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REAPPOINTMENT

Dr. Paul Manley has been reappointed for a second five-year term as Head of the Department of Pathology and Chief of the Pathology Departments at Kingston General and Hotel Dieu Hospitals from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2002.

Upcoming Events

Holiday

Reminder! Tuesday July 1st is Canada Day and most of us will be shut down and partying someplace.

The Queen's University Staff Association (QUSA) will hold an information meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 1 pm in the McLaughlin Room of the John Deutsch University Centre. Representatives from the Ontario regional office of CUPE will make a presentation on the advantages of unionization. The meeting is open to everyone.

Dr. Bakir Nakas, director of the State Hospital of Sarajevo, will speak on his experiences as a hospital administrator in wartime in a public lecture, *Under Fire: Running the Sarajevo State Hospital during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina*. The talk takes place Thursday, June 26 at 5 pm in the Hotel Dieu Auditorium. The lecture highlights a week-long visit to Queen's by Bosnian medical professionals who are taking part in the Queen's University Family Medicine Development Program in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Positions Available

University of Mississippi Medical Center

They have an immediate opening available in cytopathology and expect to have an opening in autopsy pathology before July 1, 1997.

Cytopathology, Assistant Professor: primarily a service position for our high volume service. Must have cytopathology fellowship and be adept at all forms of cytopathology practice. Although not a research position, the successful candidate will be expected to participate in various forms of clinical research, resident training, and medical student education.

Autopsy Pathology, rank open: In addition to leading the autopsy section, this individual will be expected to either maintain an active research program or provide some other distinct service to the department. Prefer individual with ability to manage diagnostic EM facility as well as autopsy service. Research skills and teaching ability are important factors.

Applicants may send letter of interest (no phone calls), together with CV to: Dr. Sherman Bloom, Department of Pathology, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505, USA.

Quote from the New York Times allegedly originating from a trial in California:

Lawyer: Before you signed the death certificate, had you taken the pulse?

Pathologist: No.

Lawyer: Did you listen to the heart?

Pathologist: No.

Lawyer: Did you check for breathing?

Pathologist: No.

Lawyer: So, when you signed the death certificate you weren't sure he was dead, were you?

Pathologist: Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk. But I guess it's possible he could be out there "practising law" somewhere.

Research Events

Department of Pathology Research Seminars: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm Richardson Amphitheatre,

Richardson Labs

DATE SPEAKER

Looks like these are cancelled for the rest of the summer..

Graduate News

Attention Graduate Students:

Please ensure you have pre-registered by June 13, 1997.

FYI

Service Milestones

Paul Baskin (Autopsy Services) - 20 years

AAMC

The American Association of Medical Colleges has a professional development seminar for junior women faculty who are interested in a position of leadership and academic medicine, to be held November 22-25, 1997 in Kansas City. See Barb Latimer for a description of the program.

Obituary for Dr. William (Whitey) Thurlbeck

Dr. William Thurlbeck died suddenly and unexpectedly in Vancouver on May 8th of this year at the age of 68 years. Dr.

Thurlbeck was an internationally recognized Pulmonary Pathologist, who made many contributions to current concepts of lung disease. He inspired many students, residents, and pulmonary physicians. He was the Chairman of the Department of Pathology at the University of Manitoba from 1975 to 1980. At his death, he was a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pathology at the University of British Columbia, and continued to keep up an active professional life. Dr. Joanne (Jody) Wright, of the Department of Pathology at the University of British Columbia will establish a Memorial in Whitey's honour.

Congratulations to Dr. Sherry Taylor on receiving an OAML grant (one of only five in the province) of \$11,000 for her project entitled: "A semi-quantitative PCR-based assay for the assessment of familial breast cancer".

Exotic Travel!

