

Physiology and Pharmacology Newsletter

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Welcome to the newest 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...

A reminder of our Stevenson Lecture and Departmental Research Day next Tuesday (November 6). Please attend and support both our trainees during the poster session, and the lecture itself. If you forgot to sign up for poster judging but really, really want to do it, please contact Bruce (this includes postdocs who don't present themselves). You will have noticed the change in format of the day from previous years – if you have any feedback on that, please let me know. As a matter of fact, I won't be here (because of a commitment dating back to the time before I took on this role. Many eons ago it seems...), but I would still love to hear what you think about the new format. Thanks to Cheryle and Brad for leading through the day. One thing I will miss in particular is seeing the graduate students receiving their awards – one of the highlights of the year is recognizing our many fantastic graduate students!

As a heads up, we will have our Acting Dean Dr. Davy Cheng present at our next department meeting on November 27. For those who have not met him, this is a good opportunity to get to know him and ask questions.

As always, any feedback and comments are welcome!

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Congratulations to:

- Successful MSc defenses:
 - Reza Khazaee – supervisors Ruud Veldhuizen and Cory Yamashita
 - Steve Chung - supervisor Peter Stathapolus
 - Victoria Deveau – supervisor Tom Drysdale
- Carina Prein for winning a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship from the ‘Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft/DFG’
- To our graduate student award winners:
 - Bill Bottom Award – **Meaghan Serjeant**
 - G. Murray Fraser Award – **Brandon Kim**
 - Esme Walker Award – **Nole Hiebert**
 - Margaret P. Moffat Award – **Nicole Edwards**
 - Hari and Gudrun Sharma Award – **Pierre Thibeault**
 - Gordon J. Mogenson Award – **Ian Tobias**
 - George W. Stavrakys Teaching Award – **Shelby Oke**
 - PPGSC Leadership Award – **Melissa Fenech**

Welcome

- Carmen Wong, a new post doc with Steve Lomber
- Younghyun Choi, a research technician in Adrian Owen’s lab

Undergraduate Studies Updates

Thanks to our large and engaged undergraduate studies committee for a productive meeting over the fall study break. Lots of great discussion and ideas regarding our undergraduate program. We will continue to work on a second year integrated Physiology and Pharmacology course with a goal of implementing in 2020. We will pursue the possibility of offering a 4th year course in collaboration with the Ivey business school, although this will likely be investigated after the second year phys/pharm class has been launched.

A reminder to all course managers that 15% of the final grade for your fall term half courses should be released to students by November 9 and 15% of the final grade for full term classes should be released by Nov 27.

The final exam schedule has been released, this occurred much earlier than normal this year which is a great change. The exam period runs from Dec 10-21.

Research Committee News

The *Stevenson Lecture and Department Research Day* will be held on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**. The speaker of the Stevenson Lecture is Dr. Dr. John D. Scott, Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmacology at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle (Host: Dr. Rithwik Ramachandran). Trainee speaker is Melissa Crawford (PhD candidate, Supervisor: Dr. Lina Dagnino). Faculty speaker is Dr. Wataru Inoue.

The next *Lunch and Learn Workshop* will be given by Dr. Anita Woods on "Data management and lab record keeping" on **Thursday, November 15th, 2018** at 12:00 pm in MSB 212 (Host: Dr. Sean Gill). This will be the last workshop of 2018. At the Research Committee meeting on September 14, the following 5 topics were selected for Lunch and Learn sessions in 2019.

- Scientific writing
- Functional proteomics
- Molecular graphics
- Confocal imaging analysis
- Stem cell cultures

Suggested speakers on these topics are being contacted. A full schedule of the Lunch and Learn Workshops for 2019 will be available shortly.

Calendar

- November 6, 2018 - Stevenson Lecture and Research Day
- November 15, 2018 – Research Lunch and Learn: Data Management and Lab Record Keeping, presented by Dr. Anita Woods
- November 26, 2018 (3:00 pm in MSB 212A/B) – Department Meeting: Special Guest Dr. Davey Cheng, Acting Dean, SSMD
- December 12, 2018 (DSB 2005) – Department Holiday Lunch & Social. Please mark your calendars. More details to come.
- Upcoming Physiology and Pharmacology Seminars (3:30 pm in MSB384)
 - Nov 12 - Amy Reichelt, Robarts Research Institute: “Food for thought - How junk foods impact learning and memory”
 - Nov 19 - Nelson Duseti, Institut Paoli-Calmettes, France: “Chemo sensitivity and clinical outcome prediction”
 - Nov 26 - Jamie Melling, School of Kinesiology: “Weighing the benefits and risks associated with regular exercise in Type 1 Diabetes”
 - Dec 3 - Steve Kerfoot, Department of Microbiology and Immunology: “B cell fate decisions in the Germinal Center”
 - Dec 10 - Jeremy Hirota, McMaster University: “Do ABC transporters orchestrate respiratory mucosal immune responses important in chronic respiratory disease?”
- 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)