

Welcome to 1996

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Appointments, Awards & Professional Activities

Medical Mortality Conference - Department of Medicine

Dr. Paul Manley recently received a 'thank you' note from Dr. Peter Munt. The note read, "I suspect it is highly overdue that I express our longstanding gratitude for the superb presentations by members of your Department at the Medical Mortality Conference. All of the presentations are of excellent quality and over the years have proved to be highly educational. Sometimes we forget to express our appreciation that we

have such talent and we frequently, unfortunately, take it for granted."

Presentations:

At the recent American Society of Hematology, one of the papers presented at the plenary session was the results of the Intergroup trial of All Trans Retinoic Acid in the first line treatment of Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia. The paper was authored by the Cooperative groups chairs including Lois Shepherd for NCIC-CTG. Dr. WEN Corbett, as the Canadian review pathologist, did a lot of work for this study. The results of another Clinical trial looking at the use of Fludarabine as first line treatment for CLL was also presented on behalf of the cooperative groups by Dr. Kanti Rai. Dr. Shepherd was again one of the co-authors and Dr. Corbett, the review pathologist for this study. Canada accrued over 20% of the patients to this trial of 450 patients and Dr. Corbett did a tremendous amount of work as the pathology reviewer.

Faculty Reappointments

On behalf of the PART/T Committee, Dr. Ludwin is pleased to announce that **Drs. Sandy Boag, Peter Greer, Don Maurice, and Mike Raymond** have been successful in obtaining reappointment effective July 1, 1996.

Service Milestones

Congratulations to David Clifton and Nancy Gaudet (Microbiology) who reached the 15 Year Service Milestone in December 1995.

Presidency - Community and Hospital Infections Control Association

Carol Whyman's term as President-elect, President, and Past-president of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA-Canada) was completed on December 31, 1995. Carol spent five years on the Board and found it to be a very

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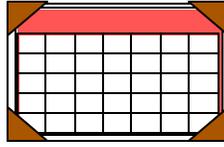
rewarding experience. In a letter addressed to Dr. Manley she thanked the Administration of KGH and the Department of Clinical Laboratories for their support with special thanks to Dr. Manley, David Piper, Linda Fidler, Dick Zoutman and her colleagues in the Infection Control Unit, Shirley McDonald, Jane Senn and Barb Dafoe. Thank you, Carol, for your fine work in supporting infection control at KGH and throughout Canada.

Employment Offered

Health research related employment opportunities are now available through the MRC Internet World Wide Web homepage at:

<http://www.hwc.ca:8100/job/> Also, if you wish to advertise an available position all you need to do is to send them a one page (maximum) description of the position containing the following information by e-mail: Position Title, Location, Salary and Conditions, Position Description, Eligibility Requirements, Duration, Deadline Date, and Contact. The service is offered, free of charge, in research areas covered in the MRC Grants and Awards Guide. Send your entries to dsavoie@hpb.hwc.ca.

Margaret Wan, a final year PhD student at Cambridge University, is looking for a postdoctoral position in the Department of Pathology. She is familiar with all aspects of histopathology, especially immunohistochemistry and *in-situ* hybridization on frozen and paraffin sections. Also during her PhD work, she has gained extensive experience in molecular and cellular biology. Margaret's address is Flat 4, Whitehouse, Conduit Head Road, Cambridge, CB3 0EY, ENGLAND.



Calendar of Events

Principal's Visit - January 16, 1996

We are pleased to announce that Principal W. Leggett will be visiting our department from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 1996 in Richardson Amphitheatre. All faculty, residents, and graduate students in Pathology are welcome to attend.

American Society for Investigative Pathology

The American Society for Investigative Pathology will hold its Annual Meeting from June 2-6, 1996 in New Orleans in a Joint Meeting with The American Association of Immunologists and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Meeting. Faculty, fellows, residents and students are encouraged to attend this meeting and to submit research abstracts for platform or poster presentations. Special awards for residents, fellows and students are available through ASIP. The deadline for submission of abstracts and nominations for all awards are due by **January 30, 1996.**

PBL Workshops

There will be a PBL Workshop for tutors (new and old) on Wednesday, January 31st, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop will be led by Dr. Wayne Weston, Assistant Dean, Faculty Development, University of Western Ontario, location to be announced. RSVP to Miss Linda Grant at the Undergraduate Office at your earliest convenience.

