Welcome

Dr. Aaron Haig, who completed his residency and fellowship in our department, has joined us for a one year term appointment effective January 1, 2009.

Congratulations

Dr. Mark Darling has received a promotion to Associate Professor. Congratulations go to him.

Residency Program Updates

CaRMS interviews will be held February 9-13, 2009. We have a number of candidates to interview and the match date is set for March 9, 2009.

Graduate Student Updates

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new graduate students who will be starting this January.

Graduate Student Updates Cont.

• Awatif Abuzgaia, MSc (supervisor Dr. Edith Arany)
• Cristian Dihel, MSc (supervisors Drs. Tianqing Peng and Subrata Chakrabarti)
• Lei Zhang, MSc (supervisors Drs. Jack Bend and Michael Reider)
• Di Chen, PhD (supervisor Dr. W.P. Min)

Congratulations

Please join Dr. Garcia in congratulating Dr. Hao Wang in his successful PhD Thesis Defense in Pathology. We look forward to his continuous collaboration. Dr. Hao was the first PhD candidate to complete his requirements under our new Part-Time PhD program “Congratulations”

• Andrew Pepper, MSc (supervisor Dr. David White) received the Best Graduate Research Award at the Ontario Universities Showcase. Congratulations!

Graduate Student Updates Cont.

• Xiufen Zheng, PhD and Xusheng Zhang, MSc (supervisor Dr. Wei-Ping Min) have each received a “Trainee Award” for basic research abstracts from the Canadian Society of Transplantation. In addition they also received travel awards to participate in the Canadian Transplant Academy Training Day, sponsored by Genzyme Canada Inc.

• Congratulations go to Yuexiu Wu, PhD (supervisor Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti), who completed her comprehensive exam.

Farewell

• We also say farewell to Jane Chiu, MSc (supervisor Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti) who is leaving us to pursue her MD degree at St. George’s University. She will spend her first year in the UK and then go to Grenada for her second year. Best wishes Jane.

Awards

The USC Teaching Honour Roll Award of Excellence, 2007-2008, has been received by Dr. Tom Daley for excellence in teaching in dentistry and to Drs. Bertha Garcia and Madeleine Moussa for excellence in teaching in medicine. Congratulations to all!

Dr. David Driman is the recipient of the M.E. Kirk Teaching Award for 2008. This is awarded for excellence in resident education. Congratulations!
Dr. Meg McLachlin is a co-investigator in a CIHR research grant for a project entitled “Cervical cancer screening in the era of HPV vaccination: using mathematical and economic models to guide screening policy”. Funding will be for three years.

Dr. Joan Knoll (PI) has been awarded research funding from the CFI Leaders Opportunity Fund, for her research entitled “Translational Cytogenomic Infrastructure for Detection and Characterization of Chromosomal Abnormalities”.

The following were published in the Consultant’s Corner of The Canadian Journal of CME.


Chiu, J., Farhangkhoee, H., Xu, B.Y., Chen, S., George, B., Chakrabarti, S.

Etwel, F.A., Rieder, M.J., Bend, J.R., Koren, G.


Mahoney, M.H., Joseph, M.G., Temple, C.

Moisse, K., Welch, I., Hill, T., Volkening, K., Strong, M.J.

Moisse, K., Volkening, K., Leystra-Lantz, C., Welch, I., Hill, T., Strong, M.J.

Nicola, C., Lala, P.K., Chakraborty, C.
Donna Murphy has been appointed as Coordinator of the Cytology Laboratories within the London Laboratory Services Group effective October 6, 2008.

We say farewell and best wishes for retirement to Cathie Crukley, Manager, Pathology Laboratories, and also to Clair Pridgar of the Histology lab.

The Pathology staff (UWO) recently raised funds for World Vision and were able to supply vaccinations, medical supplies and school supplies for a classroom. Thank you to all who contributed.

The Pathology Department (LHSC – UH) presented a cheque to Ronald McDonald House in the amount of $3600.00. This money was raised by the pathology staff through six weeks of 50/50 draws as well as the raffle of a “Gourmet Kitchen” basket which was won by Karen Ariesen, Histology.

Parfitt, J.R., Jayakumar, S., Driman, D.K.


Tangri, V., Driman, D.K., Chande, N.

Yang, L., Li, H., Yu, T., Zhao, H., Cherian, M.G., Cai, L., Liu, Y.

Zhang, Z-X., Wang, S., Huang, X., Min, W-P., Sun, H., Liu, W., Garcia, B., Jevnikar, A.M.


Miscellaneous

Remember to keep the good news items coming!

Tara Meecham
Department of Pathology
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
University of Western Ontario