Welcome

Welcome to Tara Garcia (Meecham) (UWO) who has returned from maternity leave and will be in our department as assistant to Dr. Garcia in her role as Vice Dean of Education.

Undergraduate Student Updates

UWO undergraduate student, Eric Bol, has accepted the PC Shah Pathology Summer Work Experience Scholarship. He will be working with Dr. Madeleine Moussa on a project entitled “Localization of PLA2R antibody in memenbranous nephropathy and clinical correlation”.

Graduate Student Updates

Dr. Hao Wang’s Microsurgery and Transplant Immunology group has been awarded the International Investigator Award from the American Transplant Society and Basic Science Awards from the Canadian Society of Transplantation in 2010, for 3 research projects. Congratulations to all involved!

Residency Program Updates

The Anatomical Pathology program was successful in matching in the first iteration of CaRMS and we will be welcoming our new PGY1 residents, Essie Mwamwenda-Heinrich and Allison Osmond beginning July 1.

Graduate Student Updates Cont.

Darko Zdravic (MSc) and Yufeng Zuo (PhD) were both under the supervision of Dr. Chandan Chakraborty. Congratulations!

Andrew Pepper (supervisors, Drs. D. White, J. Melling & J. Dupre) has been selected to represent the Schulich Graduate Programs at the Canadian Student Health Research Forum in Winnipeg, June 2-4.

Grants

Two of our faculty have received Pathology Internal Funds for Academic Development.

Dr. Madeleine Moussa received funding for her project entitled “Localization of PLA2R antibody in memenbranous nephropathy and clinical correlation”. Dr. Chris Howlett received funding for his project “Evaluation of the value of an elastic stain in identification of large vessel invasion in lung carcinoma”.

Congratulations

We congratulate Dr. Nancy Chan and her husband Jason on the birth of their daughter, Aria, on March 15, weighing in at 8lb. 1oz.

Congratulations also go to Dr. Fahd Al Sufiani (NP resident) and his wife on the birth of a son on March 23.

Dr. Candace Gibson has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Health Information Management Association. Congratulations.

Congratulations go to Dr. Tom Daley who has 2 new graddaughters, Emily, born March 31 and Lyla born April 24, 2010.
Awards

Congratulations to our winners of our Annual Pathology Research Day,
Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Chair’s Award for Best Presentation by a Resident
Dr. Susanne Chan

Second Place Award for Best Presentation by a Resident
Dr. Hector Li

Dr. M. Daria Haust Award for Best Presentation by a Graduate Student
Andrew Pepper

Poster Presentation Award for a Graduate Student
Manpreet Singh

Dr. Cameron Wallace Graduate Student Award in Pathology
Andrew Pepper

Second Place Award for Graduate Students
Xusheng Zhang
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Remember to keep the good news items coming!

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Abstracts, Posters and Presentations Cont.


Miscellaneous

We bid farewell to Gail Heslinga (UWO Pathology office) as she leaves on early retirement. Best wishes go with her as she looks forward to new projects and adventures.

We also said goodbye to Dorothy Bere (UWO assistant to Dr. Garcia) who left us at the end of February.