

## **IMMUNOBIOLOGY NEWSLETTER**

### **June 2007**

#### **The Symposium**

Dr, Richard J. Ablin thanks the Planning Committee and all the presenters at the *Second Annual Frontiers in Immunobiology and Immunopathogenesis Symposium* which was held 21 April at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort.

Results from the "Program Evaluation Forms" received indicated that 91% rated the Overall Quality of the Program in the "Excellent to Outstanding Categories."

#### **The Conference Room**

Kudos to the Office Staff----- Sylvia, Chris and Michelle for their outstanding efforts in sprucing up the seminar/lecture room (LSN 652)! Check it out if you have not had an opportunity to do so!

#### **Emmanuel T. Akporiaye**

Dr. Akporiaye was recently awarded a 2-year grant by the American Institute for Cancer Research to study the role of alpha-tocopheryloxyacetic acid in the prevention of metastatic breast cancer.

#### **David T. Harris**

Gaballa M (PI) and Harris D T (Co-Investigator) were recently awarded a 5-year grant for by The NIA/NIH for there study in Stem Cells and Aging in Cardiovascular Disease.

Dr. Harris was invited to talk at the following: ASU Law School, Ethics of Stem Cells, 3 April 2007; Pima Community College-East, Ethics of Stem Cells, 6 April 2007; Congressional briefing, stem cells, Washington, DC, 25 April 2007; Stem cell briefing, Sen. Barrack Obama, 25 April 2007; Stem cell briefing, Catholic Bishop's Council, 24 April 2007; Stem cell briefing, Family Research Council, 24 April 2007; Inova Hospital grand rounds, Fairfax, VA, 23 April 2007; Virginia OBs, Washington, DC area, 23 April 2007.

Dr. Harris was a part of Universal Movie Studios, movie/documentary on Stem Cells: The Cure Lies Within, May 2007.

Dr. Harris was interviewed for the following: US News & World Report, 15 May 2007 on cord blood; and ABC local news, June 10 and 11, 2007.

### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS:**

#### Giron Laboratory

- 1) Rendon M, Saldana Z, Erdem A, Monteiro-Neto V, Vazquez A, Kaper J, Puente J and Giron J. Commensal and pathogenic *Escherichia coli* use a common pilus adherence factor for epithelial cell colonization, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), June 19, 2007, Vol. 104, No. 25, pp. 10637-10642.

#### Harris Laboratory

- 1) Harris D T, He X, Badowski M, Nicols JC. Regenerative Medicine of the Eye: A Short Review. Stem Cell Repair & Regeneration, Vol. 3, Levicar N, Habib NA, Dimarakis I, Gordon MY, Imperial College Press (2007).
- 2) Harris D T, Badowski M, Ahmad N, Gaballa M. The Potential of Cord Blood Stem Cells for Use in Regenerative Medicine. Expert Opinion on Biological Therapy (2007), In Press.