Submitted by Blake Gubbins

Forwarded Message Follows
 From: Ronn Wade
 <rwade@umabnet.ab.umd.edu>
 Cc: "Assoc. for Multidiscipline Ed. in Hlth. Sci."
 Subject: Egypt Tour - March 1998

Dear fellow list members:
 As many of you know by now, I have been leading a small tour group to Egypt annually in March during spring break. I am finishing up the plans now for the next tour, and will soon have a package ready to send out to those who are or may be interested in an adventure to ancient Egypt. You may Email me your name and address and I can send you the information for this coming tour soon.

Brief Description:

The tour includes places like Great Pyramid & Sphinx at Giza, the old cemetery of Sakkara (site of the Step Pyramid), and the mortuary area of Memphis. Our first days in Egypt, we will be staying at the Oberoi Hotel with a view of the pyramids (formerly a palace). A special trip to Dashour to visit the Bent Pyramid and we will go inside the Red Pyramid (first true pyramid) We will visit the historic old Cairo, the Citadel, and spend the afternoon at the Cairo museum before going to the old bazaar. From there we will go to the great temples at Abu Simbel, and at Aswan we will visit the Philae temples, then board a ship for a 4 night, first class, cruise up the Nile stopping at the Temples of Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna where the ship at the end of the voyage it will dock at Luxor across the Nile from the Valley of Kings in

Thebes. We will visit the temples of Luxor and Karnack and cross the river to the Valley of Kings & Queens, tombs of the Nobles, Medet Habu, Ramsesium and other sites. Overnight at the Winter Palace Hotel, and we will visit the temple at Denderrah (famous for Cleopatra VII, where Caesar's son was born). Coming back to Cairo will stay at the Ramsis Hilton on the Nile and leave the next morning for a day in Alexandria on Mediterrean. We have one of the BEST English speaking guides accompanying us from beginning to end. The in-country arrangements are made through EuroMed Travel, who gives our group first class service.

The tour fee will cover: hotels, cruise, tickets and entrance fees, meals, transportation, tips, gratuities (except the "ship tip"), porters, and visa. Does not include: Airfares, drinks...and your shopping!

Airfares are arranged by Omega Travel International in Baltimore.
 Hope everyone has a great summer!

Ronald S. Wade, Director
 (I.S.P. Treasurer)
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Resident Stuff

By now, Nav-the-bearded-bachelor will be known among us as Nav-the-newly-wed-husband. We would like to welcome both he and his wife to Kingston. As one might expect, this would be a new era for Nav. His apartment will acquire an urgently needed feminine touch, his days of beer and cigarettes are almost certainly over. Nav-the-wild will now become Nav - the-domesticated. Best wishes to the new couple for a happy and prosperous life. Submitted by John Vu

Grants & Deadlines

NSERC is making some changes to the existing eligibility policy this year which will help to decrease the number of cases declared ineligible and improve consistency of decision across the Council's programs. The changes have not been finalized yet but are summarized below:

NSERC has removed the requirements that applicants who have term positions must have one year left in their term upon date of release of the award. Instead, applicants must ensure that they have at least a three-year appointment at the time of application.

A six week grace period after the application deadline will be provided to applicants who have either a term appointment of three years or a tenure-

E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowships are awarded each year to a maximum of four outstanding and highly promising scientists and engineers who are staff members of Canadian universities. The deadline for applications is **July 1, 1997**.

The Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering allows NSERC to recognize an individual from academia, business and industry, or government who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to Canadian research in the natural sciences and engineering. The contributions may have been to the advancement of knowledge, to the application of existing knowledge to the novel solution of practical problems, to the promotion or management of research activity, or to leadership in the transfer of

knowledge. The deadline for applications is **September 1, 1997**.

For information on the above two fellowships please contact Sandra Crocker, Assistant to the Vice-Principal (Research) at 5716 or by e-mail at crockers@post.queensu.ca.

NSERC Doctoral Prizes are awarded in recognition of high quality research conducted by up to four students completing doctoral degrees in science and engineering at Canadian universities. The deadline for submission of nominations this year is **October 10, 1997**. For further information contact Jane Kalin, Registrar, School of Graduate Studies and Research at 7419 or by e-mail at kalinj@post.queensu.ca.

