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### What is Pathology News?

A monthly newsletter devoted to improving communications between the Departments of Pathology at Queen's, KGH and Hotel Dieu. This newsletter is completely submission driven. Feedback is more than welcome!

This months' issue is relatively short... a lot of people seem to be away on vacation and are not submitting articles! Some never even came back from the July 1st long weekend! Can you imagine that?

### Employment Wanted

Jerome Wagner, who is a Clinical Chemist, is looking for a full-time position in the Department. He has experience in directing the activities of automated and special chemistry, OR and NICU labs. His curriculum vitae is on file in Room 202, Richardson Labs.



### Appointments, Awards & Professional Activities

Dr. L.J. Margesson, a Dermatologist at the Quarry Medical Building in Kingston, wrote a letter to Dr. David Dexter congratulating the Department on its "amazing service these days". "We have never had it so good!"

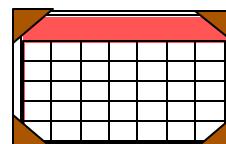
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the last page for details.

Magda Bielanska is working with Lin in Dr. Alessandra Duncan's Research Lab on Richardson 3.

Congratulations to Cathy Skinner and Dave More (CLEO) on receiving Employee Recognition Awards.



### Calendar of Events

#### Department of Pathology Research Seminars:

Tuesdays, 4:00 pm

Richardson Amphitheatre,

Richardson Labs

All further Regular Research seminars are cancelled for the summer, but special seminars may be held from time to time. Watch this space!

Upcoming Monday lunch videos in Richardson amphitheatre, topics to be announced:

July 24: TBA

August 28 : TBA

Bring your lunch and have a ball!



Thursday  
July 27th  
Pathology  
Family Picnic

Rotary Park/  
Lemoine's Point

In response to last years popular baseball game/barbeque the Department is holding a Family Picnic, starting at 6:00pm

**A potluck dinner is the theme with each division responsible for one course (see Barb Saunders for more details). After dinner are some scheduled activities. Forms were sent out for RSVP on Friday June 30th. Please get your response in by July 7th so we can plan for the number of attendees.**



## General News

The M.O.P.P. has not been used in years and we have an offer to purchase, if you think that you will still have use for this equipment, please let Dave Piper know ASAP.

Thanks to all from Jim Labadie. He tells us he is enjoying retirement and is making good use of the gifts that he received from his friends and the Department.

The Clinical Laboratory Management Association held a very successful meeting in Kingston on May 11th.

The department password for the Bracken Library medline/ovid service has changed effective June 30th. If you have not received the new password, contact Marlene in the Administration Office.

Alastair Lamb has resigned his position as Manager, Department of Laboratory Haematology, effective July 28th, 1995 as he has accepted the position of Director, Management Services with the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation.

## Resident's Column

Dr. Alan Tuck was chosen as this year's winner of the Canadian Research Award for a specialty resident in medicine. Dr. Tuck's research is entitled "Expression of Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF) and Receptor (Met) in Benign and Malignant Human Breast Tissue". Similar to the

Royal College Medallists, Dr. Tuck will receive his award at the College's annual meeting, as part of a special session organized by the Canadian Association of Pathologists. Dr. Tuck obtained his MD and his PhD in microbiology and immunology at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.



*A Farewell Note from Beverly Wang:*  
It was so rushed that I had to finish my work and go to Philadelphia for an examination. Until the last day in June, I received my visa. For my family situation, I have to transfer to the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York to continue my Pathology training. I feel so bad to leave the program. In the past two years, I have been very happy here. I appreciate that all of the faculty members, residents, secretaries, technicians and other house staff whoever is always willing to teach and help me. I wish that I could come to see you before I leave. Last week I went to New York City. The metropolitan life style makes me have a "culture shock". Indeed, I really miss this beautiful city and Queen's University. I will remember my experience in Queen's and cherish the friendship with all of you. Best Wishes.  
Beverly Wang.

