Welcome ....

A welcome is extended to Dr. Jeremy Parfitt who joined as a full-time faculty member in our department effective July 1. Dr. Parfitt was previously a Pathology resident and fellow.

We also welcome Dr. Subhrojit Sen, Post-doctoral Fellow in Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti’s lab, UWO.

Congratulations ....

We congratulate our Chair/Chief, Dr. Bertha Garcia on her appointment to Vice Dean, Education in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. This appointment will be from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

Congratulations are extended to 3 faculty members who received promotions. Dr. Madeleine Moussa has been promoted to Professor, and Drs. Keith Kwan and Wei-Ping Min to Associate Professor. Congratulations to all!

Residency Program Updates ....

We congratulate Dr. Chris Howlett on being awarded the 2008 PSI Foundation Resident Research Prize. His paper entitled “Use of an elastic stain to demonstrate venous invasion in colorectal carcinoma-a simple technique for detection of an important prognostic factor” was selected as one of the winners.

Four of our residents were successful in passing their Royal College exams. Drs. Elena Tugaleva, Julia Keith-Rokosh, Aaron Haig and Dimitri Koutsogiannis. We congratulate them all. Dr. Aaron Haig will be doing a fellowship with us.

We extend a warm welcome to our new residents! Drs. Mara Caragea and Iram Siddiqui are joining us as PGY1s, and Adina Irimies and Sami Siddiqui as PGY2s in Anatomical Pathology. Dr. Murad Alturkustani (PGY1) has joined as a resident in Neuropathology and Dr. Ladislov Tomes is doing a fellowship in our department.

Graduate Student Updates ....

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new graduate students who will be starting this September.
MSc students:
Nadia Daljeet (supervisors Drs. X. Zhang & A. Jevnikar)
Alexandra Kleiman (supervisor Dr. C. Trick)
Arthur Lau (supervisors Drs. X. Zhang & A. Jevnikar)
Kara McArthur (supervisor Dr. S. Chakrabarti)
Jennifer Mutrie (supervisors Drs. A. Chambers & A. Tuck)
Nicole Park (supervisor Dr. J. Knoll)
Brenda Hamilton (supervisor Dr. L.C. Ang)

PhD student:
Xiufen Zheng (supervisor Dr. W.P. Min)

MSc Pathology Assistant Course Based:
Rebekah Carter (supervisor Dr. S. Chakrabarti)
Farhana Harji (supervisor Dr. S. Chakrabarti)
William Tsui (supervisor Dr. S. Chakrabarti)
So Jin Yang (supervisor Dr. S. Chakrabarti)

Lesley Souter, Yufeng Zuo and Jennifer Mutrie have been awarded studentships from the Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit-LRCC. Congratulations to all!

Our graduate students, Mansa Krishnamurthy (supervisor Dr. R. Wang), Nelly Hashem (supervisors Drs. Mark Darling & Tom Daley), and Laura Caria (supervisors Drs. A. Chambers & A. Tuck) were successful in obtaining their MSc degrees on July 14, July 31, and August 19, 2008 respectively. Congratulations go to all!

We are pleased to announce that the course-based Pathology Assistants Program has received accreditation from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Mansa Krishnamurthy (supervisor Dr. Rennian Wang) was presented with the Cameron Wallace Graduate Student Award in Pathology, recognizing high achievement in both research and course work. Mansa was also successful in obtaining her MSc degree on June 25.

Congratulations to Katie Moisse. She received the Drs. Madge and Charles Macklin Fellowship. This is a new award for doctoral students in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry that recognizes and rewards excellence in both teaching and research.

PATHOLOGY RESEARCH DAY ....

The following are the awards presented on Pathology Research Day:
Chair’s Award for Best Presentation by a Resident – Dr. Chad Luedtke
Second Place Award for Best Present by a Resident – Dr. Bassem Moussa
Dr. M. Daria Haust Award for Best Presentation by a Graduate Student – Katie Moisse (supervisor Dr. M. Strong)
Second Place Award for Graduate Students – Yufeng Zuo (supervisor Dr. C. Chakraborty)
Poster Presentation Award for a Graduate Student – Xusheng Zhang (Dr. W.P. Min)
AWARDS ....

Dr. Wei-Ping Min was a recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence (Team) awarded to the Multi Organ Transplant Program (LHSC) at the Awards of Excellence 2008, May 29, 2008.

GRANTS ....

Dr. Hao Wang, one of our part-time graduate students has received the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada New Investigator Award. Congratulations Hao!

A research grant was awarded to Drs. Wei-Ping Min and Jim Koropatnick from the Roche Organ Transplantation Research Foundation for their work on research entitled "Protection of donor organs in transplantation using siRNA".

Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti has received funding from the Canadian Diabetes Association for his research entitled "Pathogenesis of diabetic retinopathy" for 1 year.

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**ABSTRACTS, POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS ....**


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Persistent engrafted donor mesenchymal stem cells synergize with rapamycin leading to cardiac allograft tolerance. Presented at American Transplant Congress, Toronto, ON, May 30-June 4, 2008.  (#1153)


Lian, D., Arp, J., Ge, W., Sun, H., Liu, W., Macaulay, C., Chakrabarti, R., Chen, M., Garcia, B., Wang, H.  
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proportion of cancer stem-cell-like cells, a distinct gene expression profile and enhanced
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Rakovitch, E., Paszat, L., Hanna, W., Pignol, J.-P., Kahn, H., Wong, J., Done, S., Goodwin, P.,
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Presented at American Transplant Congress, Toronto, ON, May 30-June 4, 2008. (#350)

Presented at American Transplant Congress, Toronto, ON, May 30-June 4, 2008. (#438)

MISCELLANEOUS ....

We say farewell to Dr. Rosamma George, LHSC, who moved to Mississauga and to Dr. Mildred Martens, LHSC, as she moves to Vancouver at the end of August. Dr. Biju George, Chakrabarti lab, UWO has completed his post-doctoral work under the CIHR HOPE scholarship and is returning to India. Best wishes to all!

..... Remember to keep the good news items coming! .....  

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