



# The Department of Immunobiology

## Fall 2009 Offered Courses:

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

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### Fourth Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium

In addition to the largest attendance of prior *Symposia* at the recent *4th Annual Symposium* of 96 people, the Planning Committee is delighted to report from the "Program Evaluation Forms" received that 93% of the evaluations received rated the Overall Quality of the Program in the Excellent to Outstanding Categories.

The Planning Committee reiterates their appreciation to all the participants, attendees and staff that contributed to the overwhelming success of the *Symposium*.

### Conserving Energy

#### Next Faculty Meeting:

June 29, 2009 at  
12:00pm in MRB 201

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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## Personal Information Sweep

**Per the University's request:** All employees who use computerized UA information are required to complete the Personal Information Sweep. The PI Sweep is a program designed to identify and secure electronically stored Social Security, credit card and driver's license numbers.

The steps to perform the sweep can be located here: <http://security.arizona.edu/pi>

There is a form at the end of the process to certify that you have completed the sweep. Please return the completed form to Michelle Blurton no later than June 22, 2009.

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## FACULTY UPDATES

### Publications

- Petrucelli, A, Rak M, Grainger L, and **Goodrum F**. Characterization of a novel Golgi-localized latency determinant encoded by human cytomegalovirus. *J. Virology* 83(11) 2009:Epub ahead of print.
- **Ablin RJ**, Haythorn MR. Screening for prostate cancer: Controversy? What controversy? *Current Oncology*, 16(4): 1, 2009 (Invited Editorial).

### Media Exposure

- **Dr. Ablin** was interviewed by Bob Lee on KTTU-TV18 on 10 May and the Fox-11 Forum KMSB-TV11 on 17 May on prostate cancer.

## Honors and Awards

- **Dr. Ablin** and Pier Giorgio Natali ("Regina Elena" National Cancer Institute, Rome, Italy) served as the Co-Chairs for the "Excellence in Translational Medicine" and "Bedside-to-Bench" Awards presented by the Journal of Translational Medicine.
- **Dr. Goodrum** has been elected to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Virology
- **Dr. Harris** has been elected as a Member of the Bioscience Leadership Council of Southern Arizona
- **Dr. Nikolich** co-chaired the Trans-Atlantic Symposium: The Integrative Biology of Aging, at the 39th Annual Meeting of the American Aging Association, in Scottsdale, AZ.
- **Dr Nikolich** co-chaired the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Symposium: How Aging Impacts Vaccine Efficacy, at the American Association of Immunologists 96th Annual meeting in Seattle, WA.

## Presentations and Lectures

- **Dr. Goodrum** was invited to speak at the 12th International CMV/Beta Herpesvirus Workshop in Boston, MA in May.
- **Dr Nikolich** presented the invited lecture: "How the frail fail: immune response to acute and chronic viral infections in old age" at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Symposium: How Aging Impacts Vaccine Efficacy, at the American Association of Immunologists 96th Annual meeting in Seattle, WA.

# MISCELLANEOUS

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## June Birthdays

No June birthdays to report

### 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](mailto:mblurton@email.arizona.edu) to be included in the next newsletter.

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