SPOTLIGHT ON

Department of Internal Medicine 100th Anniversary

The Department of Internal Medicine’s yearlong centennial celebration, Community Health Literacy Series, continues at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The March 28th event was “Kidney Disease and Hypertension: Facts and Fantasies,” the April 25th event was “Blood and Cancer 101.” The upcoming event for May 26th will be “Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Colon Cancer Prevention,” and the June 27th event will be “Vaccines for Living.”

Updates in Internal Medicine, the department’s Centennial CME program, was held April 8 & 9, 2011 in SLU’s Allied Health Building. There were 200 registrants. Dr. Di Bisceglie said that this will possibly become an annual event.

RECOGNITION

FBI Recognizes SLU Alum, Benefactor for Leadership Promoting Medical Ethics

On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, the St. Louis division of the FBI awarded Saint Louis University alumnus and longtime benefactor Steven Bander, MD, associate clinical professor in the Division of Nephrology, with the prestigious 2010 Director’s Community Leadership Award. Dr. Bander was selected because of his courage and integrity in exposing alleged fraud and for his continuous dedication in promoting ethical business practices in medical care and research.

In 2006, Saint Louis University formed the Bander Center for Medical Ethics with support from the foundation created by Dr. Bander to fund work in business and medical ethics. The Bander Foundation also established the Bander Business Ethics Research Funding Program at Washington University.

Saint Louis University Presidential Service Awards

The following members of the Department of Internal Medicine were recognized for their years of service at an Awards Breakfast on April 13:

Forty-Five Years of Service
Raymond G. Slavin, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology

Thirty Years of Service
Donald J. Kennedy, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology

William C. Mootz, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine
Twenty-Five Years of Service
Vanessa Blackburn, RN, Division of Hematology and Oncology

Marilyn A. Maxwell, MD, Division of General Internal Medicine

Marcella Petzchen, RN-ANP, Division of General Internal Medicine

Gloria M. Skelton, Division of Cardiology

Frances Sue Stevens, MS, Internal Medicine Administration

Distinguished Teaching Awards

This program recognizes outstanding teaching of medical students. Winners of these awards are determined by the students themselves and the program is administered by the Office of Curricular Affairs. This year six faculty members in the Department of Internal Medicine were nominated and congratulations go to Paul G. Schmitz, MD, who received an award in recognition for Presentation Skills (clinical), on Monday, April 25, 2011. The other Department of Internal Medicine faculty members nominated were:

Erin L. Bakanas, MD, General Internal Medicine, Humanism (clinical)

George T. Griffing, MD, Endocrinology, for Clinical Teaching

Jennifer L. LaBundy, MD, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, for Clinical Teaching, Presentation Skills (pre-clinical), and Small Group Facilitation (pre-clinical)

Marilyn A. Maxwell, MD, General Internal Medicine, Humanism (clinical)

William C. Mootz, MD, General Internal Medicine, Humanism (clinical)

Paul G. Schmitz, MD, Nephrology, Humanism (pre-clinical)

DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY

Ali A. Mehdirad, MD, professor of and Director of Electrophysiology, joined the faculty of the Division of Cardiology on March 1, 2011.

60th Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association

Several Division members presented at the 60th Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association held recently in New Orleans on April 2-5, 2011.

Lim M. i2 Poster Discussant. Session Title: Intravascular diagnostics I.


W. High density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol is associated with residual risk of cardiovascular events in patients with stable ischemic heart disease despite optimal levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol: A post hoc analysis from the COURAGE Trial.

Armbruster R. As the coronary artery turns…. Session Title: Acute MI and ACS case reviews.

Hauptman P. Integrating palliative care in the management of heart failure. Session title: Decision-making along the continuum of care for heart failure.


Lim M. Multivessel disease in acute coronary syndromes: When and how to achieve complete revascularization. Session Title: Revascularization for multivessel coronary disease.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the annual American Heart Association's START! Heart Walk to be held this year on May 14. For more information, please contact Jeanne Lawo at 314-977-4663.

The Division of Cardiology was highlighted in the Spring issue of Emergency Perspectives.

DIVISION OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE

Ms. Crystal Showers joined the division on February 14, 2011 as an administrative secretary.

The 22nd Annual Saint Louis University Summer Geriatric Institute will be held at the LRC on May 24-25, 2011, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day - registration is required. This year's title is "Building Communities of Care"

John E. Morley, MB,BCh, was the recipient of the James Pattee Award for Excellence in Education from the American Medical Director's Association at their recent annual meeting in Tampa, Florida, March 24-27, 2011.

