

Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter

February 2019

Welcome to the Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter. If you have anything to add, please let me know – fbeier@uwo.ca. Awards, grants, invited lectures, new lab members...

I hope everyone has enjoyed reading week and is looking forward to spring. Good luck to all of those applying for CIHR grants this round! On Tuesday March 5th (3 pm, MSB212A/B) we will make another attempt at meeting with the Dean – hopefully the third time is a charm.... Later in the month I will start my annual workload meetings with faculty. In addition to discussing work load, please let me know if you want to talk about anything else.

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Congratulations!!!

- To Stephen Scherman (supervisor David Hess) on successful defense of his PhD!
- To Brad Urquhart on a Biomedical Research Grant from The Kidney Foundation of Canada

Updates from the Research Committee

1. Lunch and Learn Workshop

A big thank you to Dr. Dale Laird for his outstanding talk titled “Scientific writing for all readers” at the Lunch and Learn Workshop earlier this month. Our next Lunch and Learn Workshop will be given by Dr. David Litchfield from Department of Biochemistry on “Functional

Proteomic Analysis” on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 12:00 – 1:30 pm in Rm. M212 (Host: Dr. David Hess). Please mark your calendar.

2. Request for nominations for the James Stevenson Distinguished Lecture on November 3, 2020.

We are seeking nominations for an outstanding speaker and an internationally recognized investigator and leader in physiology to deliver the James A.F. Stevenson Distinguished Lecture on November 3, 2020. To nominate, please briefly describe the reasons for your nomination and provide a web link to the nominee’s website. Deadline for your nominations is extended to Friday, March 8, 2019.

3. Community Outreach Event

To help undergraduate students to understand and appreciate the research work of our Department, a community outreach event will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 1:30-4:30 PM, DSB 2005 (Event organizers: Dr. Sean Gill and Pierre Thibeault). Research from a number of labs will be displayed by graduate students. The event will be jointly held with the Physiology and Pharmacology Graduate Studies Information Session.

4. Updating Research Areas on Department website

The Research Committee is in a process of updating research areas of our Department. Below are the suggested research areas that will be posted on our Department Research Page shortly. If you have any comments or changes, please contact Qingping Feng or Penny Sim.

- Clinical and Basic Pharmacology
- Bone and Joint
- Cell, Stem Cell and Cancer
- Heart, Blood Vessels and Lungs
- Reproduction, Development and Metabolism
- Neuroscience, Neurodegeneration and Cognition

Graduate Studies News

Graduate students please remember to complete the 2019 Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey (CGPSS). You should have received emails from Western with the links (subject: Survey of

Graduate Students at Western; address: Western University grad-survey@uwo.ca). SGPS is providing cash prize incentives to the programs with the highest participation, to be earmarked for things like student travel to conferences.

Calendar

- March 5, 2019, 3 pm – Meeting with Acting Dean Dr. Cheng, MSB212A/B
- Seminars in March (Monday 3:30 pm in MSB384)
 - March 4 – Dr. Paul Faure, McMaster University: “Tuning to the rate and duration of frequency modulation in the mammalian auditory midbrain”
 - March 11 – Melissa Fenech, PhD candidate: “Regulation of calcium homeostasis in the exocrine pancreas”
 - March 18 – Dr. Tamara Kelly, York University: “Community in the classroom: collaborative testing and more”
- The full list of seminars and events can be found here:

[http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about us/seminar%20and%20events/index.html](http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about_us/seminar%20and%20events/index.html)