Welcome to the latest edition of the Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter. If you have items for future newsletters, please let me know – fbeier@uwo.ca. Awards, grants, invited lectures, new lab members… (during my absence, please forward to Olga – okrougly@uwo.ca)

Lots of good news this time around. First of all, congratulations to Andrew Pruszynski, Peter Stathopulos, and Wataru Inoue on their promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure; Sean Gill for promotion to Associate Professor; and Wei-Yang Lu for promotion to Professor. Well done every one!!

Second, the Department excelled in the latest CIHR project competition (see list of awardees below). Congrats everyone!!

Third, our Limited Term faculty position was approved for posting. The advertisement is now on the Western website: https://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/careers/pdf/Schulich_Philosophy-and-Pharmacology_Limited-Term_2020.pdf Please distribute widely and encourage qualified candidates to apply.

I hope everyone will have a good February and Reading Week. I will be back soon!

Frank
Welcome

- Fatma Hassan, Post-Doctoral Fellow with Lina Dagnino

Congratulations!!!

- To the following Department members who were successful in the latest CIHR competition – great news!

  Tom Appleton  
  Samuel Asfaha  
  Frank Beier (co-applicant with Elizabeth Gillies)  
  Tim Bussey/Lisa Saksida  
  Lina Dagnino  
  David Hess  
  Cheryle Seguin  
  Brad Urquhart (co-applicant with David Spence)

Undergraduate Studies Updates

Second semester is well on its way. We had quite a few special permission come through with some issues. As course managers, you are certainly permitted to provide special permission to a student who you feel will do well in your course despite not having the prerequisite. However, caution is that there seems to be a common issue in that students are requesting a number of fourth year courses without having taken a key prerequisite, Physiology 3120. If you do not feel that 3120 is required for your course, we should revisit your prerequisites.

Course manager meetings will be scheduled over the next few weeks. This is an opportunity to discuss our course offerings and perhaps identify any possible changes for the upcoming year.

The final exam schedule will be released on February 7th. The exam period will be from Monday April 6th until April 26th, but with Easter during that period, no exams will be scheduled between Friday April 10th until Sunday April 12th.
Graduate Studies Update

A reminder of the OGS application deadline: **January 31, 2020.**

For timeline, eligibility, and application process, please visit the SGPS website: [https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ogs.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ogs.html)

Calendar

- February 6 – Lunch and Learn “Flow Cytometry Analysis” by David Hess (12:00 pm MSB212A/B)

- Upcoming Physiology and Pharmacology Seminars (3:30 pm in MSB 384)
  - February 3 – Pierre Thibeault, PhD Candidate: “*Molecular mechanisms regulating the platelet thrombin receptor PAR4*”
  - February 10 – Dr. Dylan Burger, University of Ottawa: “*Extracellular Vesicles in Cardiovascular and Renal Disease*”
  - February 24 – Laura Russel, PhD Candidate: “*Genetic variation in hepatic bile acid transporters: transport, expression, and endogenous biomarkers*”

Full list of the Winter/Spring seminars can be found at: [https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about_us/seminar_schedule.html](https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about_us/seminar_schedule.html)