



Fall 2009 Offered Courses:

- **IMB 501** Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- **IMB 580** Molecular Virology

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Benefits Open Enrollment

All University of Arizona benefits-eligible employees will be required to make benefits elections during this year's Benefits Open Enrollment, August 10-31, 2009.

Please take time now to make sure your home address is correct in the University's records so that you may receive important Benefits Open Enrollment information as quickly as possible. Updating your home mailing address is easy. Visit Employee Link at: <https://emplink.arizona.edu>

1. Login to Employee Link with your UA NetID and password
2. Select "Online Services"
3. Select "Update Employee Address"
4. Enter, save and confirm changes

If you do not know your UA NetID, please visit <https://netid.arizona.edu> or call (520) 621-HELP. You may also see your payroll representative for assistance.

In support of the University's sustainability initiative, some notifications may be distributed by email. Watch your email in box for Open Enrollment news and tell your colleagues.

Next Faculty Meeting:

July 20 at 12:00pm in MRB 201

For more information, please contact Human Resources at (520) 621-3662 option 3, or benefits@email.arizona.edu

Conserving Energy

To conserve energy, the last administrative staff to leave for the day will turn off the lights in the main office area.

If you are the last one in the laboratory area to leave, please turn off the lights.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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Travel Authorizations

Please remember to get your travel authorizations *before* any business trip. Travel authorizations can be obtained by sending your travel information (when you leave, when you get back, why you are traveling, etc.) to Chris Louis at ccampos@email.arizona.edu.

If you require a travel advance, please send Chris your information and advance request at least two weeks prior to your departure.

FACULTY UPDATES

Honors and Awards

- **Dr. Richard J. Ablin** has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the journal Immunotherapy.
- **Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich**, Co-Director of the Arizona Center on Aging and Department Head of the Department of Immunobiology, was elected and took office as President of the American Aging Association, effective June 2009. The American Aging Association was founded in 1970 by Dr. Denham Harman, father of the free radical theory of aging, and is the premier national and international organization gathering biomedical scientists that work on biology of aging. The primary mission of AAA is to understand, through biomedical research, the basic mechanisms that cause the aging process, with other goals to inform the public of the progress of aging research and of practical means of achieving a long and healthy life, and to increase knowledge of gerontology among physicians and other members of the health team. As the AAA president, Dr Nikolich will also organize and chair the 39th Annual AGE Meeting "Inflammation and the Aging Process: Causes and Consequences" in Portland, OR June 4-7, 2010.
- **Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich** organized and co-chaired (with Dr. Richard G.A. Faragher) a workshop "Integrative Biology of Aging" at the 38th Meeting of the American Aging Association in Scottsdale, AZ.
- **Megan Smithey, PhD** and **Brian Rudd, PhD, MPH** won travel scholarships to attend a quantitative and systems immunology course at Santa Fe Institute. The purpose of this workshop is to provide training to young investigators in the immunological sciences who are interested in using computational biology in their research.

Presentations and Lectures

- **Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich** presented an invited talk at the 5th International Kyoto T-cell Conference "Fallout from thymic catastrophe in advanced age – functional and homeostatic aspects", where he also co-chaired a session with Dr. Jonathan Sprent, in Kyoto, Japan.
 - **Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich** presented an invited lecture at the Keio Univ (Tokyo, Japan), entitled: "Effector T-cell development defects dictate profound age-related susceptibility to the West Nile virus"
 - **Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich** presented an invited lecture at the Tokushima University Institute for Genome Biology (Tokushima, Japan), entitled: "Altered T-cell homeostasis in aging: victim or villain?"
 - **Dr. Janko Nikolich-Zugich** presented an invited lecture at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) in Hiroshima, Japan, entitled "Defects in T cell function and homeostasis in immune senescence: causes and consequences", after which he was awarded RERF diploma for outstanding contributions to studies of immune senescence.
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GRADUATE STUDIES

Upcoming Dates

July 27, 2009—Last day to take the Final Oral Exam/Defense for August Doctoral Candidates

August 10, 2009—Dissertation due date for August Doctoral Candidates

August 24, 2009—Fall 2009 classes start

August 28, 2009—Immunobiology Graduate Student Orientation

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July Birthdays

Happy Birthday!!



...and many more!

Upcoming UA Holidays:

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@email.arizona.edu to be included in the next newsletter.

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