SPOTLIGHT ON

**Department of Internal Medicine 100th Anniversary**

During the year 2011, the Department of Internal Medicine will be celebrating its Centennial. Thus, in 1911 Dr. Charles Hugh Neilson was appointed as the first Director of the Department of Medicine, beginning a long tradition of excellence in internal medicine at Saint Louis University.

Some of the events planned to celebrate the Centennial include:

- Exhibits of archival materials.

- A “division-a-month” celebration. Each of our 10 divisions will be recognized for a period of a month in various displays and promotional campaigns beginning in January with General Internal Medicine. As a part of this, SLUCare Marketing has secured agreements with CBS radio including the KEZK station and the St. Louis County Library to promote medical literacy while focusing on the hundredth birthday of the Department of Internal Medicine.

- We will organize a CME event on April 8 and 9 to provide an “Update in Internal Medicine” for practicing physicians in the community as well as our own faculty and residents.

- Publications. There will be issues of both *Grand Rounds* and *Universitas* magazines focusing on the Centennial Celebration of the Department of Internal Medicine.

- Divisions will be invited to use special stationery with the Centennial logo during 2011.

- We will be raising funds for the Drs. Coy D. and Rachel F. Fitch Endowed Lectureship and for a scholarship program to allow residents and fellows to attend regional and national meetings.

- We will be hosting the Medical School Reunion activity in 2011 and providing a CME course for alumni.

- We will publish a special issue of *Missouri Medicine* in the spring of 2012.

We have been working with a team of individuals from Marketing, Public Relations, Alumni Relations, the library, the CME Department and the Development Office on the program for the Internal Medicine Centennial.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Michael J. Lim, MD,** was appointed Director of the Division of Cardiology effective December 1, 2010.

**Brent A. Tetri, MD,** was appointed Director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology effective December 1, 2010.
RECOGNITION

2010 Caring Physician Award

This award, honoring the physicians of Saint Louis University Hospital and sponsored by the Pastoral Care Department, was presented to the following members of the Department of Internal Medicine Faculty on October 15, 2010 during the Celebration of the Feast of Saint Luke:

Stewart G. Albert, MD, Division of Endocrinology, presented by Marla Bernbaum, MD.

Erin L. Bakanas, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine, presented by Thomas J. Olsen, MD.

Mary S. Burton, MD, and the Late Frank R. Burton, MD, Division of Gastroenterology, presented by Charlene Prather, MD.

Nadia Wasi Iqbal, MD, Division of Nephrology, presented by Kevin J. Martin, MD.

DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY NEWS

Lisa Reis, MD, FACC, joined the Division of Cardiology on December 6, 2010. Dr. Reis received her MD from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed her internal medicine residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and a fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at Saint Louis University before going into private practice in St. Louis. Dr. Reis is Board Certified in echocardiography, cardiovascular disease and nuclear cardiology.

Bernard R. Chaitman, MD, was a discussant in a special session “Coronary Revascularization Decisions: Building on COURAGE, SYNTAX, and BARI 2D” at the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) 2010 conference held in Washington, DC, September 21-25, 2010. Dr. Chaitman also presented two lectures 1) “BARI 2D Perspectives: Is the Glass Half Empty or Half Full for Revascularization?” and 2) “Degree of Revascularization and Stent Type on Outcomes in BARI 2D.”

The following faculty of the Division of Cardiology participated at the 59th Annual American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in Chicago November 15-17, 2010:

Joshua Stolker, MD


Paul J. Hauptman, MD

Oral Abstract Session – Mancini D on behalf of CUPID Investigators (Hauptman P). Sustained improvement in clinical outcomes with MYDICAR compared to optimal therapy 1-year after initial gene therapy in patients with advanced heart failure – the CUPID trial.
Bernard R. Chaitman, MD


Michael J. Lim, MD


DIVISION OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE NEWS

Three faculty members from the Division of Geriatric Medicine have received awards from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) designed to boost primary care training and encourage junior faculty members to develop their careers as academic geriatricians who teach doctors and other health professionals about geriatric care. Funding for the 3-year grants began October 1.