Hedy Boutros has a publication! "Oval histoplasmosis masquerading as an Invasive Carcinoma" was accepted for publication in J. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, 1995.

Congratulations to Drs. Arquint, Lambore, Yu, Kossev & Kydd! You will be teaching 2nd year Rehabilitation students in September on Introductory General Pathology. Maybe now would be a good time to come down to the general office and review the previous years notes!

## Graduate News

We are in the process of updating our contact list for grad students and would like you all to E-mail your E-mail address to either Barb or Kevin at: [saunder@cliff.path.queensu.ca](mailto:saunder@cliff.path.queensu.ca) or [kell@cliff.path.queensu.ca](mailto:kell@cliff.path.queensu.ca)

## Undergraduate News:

All of the Life Sciences undergraduate courses are done for the term. In September 1995 we will be offering the following courses:

**Pathology 410 General Pathology for Non-Medical Students**

**Pathology 420 Research Project in Pathology**

Our other undergrad course, **Pathology 430, The Molecular Basis of Disease**, will be offered in the 1997 winter term (Jan-Apr) and alternating years thereafter. It will NOT be offered this coming year.

## Buy, Sell & Trade

Ana Santos-Cachaco is looking for a used car seat (for a one year old) in good condition. Please call her at KGH-4150 from 08:15 to 4:15 or at 634-3201 after 5:00

## Grants and Deadlines

The office of Research Services (Queens) has received a few copies of the new application forms for the **NRC Research Associateship** program.

The **National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP)** is being restructured. To this end they have identified four core businesses which are as follows: health system support and renewal; population health strategies for groups at risk; management of risks to the health of Canadians - product and disease control; delivery of services to First Nations, Inuit and Yukon. If you wish to apply, a Letter of

Intent must be submitted by **JULY 20** for the October Deadline.

London Life has just announced their annual development grant program. The deadline for the application proposal is **October 1st, 1995**. The deadline for letters of intent is **July 20th, 1995**.

## The Dieu News

Submitted by David Dexter



Cricket season is here again! Hot summer days and dusty dry wickets. This time of year brings its own pathology. A lively harvest of bacterial, viral and parasitic infections enrich our diagnostic world as we venture back to the cottages of summer... meeting the ever friendly deer mouse ... swimming in the environmentally-challenged lakes... and eat juicy under-cooked hamburgers. From Hanavirus to E. Coli 0157 to Giardia lamblia (that nifty twin-cam Italian sports car), hot weather brings new challenges.

Oddly enough, it is also a time of personal re-examination. The acres of epithelium, not seen for many months, is dusted off, washed, polished and buffed for the summer exhibition. It is at this frightful period of time that it is realised that all is not perfection. BLEMISHES are found! Naevi are seen... surely that one was not there last year? Or was it? Is it short or long term memory loss?

The colour has changed, hasn't it? So from skin tags to moles, from lentigos to dermafibromas, from basal cell carcinomas to keratoses, the harvest begins. Systemic approaches lead to temporary reductions in food bills and fat from the well known corollary of increased regional economic enrichment to provide at least partial coverage of a decreased surface area attained by both diet restriction and the extensive but temporary regional beautification project/harvest.

So a word to the wise, cover up sensibly in the sun and use sunblock. An old recipe for sunblock appeared in NEJM in

the 70s. Basically it was a 5% solution of PABA in alcohol. It can be enhanced by glycerol (to taste!) To make it less drying. Whilst quite effective and cheap, it did have a tendency to stain T-shirts an interesting shade of yellow.

### Staff Matters

Well of course they do.

Dr. Gilbert Fabris will be going to Etobicoke General in July. We wish him and Lynn all the very best, and pass on our sincere appreciation for all the hard work over the past two years. We will miss you. Keep in touch!

Dr. C. Rowlands will be joining us in July having driven from Calgary with appropriate necessities including a dog! One of the particularly good things is that at last I will have a colleague I can understand! Of course the impact of two ex-Brits may be too much for our colleagues!

