

# The Department of Immunobiology

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### The Fourth Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium, 2009

#### Upcoming Seminars:

- Jan 9—Ken Knox, MD, University of Arizona
- Jan 16—Mark Stinski, PhD, University of Iowa
- Jan 23—Lance Nesbit, PhD Graduate Student
- Jan 30—Departmental Candidate
- Feb 6—Jianhua Wang, PhD Graduate Student
- Feb 13—Claire Billerey-Larmonier, PhD Graduate Student and Maurice Jabbour, PhD Graduate Student
- Feb 20—Alex Petrucci, PhD Graduate Student and Diana Hernandez, PhD Graduate Student
- Feb 27—Hao Chen, PhD Graduate Student

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 on Friday, March 13, 2009.

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

Invited Lectures from researchers 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.

#### Next Faculty Meeting:

January 12 at 3:00pm  
in MRB 201

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Those interested in presenting a Poster should submit a 400-word abstract by February 3, 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, PhD, at [ablinrj@email.arizona.edu](mailto: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>.

**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, PhD at 520-626-7755 or via e-mail at [ablinrj@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ablinrj@email.arizona.edu).

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## A Sad, but Fond, Farewell

Sylvia Quintero will be leaving the Department of Immunobiology on January 14, 2009 and will be joining the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics as Manager of Finance and Personnel.

Sylvia has been with us for the last two years and has made many contributions to the Department that we all appreciate, from fixing past accounting errors to arranging a smooth transition into MRB and also assisting in the departure and arrival of faculty members.

Sylvia, there are no words that will express how much you will be missed. We all wish you success and happiness in your new position!

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## Publications

- Messaoudi I, Fischer M, Warner J, Park B, Mattison J, Ingram DK, Totonchy T, Mori M and **Nikolich-Zugich J**. Optimal window of caloric restriction onset limits its beneficial impact upon T cell senescence in primates. *Aging Cell* 7:908-19, 2008.
- Brien JD, **Urhaub JL** and **Nikolich-Zugich J**. West Nile virus-specific CD4 T cells exhibit direct anti-viral cytokine secretion and cytotoxicity and are sufficient for antiviral protection. *J. Immunol.* 181:8568-75, 2008.



## Media Exposure

- **Dr. Ablin** gave an interview on the subject of "Does PSA Testing 'Pass' or 'Fail'? And Should You Have It?" that was published in the December 2008 issue of Tucson Lifestyle.
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## Honors and Awards

- **Dr. Nikolich** was elected to the special review panel of the National Advisory Council on Aging to review the extramural NIA part - Division of Aging Biology.
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## Presentations and Lectures

- **Dr. Harris** was an invited Speaker at the Kaiser Healthcare Conference in Las Vegas, NV, Nov 2008
- **Dr. Harris** was an invited Speaker at the Anti-Aging Conference in Vienna, Austria, Dec 2008
- **Dr. Nikolich** gave a lecture titled "CNS as a battlefield: how old immune system deals with encephalitic viruses" as part of the Neuroscience Community "Data-Blitz" on December 2, 2008.
- **Dr. Nikolich** gave a lecture titled "Causes and consequences of immune senescence" at the College of Medicine-Phoenix on December 4, 2008.
- **Dr. Nikolich** gave a lecture titled "Overly excited T-cells: persistent stimulation, homeostasis and parallels between aging and arthritis" for the Rheumatology Grand Rounds on December 5, 2008.
- **Dr. Nikolich** spoke at the workshop of the American Association of Specialty Professors/ Infectious Diseases Society of America in Alexandria, VA, "Vaccination in the elderly" presenting a lecture "Age-related alterations in vaccine responses of non-human primates".



## GRADUATE STUDIES

### Spring 2009

- New Course IMB 564, *Advanced Topics: Function, Regulation and Dysregulation of the Immune System*, is now being offered. First class is on January 15, 2009. This is a required course for students that enrolled in Fall 2007 and thereafter. The course is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am—10:30am in MRB 201.
- Course IMB 695F, *Tumor Virology*, will be offered on Wednesdays from 2:00pm—3:00pm in MRB 201.
- January 14, 2009—Classes start on.
- January 14, 2009—Deadline to pay for Spring 2009 without a late charge.
- January 19, 2009—Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no classes.
- January 20, 2009—Last day to use WebReg for adds, changing classes or sections and changes to or from pass/fail grade
- March 14-22, 2009—Spring Break, no classes
- May 6, 2009—Last day of classes.
- May 8, 2009—Exams begin on.
- May 16, 2009—Spring Commencement/Graduation

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Supplies, etc.

If you have any surplus items that you need to dispose of, please advise Michelle Blurton. Provide a list of items, which includes any A-tag number, serial number, model number, a description of each item and where the items can be located.

Please come see me if you have any questions. Thanks.

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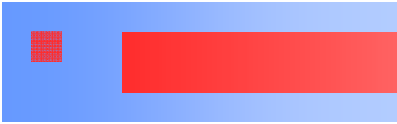
### Scheduling the Conference Rooms

The conference rooms can be scheduled at any time, whether it is months in advance or a “spur of the moment” meeting.

If you need to use one of the conference rooms, please see Michelle Blurton. Michelle is able to view the current schedule to make sure there are no conflicts and reserve the conference room(s) for you. Michelle can also reserve the LCD projector for you, if you need it.

If Michelle is unavailable, Chris Louis is able to reserve the conference rooms as well.

FYI...The schedule at the conference room door is only printed at the beginning of each month and is not updated.



## MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

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### January Birthdays

1st—Maurice Jabbour  
10th—Debbie Bradley-Dunlop  
23rd—Tamara Lundeen  
24th—Dr. Nafees Ahmad



**Happy Birthday!!!**

**...and many more!!**

#### Upcoming UA Holidays and closures:

Jan 1—New Year's Day  
Jan 19—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
May 25—Memorial Day  
July 3—Independence Day

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## Want to Add Something to the Newsletter?

Send any topics to Michelle Blurton at [mblurton@u.arizona.edu](mailto:mblurton@u.arizona.edu) to be included in the next newsletter.

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

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#### Top 10 Most Common New Year's Resolutions:

10. Get Organized
9. Learn Something New
8. Help Others
7. Quit Drinking
6. Quit Smoking
5. Get Fit
4. Enjoy Life
3. Get Out of Debt
2. Lose Weight
1. Spend More Time with Family and Friends