The Geriatric Academic Career Award (GACA) grants were presented to Lenise Cummings-Vaughn, MD, who will continue her work on the effects of testosterone and vitamin D levels on the mortality of African Americans; Milta Little, DO, who will focus on teaching a spectrum of health professionals about transitional care, particularly emphasizing discharges to and from long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes; and Dulce Cruz Oliver, MD, who will concentrate on improving end-of-life care for Latino senior adults. These three geriatricians follow in the footsteps of three other SLU geriatrics faculty members who received GACA grants during earlier funding waves: Julie Gammack, MD, Joseph Flaherty, MD, and Miguel Paniagua, MD.

DIVISION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY NEWS

Bruce R. Bacon, MD, professor of internal medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Saint Louis University, received the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Distinguished Service Award at the 61st annual meeting of the AASLD. This is an honor given to an individual for his or her ongoing service to those with liver disease.
Dr. Bacon holds the James F. King, MD, endowed chair in gastroenterology at SLU and served as the Director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Saint Louis University School of Medicine from June 15, 1990 to June 1, 2010.

"The AASLD's distinguished service award is a fitting honor for Bruce, who has dedicated his life to helping patients," said Adrian M. Di Bisceglie, MD, Chair of Internal Medicine at SLU. "Through patient care, basic and clinical research and medical and public education, few have done more to advance the field of hepatology."

DIVISION OF IMMUNOBIOLOGY

Raymond G. Slavin, MD, professor of Internal Medicine and Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, was elected by the fellows of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) to receive the 2010 Gold Headed Cane Award.

The award recognizes Dr. Slavin’s lifetime achievement and was presented at the ACAAI Annual Meeting Convocation in Phoenix on November 13. The ACAAI Gold Headed Cane Award is presented annually to an allergist who has demonstrated high standards of scientific excellence and integrity while serving as a Fellow of the College for at least 20 years. It is designed to serve as an inspiration to younger doctors and encourage them in their family, social, civil, religious and professional lives.

James Temprano, MD, assistant professor of Immunobiology, received a President's Research Fund seed grant to study the effects of estrogen and progesterone on immune cell function in people with allergies. Dr. Temprano hopes the preliminary findings generated by this award will enable him to secure external funding in the future. Dr. Temprano said "I am very thankful for the opportunity that the President's Research Fund provides early stage investigators like myself. These types of awards can be an important step in establishing a research program and developing a career as an independent investigator."

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM NEWS

Adnan Khan, MD, has been named the 4th year Med-Peds Chief Resident for 2011-2012.

Jose Baeza, MD, Elie Chahla, MD, Amir Masoud, MD, and Ammar Nasir, MD, have been named Internal Medicine Chief Residents for 2011-2012.

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Banke Agarwal, MD, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, $6,250 from the Institute For Science and Health for “Pancreatic Cancer Research.”

Bernard Chaitman, MD, Cardiology, $8,624 from The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for “Military HIV Vaccine Program.”

Reema Syed, MD, Arthritis & Rheumatology, $26,096 from Duke University / NIAMS for “Childhood Arthritis and Research Alliance Network ("CARRAnet"): Accelerating Toward an Evidence Based Culture in Pediatric Rheumatology.”
DATES OF NOTE


December 17, 2010 – The Semi-Annual Faculty Meeting will be held in the Pitlyk Auditorium at 7:30-8:30 am. There will not be Grand Rounds this date.

February 17, 2011 – The Department of Internal Medicine Annual Faculty Retreat will be held in the Pitlyk Auditorium from 5 – 9:00 pm.

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WEBSITE

Access the Department of Internal Medicine website at http://internalmed.slu.edu.

INFORMATION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have any news, grants, notices, achievements that you would like to be included in the next newsletter or if you think something important was missed, please let Camille Goff know at goffcj@slu.edu.

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