John E. Morley, MB,BCh, and Joseph H. Flaherty, MD, with the help of Dr. Birong Dong (Department of Geriatrics, Sichuan University) and Dr. Bruno Vellas (President of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics [IAGG]) will be holding the 1st IAGG supported Nursing Home Conference in China. The conference is supported by a grant from IAGG. It will be in Chengdu, Sichuan, China, from May 5-8, 2011.

DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Daniel F. Hoft, MD, PhD, gave the following invited talks:

Chagas Disease & Efforts to Develop a Trypanosoma cruzi Vaccine. University of Rhode Island NTD Vaccine Design Workshop. Kingston, RI. Jan 16-17, 2011.


Raymond G. Slavin, MD, gave the following invited talks:

New insights into fungal sensitization of the upper and lower airways. Winthrop University Hospital Mineola, NY, March 4, 2011

Relationships between Medicine and Art. St Louis Society of Internal Medicine, March 15, 2011


Ambulatory Care of Asthma. 3rd year medical students Saint Louis University, April 8, 2011

On Sunday, April 10, 2011, Tammy Blevins, senior research assistant in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, ran in the Go St. Louis half marathon. She ran on Subteam A of the NF Endurance Team which is a fundraising arm of the Children's Tumor Foundation. Subteam A raised $1,475 and the entire NF Endurance Team raised over $16,000 to help find a cure for neurofibromatosis.

DIVISION OF RHEUMATOLOGY

The Division of Rheumatology is holding its Annual Golf for Lupus and Juvenile Arthritis Tournament on May 14, 2011 (note date change) at 7:15 a.m. at the Norman K. Probststein Golf Course in Forest Park. The tournament is a 4-person scramble to raise money for the division's Lupus and Juvenile Arthritis Research. The cost is $125 per person or $500 per foursome. This includes greens fees, a cart to be shared with another player, a continental breakfast, and lunch. Please contact Tara in the Division of Rheumatology for more information at (314) 977-6118 or moorete@slu.edu.

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

MATCH RESULTS

The results of the annual residents’ match were announced on March 17th. All of our available positions were filled in the match. The names of the incoming residents are listed below.

**Categorical**
- Asma Al-Zougbi, American University of Beirut
- Ruchi Bhatia, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine
- Sarah Boutwell, University of Alabama School of Medicine
- Kirk Brown, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- Richard Buchman, Rush Medical College
- Amanda Burns, University of Louisville School of Medicine
Hisham Hussan, MD, PGY3, was among the ten Clinical Vignette abstract winners in the ACP National Abstracts Competitions 2011. The title of his abstract is “Resolution of NASH after Weight Gain in a Patient with Celiac Disease: A paradoxical and unexpected outcome?” The authors are Hisham Hussan, MD, Nabil Choueiri, MD, Bruce R. Bacon, MD, M. Louay Omran, MD.

Angela (Lipka) Sanford, PGY2, was selected by the leadership of the Southeast Center for Excellence in Geriatric Medicine (SCEGM) to participate in the 8th Annual SCEGM Resident Award Summit. The SCEGM was established in 1998 to promote the career development of physicians as clinical educators and researchers. The event will be held on May 20 and 21, 2011 on the campus of The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Medicine Abroad Program (MAP) Awards Announced for the 2011-2012 – Two Med/Peds Residents Selected

Saint Louis University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics congratulates the
Pediatrics and Combined Medicine/Pediatrics residents who have been awarded the Dr. Philip A. Riley, Jr. and Mrs. Joane Riley Endowed Medicine Abroad Program (MAP) Scholarship! The MAP Scholarship pays for residents’ expenses to spend one month in a developing country, where they provide medical care and learn first-hand about international health. Each resident exhibited the required qualities to be awarded the honor of serving others for one month in a developing country during the 2011-2012 academic year. This elective was made possible through the generous donation of Dr. Philip A. Riley, Jr. and Mrs. Joane Riley, the great contribution of Dr. Wilmott and Department of Pediatrics, and the support of the residency program director Dr. Heidi Sallee.

The MAP has awarded 24 scholarships over the past five years. This year’s Med/Peds recipients are George Kasarala, MD, (MP3) and Paul Tuttle, MD, (MP2). The Pediatric recipients are Austin Dalrymple, MD, Christelle Ilbuodo, MD, Amanda Parsley, MD, Sunil Raikar, MD, and Laura Waters, MD. These residents will be a benefit to the patients they serve, but they will also receive great benefits from working and living in another culture. We look forward to working with these wonderful residents to finalize their plans. They have articulated their desires to see this experience change and grow them both personally and professionally.