Department of Pathology Research

Seminars: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm

Richardson Amphitheatre,

Richardson Labs

Topics are TBA.

January 9, 1996 Dr. Bruce Elliott,

"Role of Hepatocyte Growth Factor and

Extracellular Matrix in Growth and Metastasis of Breast Cancer"

January 16, 1996 Stacey

Ivanchuk, *"Expression of Ret Proto-oncogene in Human Kidney and Renal Tumours"*

January 23, 1996 Yotis Senis,

Dennis Kim

January 30, 1996 Dr. Peter Greer

February 6, 1996 Megan Begbie, Lee Fraser

February 13, 1996 Dr. Jack Snipes

February 20, 1996 Study Week - No seminar

February 27, 1996 Jennifer Klassen, Lorena Taricani

For Your Info

Richardson Labs Access System Goes Online Monday January 8th!

Access Cards have been issued replacing a multitude of keys for all faculty members (Douglas & Richardson), staff, technicians and graduate students in Richardson Labs.

They will provide restricted access after hours (Mon-Fri 07:45-16:30) to various parts of the building. The Building Front Door and the Richardson Lobby Stairwell

Door will be open weekdays from 07:00-18:00.

A couple of points to remember:

- 1) Immediately report any card loss to Dave Piper's office (545-2828)
- 2) Do not write anything onto the card, especially names or people or buildings.

Employee Departures

From Marlene Sayers:

For those of you who have not already heard, I have accepted a new position as Graduate Studies Assistant at the Faculty of Education to commence on January 18, 1996. Thank you all for the excellent experience I have gained over the last two and a half years. I would also like to express special thanks to Ana Cachaco, Jean Guindon, Kevin Kell, Barbara Latimer, Barbara Saunders, Marg McIlroy, Sally Morin and Linda Oster for their generous support.

We are sorry to announce that Lise Bagshaw is no longer with us as of January 1st, 1996.



The CAA Recommended Winter driving survival kit:

Ice scraper, medical kit, flat fixer, tool kit, washer fluid, flashlight, flares, shovel, jumper cables, blanket, gloves, traction mats, rag.

Tidbits from various office bulletin boards:

That's Not My Job!

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.



General News

REMINDER to Faculty in the Department of Pathology - OCGS Periodic Review

Further to a memorandum from Dr. Paul Manley, please be reminded that your curriculum vitae must be submitted to Marlene Sayers in the requested OCGS Periodic Review format by **January 15, 1996**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Marlene for assistance. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Positions Available Within the Undergraduate Medical Education

Program

Please be advised that several positions (Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education, Evaluation Coordinator, Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Coordinator, Medical Science Rounds Coordinator, Ambulatory Clinic Coordinator) are available within the Undergraduate Medical Education Program (terms of reference are available in Dr. Manley's office). These positions become available July 1, 1996 with the exception of the Evaluation Coordinator and PBL Coordinator which are available immediately. Dr. Robert Maudsley would be very pleased to receive nominations/suggestions over the next two months. For further details, please contact Hugh Pross and Thelma Rikley in the Undergraduate Education Office.

Summer Studentships

Competition for the clinical summer studentship positions in Pathology have begun for the summer of 1996. Successful applicants will be employed for 12 weeks in the Department at either KGH or HDH to help out in the Anatomical Pathology Service to carry out routine duties as well as attend educational functions. The deadline for the receipt of applications is **January 15, 1996** and Dr. Sally Ford will be interviewing prospective candidates in late January 1996.

REMINDER - The Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP) is Back!

