, 2000. Dr. Martinez also attended the XXII International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology and the 14th World Congress of the Academy of Pathology and Environmental Pathology in Nagoya, Japan from October 15-20 and delivered two lectures on the “Diagnosis of deep-sate brain lesions by guided stereotactic needle biopsy: A 20 year experience.” This lecture was co-authored by Dr. L. Dade Lunsford and Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara from the Neurosurgical Department.

Dr. Martinez was visiting professor at the University of Nagoya Neurosurgical Department and delivered a lecture entitled: “Stereotactic brain biopsies: The role of the neurosurgeon and neuropathologist in the intraoperative diagnosis of CNS lesions: The Pittsburgh experience.”

Dr. Martinez was honored at a retirement dinner on September 9. He plans to continue to work as an Emeritus Professor and will be available for special projects as needed. He has made many significant
contributions to the field of Neuropathology and the Department he will be missed by many.


Paul S. Monga, M.D., was an invited guest speaker in January, 2000 at Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab, India where he spoke on “Hepatic tem cell, liver development and hepatocyte transplantation,” His work on b-catenins and liver regeneration has been accepted as oral presentation at the Experimental Biology 2000 and American Society of Investigative Pathology meeting in San Diego, CA.

Paul Ohori, M.D., was promoted to Associate Professor of Pathology effective July 1, 2000.

Parmjeet Randhawa, M.D. chaired a scientific session on "Emerging Infectious Diseases in Transplantation" at The International Society of Transplantation Meeting, Rome, Italy, August 27-September 1,2000.

Uma Rao, M.D. was promoted to Professor of Pathology effective September 1, 2000. Congratulations!

Susan Silver, M.D. was promoted to Associate Professor effective January 2001. Congratulations!

Gurmukh Singh, M.D., Ph.D. organized the Uteroglobin/Clara Cell 10kDa Family of Proteins, a New York Academy of Sciences Conference, April 14-16, 2000 in Bethesda, MD.

Steve Swerdlow, M.D., selected for inclusion in the Castle Connolly Guide, America’s Top Doctors, a compilation of the nation’s top referral specialists.


STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Patricia Finkelstein, just a note that Pat publishes with her maiden name "Swalsky" but everyone here knows her as Pat "Finkelstein." The easiest way for publication purposes is to write P.A. Swalsky (Finkelstein) or P.A. Finkelstein - Swalsky when listing the authors.

Susie Jimick resigned her position at CHP Pathology after many years. She completed her degree in computer science and is off on a new career venture. Good luck Susie.

Barb Siket (Pathology Informatics) is now Barb Karnbauer. Barb had a beautiful outdoor wedding ceremony September 15, which included a real rainbow that followed a short rainfall. Congratulations!
Shadyside Pathology Informatics Staff phone/fax numbers:
Dr. Michael Becich’s new number is 623-3941.
Barb Siket can be reached at 623-3898 and
Ron Yori can be reached at 623-3940.
New fax number is 623-2814.

PUBLICATIONS


Views and Reviews.


Konety, B.R.; Nguyen, T-S.T.; Dhir, R.; Day, R.S.; Becich, M.J.; Stadler, W.; Getzenberg, R.H.


Thought for the day by Conyers Middelton:

“Charity is never lost: it may meet with ingratitude, or be of no service to those on whom it was bestowed, yet it ever does a work of beauty and grace upon the heart of the giver.”