Sonia Chacko, MD, instructor of Internal Medicine and Michael Sanley, MD, PGY2, presented their poster entitled “Saint Louis University Internal Medicine Boards by Active Learning (SIMBAL): A Pilot Program of a Novel Board Preparation Curriculum for Residents” during the CGEA (Central Group on Educational Affairs a regional group of the AAMC) 2011 Spring Conference, March 17-19, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Resident of the Month Award

We are soliciting faculty sponsors for our revamped "Resident of the Month" award. Each month a resident and two runners up will be commended for exemplary performance in residency as nominated by peers and/or faculty. This could include (and not limited to) going the 'extra mile' for a patient, good in-service score, helping a colleague, etc. Nominations to the chief residents are encouraged, and we also need faculty sponsors for $100 a month (one $50 and two $25 gift cards will be purchased monthly for winner and runners up respectively). Dr. Julie Gammack sponsored March and Dr. Heather Savedra sponsored April. Dr. Patricia McKelvy is the sponsor for May.

Please contact the chief residents or Ms. Melissa Westwood to volunteer or with questions.

March 2011 “Resident of the Month”

Winner: Amir Masoud, MD. He is always there to provide a helping hand to his fellow residents. He goes above and beyond to change his schedule to accommodate others.

Honorable mention: Payton McGowen, MD, and Sanjeev Patel, MD. They have gone above and beyond their required duty; they have shown initiative, enthusiasm, and impressive medical knowledge and clinical acumen for their level of training.
April 2011 “Resident of the Month”

Winner: Shashi Katukoori, MD. He is very thorough in all of his work and care of his patients. He has a tremendous amount of medical knowledge and is able to convey it in a way that patients can understand.

Honorable mention: Mazen Hadid, MD. He is an exceptional resident; always helpful. No matter how busy he gets, he is willing to help out his colleagues.

Honorable mention: Fuad El Rassi, MD, he is hard-working and always the first one here. He puts patient care first. He is a wonderful team leader and always has a positive attitude.

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Bernard Chaitman, MD, Cardiology, $35,780 from Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center for “HVTN Protocol 205 (cohort 2) and HVTN Protocol 086 vaccine studies in HIV uninfected vaccina naïve adult participants.”

Paul Hauptman, MD, Cardiology, $24,780 from the President’s Research Fund for “Collaborative Decision Making in Cardiac Device Therapy.”

Daniel Hoft, MD, PhD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunology, $92,962 from the Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation / Food and Drug Administration for “Discovery of Biological and Immunological Biomarkers for TB Vaccines.”

Susan Kiefer, PhD, Nephrology, $25,000 from the President’s Research Fund for “The role of Sall1 inureter maturation and vesicoureteral reflux.”

Reigh-Yi Lin, PhD, Endocrinology, $337,568 from the NIH for “TSHR and thyrocyte development.”

Reigh-Yi Lin, PhD, Endocrinology, $59,322 from the NIH for “TSHR and thyrocyte development – ARRA supplement.”

Reigh-Yi Lin, PhD, Endocrinology, $29,971 from the President’s Research Fund for “The role of cancer stem cells in anaplastic thyroid cancer.”

Terry Moore, MD, Rheumatology, $25,000 from the President’s Research Fund for “Aberrant IgG Galactosylation in Juvenile Ideopathic Arthritis.”

Guangyong Peng, MD, PhD, Infectious Diseases, Allergy and Immunobiology, $25,000 from the President’s Research Fund for “Functional Reversal of Human Regulatory T Cell Suppression Via TLR8 Signaling.”

David Wang, MD, PhD, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, $284,007 from the NIH for “The Role of Dysfunctional CCK-1R in Chloelithogenesis.”

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June 4, 2011 – Residents’ Graduation Party, reception and dinner, Il Monastero, 6:30-10 p.m.

June 10, 2011 – Department of Internal Medicine Semi-Annual Faculty Meeting will be held in Lecture Hall 1 starting at 7:30 a.m. The annual group faculty photograph will be taken immediately following the meeting. NOTE: There will be no Grand Rounds June 10, June 24 and July 1, 2011.

June 19, 2011 – School of Medicine Class of 2011 Pre-Commencement Ceremony, 3 p.m., Chaifetz Arena.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isaac Sakala, PhD, Post-Doc Fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Allergy & Immunology, on his recent marriage to Brenda Tembo.

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Jack Zuckner, MD, who passed away March 22, 2011; he was 88. Dr. Zuckner, who was the first rheumatologist in the St. Louis area, joined the faculty of Saint Louis University School of Medicine in 1952. Dr. Zuckner founded the Division of Rheumatology and served as director from 1955-1983.

WEBSITE

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

INFORMATION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have any news, 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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