SWEP is an innovative program that allows any Queen's organization to apply to hire an undergraduate student for the summer. This is a win-win situation - employers get to choose from a qualified pool of applicants, and students gain valuable work-related experience. If you are interested in participating in this program, you must submit a Job Proposal Application by **January 11, 1996**. For more information, please contact Helen Coe, SWEP Coordinator, Career Planning and Placement, Tel: 545-6000, ext. 7324, Fax: 545-2535.

Please provide a copy of your application to Marlene for our departmental records.

Resident's Column

Submitted by Lois Shepherd

I hope this works!

By now our Residents will be familiar faces to us all. There seems to be a little hiatus in exam activity as people wait for the results of their LMCC part 2. We've had to say goodbye to John Lentz, our fellow in Hematopathology as he returns to the Toronto East General and awaits fatherhood. We never congratulated David Kydd on his recent marriage and would like to do so. We wish him much happiness and joy. Charles Yee, whom many people will know, successfully passed his American AP/CP exams which is very happy news indeed.

Our residents are very welcome colleagues. Upcoming events include an exam in AP that David Hurlbut has kindly put together and Resident's research Day in May. Some ideas will be circulated for those who have not yet fixed upon a topic. The deadline for abstracts for the Royal College/CAP is coming up - end of February. And finally over the next few weeks, the candidates for Pathology through CARMS will be coming through the department for interviews. Hopefully Queen's will be their choice and we will make them very welcome.

Graduate News

Scholarship Award Information: More detailed information available on the Departmental Graduate Studies Bulletin Board.

Canadian Memorial Scholarships - making it possible for students to undertake graduate study or research in Britain for one year. Deadline 1 February 1996.

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships (Harvard University) - open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada who have recently graduated or are about to graduate and who wish to study at Harvard University. \$13,500. Deadline: February 1, 1996

Schedule of Dates for the Spring 1996 Degree List

March 15, 1996 Last date for submitting thesis for PhD Oral Examination
 April 4, 1996 Last date for submitting thesis for Master's Oral Examination
 April 19, 1996 Last possible date for holding oral thesis examination
 April 26, 1996 Last possible date for submitting thesis to Graduate School for final permanent binding.

MRC Studentship Award. Submitted by David Lillicrap
 Of course we're delighted to have been given the opportunity to select a student for this award. The award will go to Megan Begbie who is working with us on a project assessing various aspects of transcriptional regulation of the genes encoding clotting factors VIII and IX. Megan has recently presented an initial abstract of her work at the American Society of Hematology meeting in Seattle. The title of her abstract was "Hepatic Leukemia Factor, a liver-enriched PAR domain protein, is involved in transcriptional regulation of the factor VIII and factor IX genes".

Undergraduate News:

Path 410/824 has finished and the mark stats for 1995 are:
 Max: 93% Min: 42%
 Mean: 73.3% StdDev: 8.1%
 The results were comparable to previous years.

Grants & Deadlines

The Bayer/Canadian Red Cross Society R&D Fund is calling for Letters of Intent for its April 1996 grant competition. The Fund sponsors research in blood products and related fields. The Letter of Intent must be received by the Bayer/CRCS R&D Fund Secretariat, Bayer Inc., 77 Belfield Road, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9W 1G6 by **February 1, 1996**. Additional information is available from Dr. Manley's office.

Clare Nelson Bequest

It will soon be time to apply for grants from the Clare Nelson Bequest Fund for the term of one year. Applications are normally made in writing and addressed to Dr. Albert Clark, Director of Research, by the **end of March**. The maximum amount for grants last year was \$10,000. Application forms will be available from the Research Office, Nickle III, KGH, and the Terms of Reference are available in Dr. Manley's Office.

The International Cystic Fibrosis Association offers grants for work related to Cystic Fibrosis: Scholarships, visiting expert, research project grants and training courses for allied health professionals. The deadline is March 1st and September 1st annually. Please see Dr. Manley's office for more details.

NSERC Application & program update. **Strategic projects** replace **strategic grants** and applicants are now required to submit a two page letter of intent by February 1st, 1996 and a full application by April 15th. Complete details are available in Dr. Manley's office.



Focus on Research

No submission this month.

Please feel free to do a writeup on your own lab and it's recent activities !