Dr. Santosh Wasan is away on extended sick leave for three months. We wish a speedy recovery.

Cathy Amodeo has left microbiology for a full-time position at the Red Cross. She tells me she will be working in the old gaol! Many thanks for a job well-done.

Richard Clark is a proud father again, and he did not have to use the bumpy car-ride trick.

Dr. Simon Wren, the new Medical Director of HDH, has the administrative responsibility for the Labs... maybe all our teaching of Pathology to our surgical colleagues worked.

Dr. David Dexter has recently completed his term as chair of the MAC. It was a period of more change and challenge than before. He now assumes the role as Past-chair, but still gets to attend all those meetings.

### Teaching Matters

Well of course it does. Dr. Sean McDonald is with the department for the month, from the Department of Surgery. Dr. L Ying from the Department of Medicine is working in the area of GI with Dr. Hurlbut analyzing the role of mast cells in the oesophagus. Karen Greiner has joined the department

as a summer student. Welcome to the exciting world of Clinical Laboratory Medicine.

Dr. Wasan led the pathology team in a recent CPC. It looks as if there will be a revival of this very important teaching round after a number of years of hibernation.

Awards in teaching have been recognised elsewhere, but ote is made of Dr. Delisle and Tomalty and their double teaching awards.

Dr. Delisle has received a promotion to Professor. Congratulations!

Those preparing teaching transparency overheads are requested to briefly note the content and location of the aforesaid binder adjacent to the printer. This should allow for an indexing of resource and reduce duplication.

### Other Matters:

The usual scattering of golf tourneys, baseball games and such will continue during the summer months... once we finish the basketball season, the football season, the ice-hockey season, etc. None of this matters much, in fact it pales into insignificance beside the start of the cricket season!

## The KGH Connection



Submitted by Shirley McDonald

### ! Teleconferences/Education for July: No teleconferences for July.

### ! Hospital Library (Dietary 3)

- The following new books and guidelines are available for loan:
- Index to Legislation Acts - Ontario & Canada
- "The Corporate Coach" (Miller)

### ! Hospital Renovations

- Psychiatry has moved back into new quarters on Connell 4
- Patients from Victory 3 have moved permanently to Connell 10
- Renovations on Douglas 2 are scheduled for completion in July
- Roadwork: Stuart Street between Barrie

St. and University Ave. will be re-paved this summer

#### ! Miscellaneous

- Connell 9 is scheduled to close for July and August
- The interface between the Laboratory Information System(LIS) and the KGH Patient Care System (PCS) is due to take place in July - a good time to take vacation...
- Magic Kingdom Club - join to get benefits and discounts when you visit any Walt Disney Resort; information and membership cards available from Debbie Sneddon, Development Office, Nickle 1 [ext. 2338]

#### What's Happening in the Labs?

#### FOCUS ON MICROBIOLOGY:

[received from Aimee Shannon]

Well, Micro has finally joined the ranks of the "computer initiated"! Those of you "previously initiated" folk who have wandered up here to smirk and gloat (you know who you are) may be disappointed to learn that the implementation came off without a hitch - some minor glitches, but no hitch. In fact, we have only crashed the system once in the month since we "went live". Amazing how you can take solace in anything, even things that don't go wrong! However, the terms "go live" and "battery" still cause some to develop a bad case of hives. We now call ourselves computer friendly - I just hope the PCS is "tech friendly".



#### Computer Support

#### Problem/questions related to:

##### Contact

- KGH Novell Network - Kevin Kell Q-4889
- KGH Hardware/Software - KGH K-1396
- KGH connection to Queen's services - Kevin Kell Q-4889
- KGH LIS Network - KGH K-1396
- KGH Software Licences - Department Manager



Queen's Novell Network - Kevin Kell Q-4889

Queen's MVS, PCICS, Internet Services, Computing Services questions - Kevin Kell Q-4889

Queen's Computer Hardware - Ed Tyerman Q-4901

Queen's Software - Kevin Kell Q-4889

Queen's Software Licences - Dave Piper, Kevin Kell

*Note: Kevin prefers email  
(kell@cliff.path.queensu.ca)*

#### Cleaned out your mouse lately?

"The mouse on my computer jammed a day or two ago, so I took it to pieces to see what was wrong with it. It turned out to have a small piece of cheese wedged inside it -- I'd been using it on the dining-room table.

