

# Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter

## July - August 2018

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](mailto:fbeier@uwo.ca). Awards, grants, invited lectures, new lab members...

I hope you all had a good summer and are looking forward to the fall term! As you might have noticed, the redesign of our departmental website is complete, and it is live now: <http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/physpharm/> Thanks for everyone who helped out, but in particular Boun Thai who shouldered most of the behind the scenes work. A reminder to all faculty to have a look at your individual websites and update them where appropriate.

I hope to see you all at the Corn Roast on September 6!

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### Congratulations!!!

- Dr. Jeff Dixon on the Distinguished Scientist Award in Research in Oral Biology from *The International Association for Dental Research*
- The following graduate students and their supervisors who graduated over the summer (a big summer for the Kim lab!!):
  - Akina Au – MSc (Dale Laird)
  - Brandon Kim – MSc (Peter Chidiac/Jeff Dixon)
  - Nicholas Kim – MSc (Donglin Bai)
  - Alexandra Pearce – MSc (Adrian Owen)
  - Meaghan Serjeant – MSc (Cheryle Seguin/Frank Beier)
  - Aneta Surmanski – MSc (Brad Urquhart/Peter Chidiac)

- Adrianna Tsang – MSc (Mandar Jog)
- Phylo Win – MSc (Rennian Wang)
- Markus Gulilat – PhD (Richard Kim)
- Adrienne Borrie – PhD (Richard Kim)
- Aze Wilson – PhD (Richard Kim)

## **Welcome**

To our new postdoctoral associates:

- Maria Sancho-Gonzalez with Don Welsh
- Diane Seguin with Julio Martinez-Trujillo

To our new research associate:

- Ousseynou Sarr with Tim Regnault

## **Undergraduate Studies Updates**

Welcome back to the start of the academic year. Classes start September 6 and it will be a busy day for our department. 4980 interviews will take place September 6 in the student labs, and the Annual Corn Roast to welcome our new students is later that day. Please plan to attend the interviews (of course) and the corn roast (also of course) to welcome all of our new students. Some other important dates for the 2018-19 academic year are below:

- October 8-12, 2018: Fall Reading Week
- November 9, 2018: 15% of final grade must be released to students for fall term 0.5 credit classes (drop date is November 12, 2018)
- November 27, 2018: 15% of final grade must be released to students in full year (1.0 credit) classes (drop date is November 30, 2018)
- December 8 & 9, 2018: Study Days
- December 10-21, 2018: Exam period
- January 7, 2019: Classes resume
- February 18-22, 2019: Winter Reading Week
- March 4, 2019: 15% of final grade must be released to students for winter term 0.5 credit classes (drop date is March 7, 2018)
- April 9, 2019: Last day of classes
- April 10, 2019: Study Day
- April 11-30, 2019: Exam period

For course managers, a reminder to get your course outlines completed if this hasn't yet already occurred. Please remember to include our department policies in your course outlines (Rounding and Bumping of Grades, Academic Offences, Plagiarism, Cell Phone and Device, Appeals). This information was sent to course managers on August 16. If you did not receive it or need it again, please contact Brad Urquhart.

A subcommittee has been working on a model for a combined Phys/Pharm second year course in response to our recent program review. We hope to offer this course starting in either 2019-20 or 2020-21 academic years. Further details on this course will be presented at the next Undergraduate Studies committee.

## **Graduate Studies News**

We will officially welcome all of our new graduate students in the September newsletter. A reminder that our Graduate Student Orientation will be held on September 10.

## **Research Committee News**

Planning for 2018 James A. F. Stevenson Distinguished Lecture and Research Day on November 6<sup>th</sup> is well underway. Below is the preliminary program. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

9:30 a.m. - Student Presentations, Great Hall, Somerville House

2:00 p.m. - Research Talks, McKellar Room, UCC

Department Speakers: Melissa Crawford, PhD Candidate,  
and Wataru Inoue, PhD

3:00 p.m. - J.A.F. Stevenson Memorial Lecture, McKellar Room, UCC

J.A. F. Stevenson Distinguished Lecture Speaker: Dr. John D. Scott FRS  
Edwin G. Krebs-Speights Professor of Cell Signaling and Cancer Biology  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Chair, Department of Pharmacology

The next 'Lunch and Learn' session will be on October 18, 2018 at 12:00 noon in Room M212.

Speaker: Dr. Greg Gloor

Topic: Bioinformatics: Transcriptome analysis

Host: Dr. Jamie Kramer

## Calendar

- September 6, 2018 – Annual BBQ and Corn Roast
- September 25, 2018 – Department Meeting
- October 18, 2018 – Research Lunch and Learn: Bioinformatics – Transcriptome Analysis, presented by Dr. Greg Gloor
- November 6, 2018 - Stevenson Lecture and Research Day
- November 15, 2018 – Lunch and Learn: Data Management and Lab Record Keeping, presented by Dr. Anita Woods
- Upcoming Physiology and Pharmacology Seminars (3:30 pm in MSB384)
  - Sept. 24 – Tyler Cooper, PhD candidate: “Identifying Human Post-natal Progenitor Cells with Multifaceted Regenerative Functions”
  - Oct. 1 – Scott Prosser, University of Toronto: “Molecular and Mechanistic Underpinnings of Signal Transduction in Membranes - NMR Inspired Studies of the Conformational Landscape in Enzymes & GPCRs”