The Dieu News

Submitted by David Dexter
 The festive season seems to have come and gone rather quickly this year. It is surprising how busy some of the laboratories remain through this season of reduced beds and clinical activities. 1996 seems to have brought additional challenges of primitive survival instincts



through quite extraordinarily frigid temperatures. Perhaps Dr. Wasan has correctly defined that January 1996 is a good month for a southern vacation. Dr. Prentice, too, is heading south muttering darkly about Canadian weather patterns. Even the biochemical metabolism of Dr. Raymond, by some strange, probably endorphin driven process, is also heading south in search of the dimpled, white orbs often found lurking in both cut and, particularly , long grass venues. Maybe this is reflective of the SAD syndrome which is supposed to afflict major segments of the hibernating Canadian population. One wonders if there is not some way of generating appropriate wavelength exposure from the long hours spent in front of glowing computer screens which would achieve some wonderful therapeutic end through Virtual Reality. The logical progression of this cogent argument, of course, would be to put travel agents and airlines out of business. Now, if there were only some way to combine all of this with vigorous physical activity, we could further avoid the professional side effect of steatopygia or, as Dr. Ludwin may recall, the hottentot bustle. Best wishes for 1996!

The KGH KGH Connection

Submitted by Shirley McDonald
! Teleconferences/Education for January:
 Wed. Jan. 10, 0900-1700 hrs: CPR - Basic Rescuer
 Tues. Jan. 16, 1430-1515 hrs: "Bartonella Infections"
 Thurs. Jan. 18, 0900-1300 hrs: CPR - Heart Saver
 Tues. Jan. 30, 1430-1515 hrs: "Common Contaminants & Opportunistic Fungi"

ALL TELECONFERENCES / VIDEOCONFERENCES HELD IN TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT, EMPIRE 1

! How to cope with the "Post-Christmas Bulges"?
 • Fitness Classes - continuing in January, in the Burr Gym at noon, Monday/

Wednesday/Friday. Details and registration through Occupational Health • Weight Watchers at Work - 8 week program starts Tuesday, January 3 in the Nickle 2 1/2 classroom at noon. Details and registration through Occupational Health

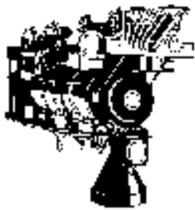
What's Happening in the Labs?
! No report this month.

Health & Safety Report

submitted by Blake Gubbins

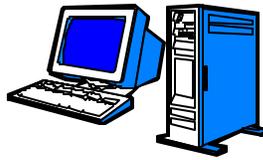
From John Milligan, Director, EH&S, Queen's University
There is still time to make a New Year's resolution. Our local Health Unit is very concerned about Smokers. This year we have received two strategies for Quitting Smoking. Please pass these on to anyone you know who might need a little help or encouragement. Queen's still will cover the program costs for Faculty and Staff who take a smoke-cessation program and remain smoke-free after six months.

* Join the Health Unit's group, SucCesS, for people who want to be smoke-free, Mondays from 7-8 p.m. Call 531-U WIN (8946) for more information.



InterNet Tidbit-of-the Month

Intra Travel now has a web site which contains info on each Intra office, online booking request forms, cruise magazine and a feature travel story of the month, \. The URL is:
<http://www.jwg.com/vacation>
They also have an email address here in Kingston: intra@limestone.kosone.com



Computer Support

Contact for Problem/questions related to:

- KGH Floors**
Pathology Novell Network
- Kevin Kell Q-4889
Hardware/Software
- KGH K-1396
Connection to Queen's services
- Kevin Kell Q-4889
Lab Information System
- KGH K-1396
Software Licences
- Department Manager



- Queen's Offices**
Pathology Novell Network
- Kevin Kell Q-4889
MVS, PCICS, Internet Services, Computing Services questions
- Kevin Kell Q-4889
Computer Hardware
- Ed Tyerman Q-4901
Software
- Kevin Kell Q-4889
Software Licences
- Dave Piper, Kevin Kell

New Software:
Many people have had new software installed over the last few weeks. The first has been a desktop backup service called ADSM. This program runs under windows and is set up to pop up once a week and back up your local hard drives to a secure offsite storage facility. Before this program came along (a service of Queen's Computing Services), we never had a method to back up local workstation hard drives.