So now I know why they're called mice... our cats don't seem to be interested in them, however, and they don't seem to make people stand on chairs, as in early 60s sit-coms."

#### Mail News

A new version of Pegasus Mail for Windows (v2.01) was installed on the Pathology File server on Monday June 27th. The new version fixes some small problems



before and adds in better support for enclosed or attached graphics/binary files. It can also be used from home as a POPmail client, effectively allowing you to check your email box from home. All you need is a windows setup at home with a modem, a SLIP userid & password (for Queen's employees) available from Computing Services, the HOME slip disk from CompServ or Kevin and Pegasus mail for windows.

Internet cartoon

Additional features include a phone message form (under File, Extensions), and more flexible drag & drop message windows. You can run the program *wguide.exe* located in *\apps\winpmail* to learn more about this update.

**Mail statistics:** The following are the number of pieces of E-mail arriving and departing our mail server for the last few months:

1995 March:	1462
1995 April:	1238
1995 May:	2440
1995 June:	1913

#### Another Arcnet Bites the Dust:

Doran 1 (Anne Hanley and Ana Santos-Cachaco) have finally been connected to Ethernet wiring (vs the old arcnet). This will allow them much better access to the outside world and allow me to turf some of the old cabling and computer stuff. The only arcnet equipment left is on

Douglas 2 and should be disappearing soon.

#### **The Autopsy Suite Teaching**

**Kodachrome database** has also been put online:

*sys:\general\library\photofil.dbf (drive F: for most people).*

This database contains 2539 entries of teaching quality photographic slides for use in any teaching situation. Putting a copy onto the Department network will allow anyone with a database program to view it.

**Plastination Database:** The Plastination museum, located in the Autopsy Suite is maintained in a database by Blake Gubbins. A copy has been on the file server as:

*sys:\general\library\plastmus.dbf (drive F: for most people)*

The current copy contains 776 entries and can be viewed by anyone with a database program.

We are looking for a method of viewing these databases without the need of the commercial program, using either a compiled self viewing utility or a freeware database viewer.

#### **Backups!**

Several people have been setup with backup systems in the last few months, after reading through some of the articles in earlier issues. If you want to talk about this, send Kevin a note. (Also see related cartoon this page).

#### **Network Scheduling**

Testing continues on a couple of different across-a-network scheduling programs. We are aiming at something that will allow people to at least check on the availability of anyone using the system, and even making tentative bookings.

#### **Instructional Material**

Not much new this month. PC

Magazine continues to come every other week and is chock-full of great and interesting background articles. Come

and borrow one today!

All graphics seen in this newsletter are in word perfect 6.1 .wpg format and are available from the Department Novell network. Back Issues of this newsletter are also available from Kevin Kell.

## **Pathology News Submissions**

The submissions page has been removed as it was not being used. Less than one submission per issue came in on the provided page.

**SUBMISSION DATE:** Pathology News will be mailed to all faculty, housestaff, graduate students, and anyone who requests it on the Thursday following the first Monday of the month. The next deadline date for submission will be **Thursday August 11th, 1995.**

**Send items (in order of preference) by email, floppy disk, mail or FAX. If the submission is lengthy and if publications number more than 1 or 2, please send on disk (which will be returned promptly) in virtually any format or put on the Pathology network, location F:\general\pathnews.**

#### **Please type or print:**

Meetings attended (if a paper is presented or a session chaired). Include date, location, activity and title of paper presented (or session chaired); Publications (excluding abstracts); Grants; Other Information and Items of Interest e.g. honours and awards, deadlines, births, marriages etc.

Don't forget to indicate who submitted the information.

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