



The Department of Immunobiology

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The Fourth Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium, 2009

The *Fourth Annual* Symposium will be held at the Keating Auditorium in the BIO5 Institute followed by a Poster Session and Reception at the Swede Johnson Center (Vine Street Building, 1125 N. Vine Street) on Friday, 13 March 2009.

The *Symposium* will be highlighted by Plenary Lectures by David M. Knipe, Ph.D. (Harvard Medical School) on the immune response to viral infection; Evgeni V. Sokurenko, M.D., Ph.D. (University of Washington) on the evolution of the genetic diversity in bacterial species; Mark F. Stinski, Ph.D. (University of Iowa) on the pathogenesis of human cytomegalovirus and Charles D. Surh, Ph.D. (Scripps Research Institute) on homeostasis and the immune system.

Invited Lectures by Salvatore Albani, Lisa F. Shubitz and Horacio L. Rilo of the University of Arizona and short presentations selected from the abstracts submitted for Poster Presentations will also be featured.

An additional feature of this year's *Symposium* will be "Workshop Sessions" to be hosted by the Plenary Speakers during lunch.

Those interested in presenting a Poster should submit a 400-word abstract by 13 February 2009 for inclusion in the Program and Abstract Book to be distributed at the *Symposium*.

Abstracts should be submitted in accord with the "Abstract Submission Guidelines" via e-mail to: Richard J. Ablin, Ph.D., at ablinrj@email.arizona.edu in the form of an MSWord File Attachment. The "Abstract Submission Guidelines" may be found on the Immunobiology Website at: <http://immunobiology.arizona.edu>.

Upcoming Seminars:

- Feb 6—Diana Hernandez, PhD Graduate Student and Alex Petrucelli, PhD Graduate Student
- Feb 13—Claire Billerey-Larmonier, PhD Graduate Student and Maurice Jabbour, PhD Graduate Student
- Feb 20—Jianhua Wang, PhD Graduate Student
- Feb 27—Hao Chen, PhD Graduate Student
- Mar 6—Parvathi Ranganathan, PhD Graduate Student
- Mar 13—*The Fourth Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium*
- Mar 27—Lora Grainger, PhD Graduate Student

Next Faculty Meeting:

February 16 at 3:00pm
in MRB 201



Symposium

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Please take note abstracts not submitted in accordance with “The Guidelines” will not be accepted. Poster space is limited, therefore early submission is recommended.

The maximum space allotted for each poster will be 4' x 8'.

Awards of \$100 and \$50 will be provided by the University of Arizona Chapter of Sigma Xi for the best posters.

For further information you may contact Richard J. Ablin, Ph.D. at: 520-626-7755 or via e-mail at: ablinrj@email.arizona.edu.

Graduate Student Recruitment Poster Session

The Department of Immunobiology will be holding a Graduate Student Recruitment Poster Session on Friday, February 13, 2009 in the Medical Research Building from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. This is a great opportunity to showcase your work and recruit students into our graduate programs.

Please send Michelle Blurton your poster title and the name of the presenter(s) by February 6, 2009. You may send the information by email to mblurton@email.arizona.edu. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle at 626-6409 or mblurton@email.arizona.edu.

Thank you.



FACULTY UPDATES

Media Exposure

- **Dr. Harris** was interviewed by the *Tucson Citizen* for a story on cord blood stem cells entitled “Saving child's cord blood: medicine or marketing?” that was published on Friday, January 9, 2009.
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Publications

- Lang, A and **Nikolich-Zugich, J.** *Age-associated T-cell Clonal Expansions (TCE) in vivo— Implications for Pathogen Resistance: Cellular Immunosenescence - T cells, p. 219-235, 2009. *In: Handbook on Immunosenescence Basic Understanding and Clinical Applications; T. Fulop, C. Franceschi, K. Hirokawa and G. Pawelec, Eds., Springer Science & Business Media.
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Presentations and Lectures

- **Dr. Nikolich** attended the conference of American Society of Microbiology and Immunology Chairs in Ixtapa, Mexico.
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Honors and Awards

- **Dr. Ahmad** was appointed as a member of the Editorial Board of The AIDS Open Journal.
- **Dr. Nikolich** was elected to a panel of experts to review the Division of Aging Biology of the National Institute on Aging.



GRADUATE STUDIES

Human Subjects Approval

Graduate College Requirements:

Students must obtain Human Subjects approval before they begin research: Each thesis or dissertation that deals with human subjects must have a separate IRB (Human Subjects) approval *with the student as Principal Investigator*. Separate approval is required for theses or dissertations even if research data are obtained from another individual's approved project. *Being listed on the professor's form is NOT sufficient*. Having completed the Biomed, SBS and/or CITI-Biomed, or CITI-SBS training is NOT sufficient. *No approval can be granted retroactively*, so it is essential that before a student gathers any data, he or she have proper approval.

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What is UA CBT?

UA CBT (Computer-based Training) offers **FREE** computer training via the Web to all UA NetID holders (instructors, students, employees).

Currently the UA has a contract with the Virtual Training Center to provide access to over 475 tutorials, covering a broad range of topics and applications, including:

- **business applications** — Microsoft Word 2007, Visio 2007, PowerPoint, Excel, Project
- **programming** — C ++, Cold Fusion, Visual Basic for Access
- **databases** — mySQL, FileMaker, FileMaker Pro 8, Oracle 9i:SQL
- **operating systems** — A + certification, Mac OS X, Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger, Windows Vista, Windows 2000/XP, UNIX
- **internet & Web design** — Dreamweaver 8, HTML 4, FrontPage, Flash
- **graphics & page layout** — Illustrator, Photoshop, FreeHand
- **animation & 3D** — AutoCAD 2006, Bryce 5
- **multimedia & video** — Garageband 3, After Effects, Premiere, iMovie, Final Cut Pro, Director

Most tutorials have between five and fifteen hours of content. Each tutorial is divided into lessons from 2-10 minutes long on average. The tutorials are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each lesson is a QuickTime movie (.mov file) that opens in a new browser window. Learners may open and work in a software application while watching the lesson and may stop, start, rewind, and review each lesson as often as desired.

For more information please go to <http://uacbt.arizona.edu>



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Save a Tree or Two...

Did you know you can elect to not have your direct deposit advice (pay stub) printed? All pay stubs can be accessed and printed on-line using Employee Link (<https://emplink.arizona.edu/>) and your UA NetID.

Please save a tree and some UA printing costs and elect to not have your pay advice (pay stub) printed.

You may contact Chris Louis at 626-6888 or ccampos@email.arizona.edu for further information.

Departmental “People Feeder”

Donations of candy and chocolate are always accepted and needed for the Departmental “People Feeder” at Chris’s desk.

Seminar Series Updates

Any updates to the Immunobiology Seminar Series will be made on the Immunobiology website. There have been a few recent updates and you may now view the updated schedule on line. Please go to <http://Immunobiology.arizona.edu> to view the current Immunobiology Seminar Series schedule.



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February Birthdays

9th—Michael Badowski
9th—Amanda Husband
24th—Claire Billerey-Larmonier



Happy Birthday!!!
...and many more!!

Upcoming UA Holidays:

May 25—Memorial Day
July 3—Independence Day
Sept 7—Labor Day
Nov 11—Veterans Day

Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Send any topics to Michelle Blurton at mblurton@u.arizona.edu to be included in the next newsletter.

Submission deadline for the newsletter is the last Monday of each month.