OnTime for Windows Scheduling

software.
Another new product is a windows based network scheduler. It allows people direct access to booking our 2 departmental conference rooms, as well as multi-leveled access to other persons calendars, a great help in a department which is often spread across several floors and even buildings when trying to book a meeting with several people.

Other capabilities include:
Keyword search (when do I meet with Joe?)
Block bookings (multi day) tentative bookings
Wide variety of printouts
RSVPs and much more!

Every person who has this software installed gets a 10-15 minute run through on the basics. We have 4 user manuals circulating through the dept at the moment as well. Questions can forwarded to your local support staff person or Kevin.

This program allows for blocking off a whole day or series of days for vacation (set notime and all day event). Built-in Holidays are American, so you'll have to go in and delete them and reinsert the Canadian equivalent (eg Victoria Day, Canada Day).

OVID News:
The Bracken Library MEDLINE/OVID service is upgrading! **On Monday January 15th, our account password is changing.** Please contact Kevin for the new password. Authorized users in the Department are Faculty, residents, interns and grad students. The password can not be given to anyone else!

Also a new feature will be added on or about that day. It will be possible to search the complete MEDLINE database from 1966 to the present in ONE database (instead of the multiple divisions currently existing).

There will be another OVID training session on Wed., January 24th from 3:30-5:00 pm. The course covers the use of Medical Subject Heading for efficient subject retrieval, special tools of the OVID

software and printing and saving results. Contact the reference desk at Bracken Library for more info.

Mail News

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
1995 July:	1466
1995 August:	2238
1995 September:	2509
1995 October:	3022
1995 November:	3193
1995 December:	2355

Instructional Material

Inhouse Video Tapes:

#1 Wordperfect for Windows Intro and Intermediate with some Advanced #1 (6 hours)

#2 Wordperfect for Windows Advanced #1 and #2 (3-4 hours)

Both are available from Kevin (Rich201)

A new series of tapes will be available within the week:

#1 Beginning Windows 3.1

#2 Optimizing Windows 3.1

#3 Advanced Windows 3.1

#4 Windows Applications

Queen's computing services is running the following educational courses over the next few weeks. If you are interested in any, get a registration form from me (Kevin), fill it in and return to Queen's. **You will require your Queen's staff card to register. KGH and other employees are no longer eligible to register for these courses.**

1996 (S)=Seminar (W)=Workshop

Jan 11 Thursday 7:00-9:00pm

Introduction to QLINK for internet access
(S)

Jan 18 Thursday 7:00-9:00pm

Connecting to Queen's by Modem (S)

Jan 23 Tuesday 9:30-12:00 noon

Using the Internet on a Windows PC(W)

Jan 24 Wednesday 9:30-12:00 noon

Using the Internet on a Macintosh(W)

Jan 25 Thursday 9:30-12:00 noon

Introduction to Web Publishing on a Windows PC(W)

Jan 30 Tuesday 9:30-12:00 noon

Introduction to Web Publishing on a Macintosh

Jan 31 Wednesday 9:30-11:00

Introduction to Microcomputers: Hardware pt 1 (W)

Feb 1 Thursday 9:00-12:00 noon

Wordperfect 6 for Windows - advanced features

Feb 7 Wednesday 9:30-11:00

Introduction to Microcomputers: Hardware pt 2 (W)

(more to follow in next months issue)

For KGH users expecting the PCS software, there is a short introductory course in Windows. Contact your managers for more details.

For Queens' Users, try to register for one of the Computing Services seminars/workshops listed previously.

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

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 **Monday February 5th, 1996**

Send items (in order of preference) by:

- 1) email,
- 2) floppy disk,
- 3) paper mail, or
- 4) 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 your submission and have it in a form ready to cut and paste into the newsletter.

Don't forget to indicate who submitted the information.

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