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Introducing the Members of the Post Doctoral Association:

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Welcome to the first Postdoctoral Newsletter for the Emory Scientific Community. The Postdoctoral Newsletter will provide information and resources for Postdoctoral Fellows at Emory University.

UPCOMING POSTDOC EVENTS

Social Events

Postdoctoral Holiday Party
Thursday, December 18, 2008, 3-6 PM, Rm 130 SOM

Career Processes Workshops

Workshop: Making the Best of a Postdoc Bioscience Career Fair
Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 3-5 PM, Rm 110 SOM

Bioscience Career Fair

Friday, February 6, 2009
Emory Conference Center 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Industry Careers

BioTech and Pharma Industries - Session II
Thursday, January 22, 2009, 3-5 PM, Rm 110 SOM

Grant Writing Workshops

Workshop: Private Funding & Foundation Grant Writing
Thursday, January 8, 2009, 3-5 PM, Rm 110 SOM

Writing/Publication Workshops

Workshop: Science Writing for Publication - Graphs and Illustrations, Session III
Thursday, March 19, 2009, 3-5 PM, Rm 110 SOM

Grant Writing Tutorials

- K-Award Grant Writing Tutorial- New & Resubmissions
December 8 & 15, 2008 and January 5 & 12, 2009,
Rm 325 SOM, 9-10:30 AM
- K-Award Grant Writing Tutorial - Special Resubmission
Class
Monday, January 12, 2009, Rm 325 SOM, 11:00-12:30 PM

Research Symposium Committee

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**Career Fair Committee
(Need more volunteers!)**

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Brown Bag Luncheon

Heath Elrod
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International Postdoc Committee

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Sources for funding opportunities can be found at the website of The Office of Postdoctoral Education:
http://med.emory.edu/postdoc/CurPostdoc/funding_opportunities.cfm

- NRSA Grant Writing Tutorials - 4 sessions
February 6 and 20 and March 6 and 13, 2009, Rm 325
SOM, 9-10:30 AM

Brown Bag Lunch Series

- Visas and Related Topics for Postdocs
Thursday, January 15, 2009 Rm P178 SOM, 12-1:30 PM
- Planning for the First Child: Work, Home, Relatives
Thursday, February 19, 2009 Rm P178 SOM, 12-1:30 PM
- Financial Planning, Buying the First House, Taxes
Thursday, March 12, 2009 Rm P178 SOM, 12-1:30 PM

Orientation Schedule for New Emory SOM Postdocs

- Orientation for New Postdocs since November 2008
Tuesday, January 27, 2009 Rm 110 SOM, 12-2 PM
- Orientation for New Postdocs since January 2009
Monday, March 30, 2009 Rm 110 SOM, 12-2 PM

POSTDOC ELECTIONS**CALL FOR CANDIDATES!
POSTDOC ASSOCIATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ELECTIONS, 2009**

Each year the Emory Postdocs elect eight (8) Postdoc Advisory Committee members that plan and coordinate the many Postdoc events and serve as the voice of Postdoc interests to the Emory administration. If you are interested in running for election for this Committee, please submit a 200-word summary of your interest and experience by January 9, 2009 to mary.delong@emory.edu.

Information about candidates for the Advisory Committee elections will be distributed the week of January 12, 2009.

THE “ONE IN A HUNDRED CLUB”: EMORY’S TOP POSTDOC MENTORS

At the first annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium six outstanding mentors were announced for receiving the “One in a Hundred Award”.

Dr. Suephy Chen

Department of Dermatology
Nominated by: Dr.’s Zakiya Rice, Sallyann Coleman King, and Laura DeLong

Dr. Andrew Gewirtz

Department of Pathology
Nominated by: Dr.’s Matam Vijay Kumar and Chukwuma Onyeagocha

Dr. David Guidot

Department of Medicine,
Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care.
Nominated by: Dr. Patrick Mitchell

Dr. Hinh Ly

Department of Pathology
Nominated by: Dr.’s Sushma Bhosle, Zhongtao Xin, Kui Song, Shuiyun Lan, and Salwa Elghonemy

Dr. Shanthi Sitaraman Department of Medicine,
Division of Digestive Diseases
Nominated by: Dr.’s Vasantha Kolachala, Pallavi Garg, and Arianne Theiss

Dr. Arshed Quyyumi

Department of Medicine,
Division of Cardiology
Nominated by: Dr.’s Mick Ozcor, Jonathan Murrow, Dorothy Coverson, Riyaz Patel, and Saurabh Dhawan

FIRST ANNUAL POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

The first annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium on June 5, 2008 was a huge success. Postdocs from over 25 different departments presented ~120 posters throughout the day, in addition to the 19 talks given by selected postdocs based on the merit of their submitted abstracts. Each poster winner received a \$50 Visa gift card for his or her impressive work.

There were two poster winners in the *Systems and Disease* category. Two individuals received the only two perfect scores of the day! The 2 winners were **Juan Velasquez-Castano** of the Cardiology Division (mentor Robert Taylor) and **Bindu Chandrasekharan** of the Digestive Disease Division (mentor Shanthi Srinivasan).

In the *Immunology* category, the poster winner was **Rheinallt Jones** of the Pathology Department (mentor Andrew Neish). In the *Public Health* arena, one poster stood out above the other great works. **Jan Engelmann** of the Psychiatry Department (mentor Gregory Berns) was the winner of this category.

Another poster that stood out among the other impressive works was in the area of *Neurobiology*. The winner of this category was **Shaoyong Su** of the Cardiology Division (mentor Viola Vaccarino).

In the final and largest category of *Cell Biology and Biochemistry*, 3 awards were given- one for the highest score, and 2 for the tied second place finishers. The top winner was **David Katz** of the Biology Department (mentor Bill Kelly). The second place prizes were given to **Di Sun** of the Biology Department (mentor Victor Corces) and **Hang Thi Thu Nguyen** of the Digestive Disease Division (mentor Didier Merlin).

Congratulations to our 8 outstanding postdoc poster award winners and their mentors, and thank you to all postdocs who presented their excellent work at the symposium. We look forward to seeing all of your work again at next year’s symposium!

-Jamie Heimburg-Molinaro

PEOPLE NEWS



Mary DeLong

We would like to introduce Dr. Mary DeLong who is the Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Education and Assistant Dean of the Emory School of Medicine. Mary has transformed the OPE in the last couple of years to provide all the important workshops and events that are now offered to all the postdocs in the Biomedical Sciences at Emory. Mary works tirelessly to organize all these opportunities for the postdocs and we owe her a big thanks!



Marian Mathis-Grant

We also want to thank Marian Mathis-Grant who has been with the Office of Postdoctoral Education (OPE) since its establishment in 1999. Marian moved to a new position on December 1st 2008 as Program Associate in the Imaging Center of the Yerkes Primate Research Center. Marian provided great support for the OPE and for all the postdocs and we wish her happiness and success in her new position. Ms. Lisa Cunningham will substitute for Marian until a new Program Associate for OPE is hired.

We would also like to thank the past members of the Postdoc Advisory Committee for helping launch our successful Postdoctoral Association.

We warmly wish all the Postdocs, their families and friends.....
Merry Christmas and a wonderful exciting New Year 2009 from
Office of Postdoctoral Education & Newsletter desk.

Cheers!!!!!!!