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Hitchings-Elion Fellowships - This program supports Canadian scientists early in their careers for research and training in the UK and Ireland. It is intended to provide experience in UK labs and promote collaboration between the UK and North America. Post-doctoral scientists in the basic biomedical and behavioural sciences fields are eligible candidates. The award is for two years in the UK/Ireland and a third year in North America. Value of the award is \$150,000.

Deadline is **September 2, 1997**.

Wellcome Research Travel Grants - This program is intended to provide grants which allow colleagues to exchange scientific information or to acquire new research techniques. It also allows for grants to medical/science historians. Faculty level Canadian researchers in basic biomedical sciences, medical/science historians are eligible candidates. Visits may last from 2 weeks to 6 months. Deadlines are: **March 1, July 1, November 1**.

1988 Career Awards in the Biomedical Sciences including Awards in Reproductive Science - This program is intended to foster the development of and productivity of post-doctoral researchers in the biomedical sciences and help them to make the critical transition to becoming independent researchers. Beginning this year, recipients may spend part of the award period in the UK or in Ireland. The awards provide as much as \$525,000 for up to six years of bridging support, including support in the post-doctoral years and the first three years of faculty service. It is expected that by the end of the award period, recipients will be engaged in productive research programs and will be able to compete

effectively for support from government and other extramural sources. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Research Services, extension 5844.

London Life Award in Medical Research

We are allowed to make one nomination each year. To determine who should prepare an application for this year's nomination, Letters of Intent should be submitted by July 15. These letters should be 2 pages maximum outlining the proposed new research directions, its uniqueness, its significance and the investigator's strengths for the project. Copies of the investigator's c.v. should be attached. The Faculty of Medicine Research and Graduate Studies Committee will review the letters and advise on who should proceed to prepare a full application. For copies of the Application Guidelines and the News Release see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

Bayer/Canadian Red Cross/MRC Scholar Program

A Scholar Program has been initiated jointly by Bayer Inc., Canadian Red Cross and the MRC. Candidates must hold an MD or PhD degree with a minimum of two years

postdoctoral experience, will have shown potential to become an independent investigator and have research interests related to Transfusion Medicine, with emphasis on the areas of infectious diseases, epidemiology and public health. The Scholar positions are for five years to be held at one of the seventeen Canadian Red Cross Blood Centres or the National Office and will begin July 1, 1998. There is no formal application as such for the initial screening for eligibility of applicants to apply for the Bayer/CRC/MRC Scholar Program. Letter of intent deadline is **August 1, 1997**. Applications should be directed to: Administrator, Research & Development, The Canadian Red Cross Society, 1800 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 4J5. For requirements of Letter of Intent see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

KGH News

THE KGH CONNECTION

! Teleconferences/Education for June:

Thurs., June 5 (1430-1515):
"Update on New Molecular

Cytogenetic Techniques for the Analysis of Tumors"

Mon., June 10 (1430-1515):
"Update on In Situ Hybridization for Diagnostic Pathology"

Wed., June 11 (0900 - 1700):
"CPR - Basic Rescuer"

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

! Hospital Renovations

- Renovations on Kidd 6 to accommodate Sleep Lab (moving from Kidd 4)
- Renovations to Kidd 4 to accommodate the Burn Unit from HDH
- Renovations on Victory 3 for Department of Surgery offices (moving from Douglas 3)
- Renovations to Admitting Department (Davies 1) to provide a "holding area" for discharged patients to await transport home, thereby freeing up patient rooms sooner

! Miscellaneous

- The annual KGH Staff picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 from 1000 - 1500 hrs. at Grass Creek Park (Hwy 2 behind MacLachlan Woodworking Museum). KGH Bass Tournament to be held the same place, same day. Call

Daryl at ext. 4123 for information.

- Staff recognition awards June 12 at 1430 hrs in the Old Cafeteria.

What's Happening in the Labs?

