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## PEOPLE (AND OTHER) STUFF

Welcome to Glenda Ogilvie in her position as Manager of Administration and Finance in Biochemistry. Glenda comes to our Dept. after 13 years working in Anatomy and Cell Biology in a similar role.

Welcome to our 49 summer students who have started working in research labs in the Dept.

Congratulations and all the best to Drs. Stan Dunn and Eric Ball for their upcoming retirements. A reception and dinner were held on 23 May to honour them and thank them for their many contributions to the Biochemistry Dept. over the years.

Jacqueline Dron and Allison Dilliott are two of four women scientists at Western who are leading the Pod of 500 Women Scientists in London (<u>Schulich Research enewsletter</u>).

Dr. Peter Rogan presented a platform presentation at the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) Global 2019 Conference in Hong Kong in May.

### PUBLICATIONS from the labs and collaborators of...

Dr. Ainsworth (<u>Cancer risk in women with BRCA1/2 mutations</u>) (<u>Liver transplantation from donor with JAK2 mutation</u>)

Drs. Ainsworth, Rodenhiser, Siu (<u>DNA methylation testing in patients</u>)

Dr. Boffa (Thrombus hematocrit and age)

Dr. Han (IGFBP-6 and placental mesenchymal stem cells)

Dr. Hegele (GCK in maturity-onset diabetes in the young) (Atypical familial dysbetalipoproteinemia) (Evaluation of data quality in ON-DRI) (Hypertriglyceridemia-associated pancreatitis)

Dr. Heinemann (Reverse RNA polymerization and tRNAs)

Drs. Heinemann, Li, O'Donoghue (Gld2 phosphorylation)

Dr. Huff (Naringenin enhances regression of atherosclerosis)

Dr. Konermann (Electrospray supercharging for unfolded proteins)

Dr. Koschinsky (Lp(a) and valve calcification)

Dr. Lajoie (<u>Proteomics</u>, <u>biomarkers</u>, <u>and endometrioid and ovarian cancers</u>) (<u>ENT1 in intervertebral disc</u>) (<u>Novel marker of kidney function</u>)

Dr. Pickering (Aortic valve disease)

Dr. Rodenhiser (DNA methylation in ADNP syndrome)

Dr. Rogan (Clusters of transcription factor binding sites)

Dr. Rupar (<u>Infantile-Onset Multisystem Neurologic, Endocrine, and Pancreatic Disease</u>)

Dr. Siqueira (<u>Denture stomatitis</u>) (<u>Losartan, isoproterenol in rat salivary glands</u>) (Nail infections in HIV/AIDS patients)

See publication details.

#### **CONGRATS TO...**

Zain Awamleh, Nileeka Balasuriya, and Safee Mian for successful PhD defenses

Aisha Freeman, Thomas Hamilton, Rosan Kenana, and David Wright for receiving NSERC Graduate Scholarships

Matt Berg for being featured in Schulich's *The Collaborator* 

Stephanie Brumwell for winning 2nd place for her talk at SynBio 4.0

Jacqueline Dron for receiving i) the Journal of Lipid Research Award in recognition as a rising star in the lipid field (from her presentation at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Scientific Sessions), and ii) a Lucille & Norton Wolf London Health Research Day Trainee Publication Award

Pirunthan Perampalam for receiving a Poster Award at the London Health Research Day

Sam Slattery for winning 1st place for his poster presentation at SynBio 4.0

Dr. Roya Tadayon for winning second place in the 3MR competition at Western's Post-Doctoral Research Forum

Dr. Sean Bendall, a Biochemistry alumnus, for receiving the 2019 Young Alumni of Distinction Award (Alumni eNewsletter)

Dr. Bogumil Karas for obtaining a tenuretrack position in Biochemistry and for receiving funding from the <u>New Frontiers for</u> <u>Research Fund</u> of the Canadian Government (Western News)

Dr. O'Gorman and colleagues, as well as Drs. Boffa, Koschinsky, and colleagues for receiving Schulich's Collaborative Research Seed Grants

Dr. Possmayer for receiving the 2019 Alumni Award of Merit for Professional Achievement



