

Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter

February 2022

Welcome

- Venkat Krishnamoorthy – Post Doctoral Associate with Adrian Owen
- Geoffrey Laforge – Post Doctoral Associate with Adrian Owen
- Melissa Field – Animal Lab Specialist with Brian Corneil
- Zachary Klassen – Research Technician with Chris Pin
- To our new graduate student:
 - Arine Pawakian (MSc) – Peter Stathopoulos

Congratulations !!!

- To the successful CIHR Project recipients: Brian Corneil, Richard Kim, Rithwik Ramachandran
- Cheryle Seguin, Tim Regnault and David Hess for promotion to Full Professor
- Nicole Campbell on her new appointment as a Teaching Scholar and Associate Professor
- To graduate students for the completion of their degrees:
 - Brent Tschirhart – MSc (Qingping Feng)
 - Olivia Samotus – PhD (Mandar Jog)

Undergraduate Studies Updates

We are looking forward to the end of our academic year and to be able to host our 4980E thesis students for an in-person poster presentation. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 31st to attend the poster presentation day. Students will be scheduled in 1 of 4 blocks of presentation times. We will follow up with supervisors for availability to mark posters, between the hours of 9 AM – 2 PM. More details to follow.

Graduate Studies Update

London Health Research Day will be held on May 31, 2022, using an online-only conference platform. Please watch for upcoming details on registration, abstract submission, and workshops available on the day.

Research Update

Our undergraduate student, Tiffany Zhao, has been continuing with faculty biography updates this term. Please let Peter Stathopoulos know if you would like your biography urgently updated on the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology website.

Calendar

- February 24 – Virtual Lunch and Learn Workshop (12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Zoom Link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/91071109236?from=addon>

Topic of discussion will be *“BioCORE: Facilities providing service and instrumentation to help meet your research goals”*. Our guest speakers are: Lee-Ann Briere, Heidi Liao, Kristina Jurcic from Department of Biochemistry.

If you have suggestions for future sessions, please forward them by email to Peter Stathopoulos and Penny Sim.

- Upcoming Physiology and Pharmacology Seminars (3:00 pm via Zoom)
 - February 28 – Dr. Fernando Lopes, McGill University: *“Inflammation Resolution: A Metabolic Menagerie”*
 - March 7 – Dr. Wei Zhang, University of Guelph: *“Engineering protein-protein interactions to probe and rewire ubiquitin signalling”*
 - March 21 – Opening Doors: Graduate Student Career Session

Full list of the Winter/Spring seminars can be found at:

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/about_us/seminar_schedule.html