And the beat goes on...the jackhammer beat, of course. Construction continuing unabated on Douglas 2, to house Pathology Services, and on Douglas 3 to accommodate Microbiology. So when you think you can't stand it any more, just think about what it will be like when it's all done!

HAPPY SUMMER!! ☺

Network News

By Kevin Kell

I'm moving! To Richardson 411 (Phone number being withheld for my sanity). Q-4889 will be forwarded up there for the time being.



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• 44 percent of survey respondents have used a computer password containing the NAME OF A LOVED ONE.

Pegasus Mail is scheduled for upgrading the weekend of June 14th from v2.53 to v2.54. Some of the new features include:

Look for over 500 email addresses of people in KGH and HDH (now known as the Kingston Hospitals).

Renovations to the Campus Computer Store and Repair Shop in Dupuis Hall will take likely take place June 9-14. As progress continues, the store will supply the exact closure dates. During this time, the wait for repairs will be more than a week. Since renovations were announced, the shop has been flooded with machines to be serviced. To minimize delays, please send machines to Dupuis Hall if the repair is an emergency. To contact the shop, send e-mail to Brian McDonald or call 545-2054.

Passwords:

In general this survey reveals

that people have poor security in their passwords, and that this article is NOT a guideline of what you should do.

In the May 8 edition of Digital Dispatch, we listed (what we rightfully suspected were) the most popular categories into which user-selected passwords fall. More than 1,000 CNET readers responded, indicating which categories described passwords they've actually used. That doesn't make this a "scientific" poll. But it does make it an extremely revealing investigation into what computer users actually care about. Or at least what they're willing to reveal via email.

"Choosing a password is an opportunity to establish goals, to change directions, and to help survive a crisis," wrote one respondent to my survey, who identified herself as a "password therapist" at a Midwestern phone company.

the results

• 31 percent have used the NAME OF A PET as a password:

"Keeps the memory alive," commented one pet-name coiner. "Because dead dogs can't talk," explained a less sentimental, more security-conscious computer user. "I never refer to my pet by name at work," avowed another hard-liner.

• 22 percent have used a password containing the NAME OF A PERSON THEY SECRETLY ADMIRE, and 19 percent have used as a password a SEXUAL OR OBSCENE WORD OR TERM. If you can't fantasize at work, where can you fantasize? One guy said he'd used a sexual password, but claimed it had been randomly system-generated. Another set up an obscene password at work to see if it really was kept confidential. It wasn't. A woman inquired whether using her bra size as a password counted as a sexual term.

(Answer: no. Only if someone else uses your bra size as a password.) Another used obscene words for passwords while working as a church secretary--she figured no one would ever guess them.

- Just 18 percent have used as a password a **WORD PERTAINING TO THE ACTUAL WORK BEING DONE WITH THE COMPUTER**, and 18 percent have used the name of a **GEOGRAPHICAL PLACE** (a dead heat between where you are and where you'd rather be).

Of the other categories we listed:

- 11 percent have used a **CELEBRITY NAME**.
- 10 percent have used a **CAR MAKE OR MODEL**.
- 8 percent have used a **SPORTS TEAM OR ATHLETE NAME**.
- 4 percent have used a **COLLEGE NAME**.

Among the categories we didn't list: movie, TV, comic book, and literary references got the bulk of the write-in votes (for a total of about 6 percent of respondents), followed by religious/inspirational words, music- and-art-related terms, food-and-drink terms, flora-and-fauna names, and foreign words. And we got one

vote each for "my old CB handle," a Civil War regiment, the serial number of a rifle used during World War II, the school bully back in Italy, and an old neighbor who was really annoying.

What can we make of all of this? Well, for one thing, a whopping 75 percent of respondents have employed as a password the **NAME OF A PERSON OR A CREATURE THEY LOVE**. Makes it kind of easy for the hackers among us, doesn't it?

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 July 7th, 1997*

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
pathology\drive2:general\path news (more commonly mapped as drive g).

Please type or print your submission and have it in a form ready to cut and paste into the newsletter.
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