ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

The quarterly meeting of the RNA Tumor Virus Program/Center for Retrovirus Research Group was held November 6, 2000. Members were updated on the website: www.vet.ohio-state.edu/docs/retrovirus/index.html. Dr. Bruce Bunnell (Childrens Hospital) headed a committee to seek nominations for 2nd Annual Center for Retrovirus Research's "Distinguished Research Career Award" to be presented in April, 2001. This award recognizes a retrovirologist whose research is of particular significance and originality, and exhibits unique promise for seminal contributions in the future. Development of a Program of Projects in the area of HTLV/BLV was discussed and meetings planned to organize the proposal. Dr. Michael Para, who will coordinate the project with Dr. Larry Mathes, proposed an AIDS Center application to NIH.

SELECTED FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

Dr. Lou Mansky (Molecular Virology, Immunology, & Medical Genetics) was appointed to a National Institutes of Health Study Section: ZRG1 VACC- Vaccines and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Michael Podell (Veterinary Clinical Sciences) was awarded a grant entitled: "A feline model of neuroAIDS and drug abuse" from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH (RO1) RFA-00-005. $1,681,907 (Total costs), 9/30/00-9/29/05.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SEMINARS OF INTERESTS


8th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, February 4-8, 2001, Chicago, IL. Late Breaking Abstracts due January 3, 2001. For more information meeting website: www.retroconference.org


GRADUATE STUDENT/POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP NEWS

From Dr. Bunnell's laboratory: Hajime Hiraragi, D.V.M. was the recipient of the General Mason Fellowship given by Children's Research Institute. The award is competitive and will pay a significant portion of his stipend through Year 4 of Graduate School. Also, Garret Newbound, D.V.M., Ph.D. has accepted a position at Eli Lilly (Elanco Division) in Indianapolis, IN as a Clinical Research Scientist.

Veterinary Bioscience, MCDB, and OSBP graduate students who presented platform or posters: Karen Duda's (Brooks lab) presented at the Annual OSBP Fall Research Symposium and at the Annual Meeting of Protein Society, San Diego in August. Student presentations at the Rustbelt RNA Meeting, Deer Creek State Park, Mt. Sterling, Ohio, in November included: Melinda Butsch (Boris-Lawrie lab), Murli Narayan & Jianxin Ye (Green lab). Wei Ding (Lairmore lab) presented a poster at the American Society of Virology Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, CO in July. Wayne Buck (Podell lab) in October presented a poster at the Society of Neurosciences Meeting in New Orleans, LA.


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