



The Department of Immunobiology

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Photos of Departmental Events

Upcoming Seminars:

- May 1—Michael Badowski, Graduate Student

Photos of the Symposium and Graduate Student Recruitment Dinner have been posted on our website. You may view them at http://immunobiology.arizona.edu/html/news_highlights.html.

FACULTY UPDATES

Next Faculty Meeting:

May 18, 2009 at
12:00pm in MRB 201

Media Exposure

- **Dr. Ablin** was interviewed by Arizona Illustrated as the discoverer of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) for his comments on the current-state-of-the art of screening for prostate cancer and his research on prostate cancer.

Presentations and Lectures

- **Dr. Ablin** in collaboration with the Metastasis & Angiogenesis Research Group, Wales College of Medicine, had two presentations at the *American Association for Cancer Research, 100th Annual Meeting* held in Denver, CO April 18-22, 2009.
- **Dr. So** gave a seminar at UCLA April 17 at the invitation of the Graduate Students in the Microbial Pathogenesis Program.



Publications

- Medigeshi GR, Hirsch AJ, Brien JD, Uhrlaub JL, Mason PW, Wiley C, **Nikolich-Zugich J**, Nelson JA. West Nile Virus capsid degradation of claudin proteins disrupts epithelial barrier function. J Virol. 2009 Apr 15. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 19369347
- Takahama Y, Saito T, Kawamoto H, Itoi M, Boyd RL, Chidgey A, Zamoyska R, Holländer GA, Anderson G, Taylor N, Petrie HT, **Nikolich-Zugich J**. The Global Thymus Network: past, present and future. Trends Immunol. 2009 Apr 8. [Epub ahead of print]

Grants

- **Dr. Nikolich** and Dr. Louis Picker of the Oregon Health and Science University were awarded, as co-PI, the NIH Grant U01 AI82529 "Rejuvenation of T-cell compartment in aging primates" from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Nikolich's portion of the award is \$612,364 over four years.

Service Recognition Awards

- Nafees Ahmad - 15 years
- David Harris - 20 years
- Richard Friedman - 25 years

GRADUATE STUDIES

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Student Publications

- **Corcoran K**, Wang X, Lybarger L. Adapter-mediated substrate selection for ER-associated degradation. J Biol Chem. Apr 14, 2009 . [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 19366690



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Upcoming UA Holidays:

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

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Student Grants

- Dr. Lybarger and **Maria Ordaz** were awarded a travel grant for attendance to the American Association of Immunologists, May 8-12 in Seattle, WA. The award is provided by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) and the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program.

MISCELLANEOUS

MicroLunch Research in Progress

The last MicroLunch Research in Progress of this academic year is May 4, in MRB, at 12:30PM. It resumes this fall, day of week to be decided.

May Birthdays

- Dr. Richard Ablin
- Sarah Foster
- Dr. David Harris
- Kristin Renkema



Happy Birthday!!

...and many more!!

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