

Alumni Newsletter
Department of Physiology and Biophysics
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Welcome to the Alumni Newsletter, November, 2005 edition. Things have been busy here as usual. The dust has pretty much settled after the moves. If you do find a chance to visit we will not be where we used to be! Do come by whenever you can to see our new facilities in the College of Medicine Research Building (COMRB). It is always exciting when one of our former students visits.

Another big change is the day of the week we have our seminars. For the entire time I have been here the seminars were on Tuesdays. We are now holding our seminars on Fridays at 9 am in the lecture hall in the new building.

Great news.

We have had 4 students defend their thesis since I last wrote:

Ji-Eun Oh – June 23, 2005

Andrey Tsvetkov – September 14, 2005

Eias Jweied – October 3, 2005

Rashad Belin – October 14, 2005

It is always a proud moment when our students pass this milestone.

Awards/Recognition Evening

On November 20, 2005 the Department held its 16th Annual Awards/Recognition Evening. I have taken the liberty of attaching the program so that you can see for yourself the many things we are proud of.

This year the Philip L. Hawley Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Dr. Meena Rao. Steven Wu received the Mark R. Lambrecht Award for Scholarship and Commitment. Finally, the Kate Barany Graduate Student Award went to Patti Engel.

I have posted some of the pictures I took during this event at the following URL.

http://www.uic.edu/depts/mcpb/Pictures/Awards_evening-2005/index.htm

At the end of the ceremony a picture of Mark Lambrecht was unveiled. This picture is now hanging in the newly dedicated Mark Lambrecht Computer Facility in our Department.

New Faculty Members

Dr. Jonna Fraser has joined our Department as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in the laboratory of Dr. Geula Gibori. She went on to do a postdoc with Dr. Benita Katzenellenbogen.

Our Department has acquired two new members who have been at our University for quite some time. Dr. Don Chambers has joined us from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics and Dr. Rhonna Cohen has joined us from the Center for Molecular Biology of Oral Diseases.

Gift Giving

At this time of year thoughts go to gift giving. If you are so inclined you can give a gift that will directly benefit your Department. We have two funds to which a tax deductible contribution can be made:

James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund
University of Illinois Foundation
1305 West Green Street
Urbana, IL 61801-2962

And

Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund
(same address as above)

To make sure the checks get to the correct fund they should be made payable to the:

UIF James L. Ferguson Memorial Fund

Or

UIF Mark Lambrecht Memorial Fund

Final Thoughts

I hope this past year has brought you much joy and success and that the upcoming year will be even better.