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### **C**ongratulations

Congratulations to Dr. David LeBrun, the 1999 winner of the Radox Junior Scientist Award. Dr. LeBrun will be invited to Calgary to the Canadian Association of Pathologists Meeting in June, 1999 where he will give a talk and receive his award.

Congratulations to Drs. Don Maurice and Martin Petkovich on receiving MRC funding.

### **Dr. Lewis Tomalty, appointed Associate Dean, Continuing Education**

Principal Leggett is pleased to announce that Dr. Lewis Tomalty has been appointed as Associate Dean, Continuing Education at the Faculty of Health Sciences for the term February 1, 1999 to June 30, 2004.

**K** GH Service Milestones



**10 years** Anne Hanley (Genetics Services), Pamela Redden (Core Lab)

**5 years** Marg Estok (Clinical Lab Services)

## U coming Events

### Spring 1999 Convocation

The School of Graduate Studies Spring 1999 Convocation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 28, 1999 at 2:00 pm. Jock Harty Arena.

### Textbook deadline looms

On March 12 the Campus Bookstore returns all textbooks to the publishers in order to make room for the spring/summer courses. Students and faculty are advised to make any necessary textbook purchases by that date.

## J obs Wanted

Jeana Birtch is looking for a research assistant position in lab medicine. She is a Biotechnology graduate from St. Lawrence College having studied in the fields of microbiology, molecular biology, biochemistry, organic chemistry, cell culture fermentation and computers. She can perform many techniques such as DNA/RNA isolations,

PCR reactions, HPLC and GC analysis. If you would like a copy of her CV see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

## P ositions Available

### University of Utah

The University of Utah Department of Pathology has a position available for an AP or AP/CP eligible or board-certified pathologist with a subspecialty interest in pediatric surgical pathology. An interest in transfusion medicine would also be a plus, although it is not essential. The individual will be responsible for provision of service in anatomic and clinical pathology at Primary Children's Medical Center, teaching of medical students, pathology residents and pediatrics residents at the University of Utah School of Medicine, and collaborative clinicopathologic research. The position is primarily for an individual at the Assistant or Associate Professor level on either the clinical or tenure track. Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae and three names with addresses of references to Cheryl M. Coffin, MD, Professor and Division Head, Pediatric Pathology, Primary Children's Medical Center, 100 No. Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84113, USA.

### Queen's Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre - Halifax



Requires two full time Anatomical Pathologists to fill vacancies. Position availability is negotiable but the positions preferably would be filled by June or July 1999. The two full time positions are primarily service positions but an active academic commitment is expected. Experience and expertise in pulmonary pathology (or a willingness to acquire it) is preferred for one of the positions.

The Division also has available a .4 permanent part time position which may be of interest to other individuals. The expectations of this individual would be the same as those of the permanent full time positions but with less time commitment.

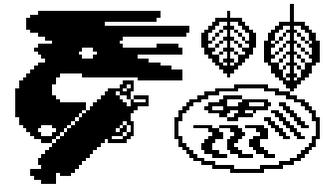
The Division of AP is also interested in finding a locum pathologist to work with them July 1999 - June 2000. The position would be largely service oriented, with some teaching expectations. Persons interested in these positions are invited to apply by forwarding their CV before **March 17, 1999** to: Dr. Virginia M. Walley, Chief, Anatomical Pathology, QEII HSC, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Mackenzie Building, 5788 University Avenue, Halifax, NS B3H 1V8.

#### **London Health Sciences Centre**

Applications are invited for an Academic Hematopathologist staff position in the Department of Pathology. The candidate will share responsibility for the diagnostic assessment of lymphomas and leukemias and will be involved in the supervision of a flow cytometry laboratory. The candidate will be encouraged to develop an externally funded collaborative research program and will also be expected to participate in general

surgical and autopsy pathology. Duties will also include teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, with the possibility of graduate supervision for an appropriately qualified candidate, and a faculty appointment will be arranged at the University of Western Ontario. Letters of application, outlining the candidates's expertise and interest in the position, along with a CV and the names of three referees should be submitted by **March 19<sup>th</sup> 1999** to: Dr. J.G. Heathcote, Chair, Dept. Of Pathology, London Health Sciences Centre - University Campus, 339 Windermere Road, London, Ontario N6A 5A5. Tel: 519-663-2955, fax: 519-663-2930.

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#### **Libraries extend link to 'Rolls Royce of databases'**

The Institute for Scientific Information has offered, through Queen's Libraries, free trial access to its Web of Science, the 'Rolls Royce of databases.' The trial is operational until Tuesday, March 16.

**Pathology Research Labs** now have their own web pages... look here:

<http://www.path.queensu.ca/queens/labs/>

## **R**ichardson Research Seminars

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in Richardson Amphitheatre

March 9	no seminar
March 16	Dr. Wanda Hasegawa
March 23	Suzie Abu-Abed
March 30	Dr. M. Kawaja
April 6	Lilly Bourguignon
April 13	Joyce Slingerland
April 20	Alain Lagarde
April 27	Jordan Hansford
May 4	Geoff Pickering
May 11	Brian Brown, Jennifer Struthers
May 18	Dawei Zhang, Adina Vultur
May 25	Chris Udell, Deborah Greer

### **Queen's leads way in hazardous materials training**

Queen's University's Hazardous Materials volunteer team continues to train in a 'dry-run' of materials spills. The mock spills will be staged in a Botterell Hall lab, and at the Botterell Hall loading dock. The training session, sponsored by Queen's Department of Environmental Health and Safety, marks the first time a university has trained its staff to National Fire Prevention Association standards.

### **G**rants'n' Such

The following are summaries of funding. If you require general information see Barb in Dr. Manley's office. If you require application forms or more detailed information please contact Laurie Vaughan-Evan in the Office of Research Services.

#### **Faculty of Health Sciences, Associate Dean of Research**

We have received documentation from the Faculty Office regarding the funding of health research in the 1999 Federal Budget, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. You are asked to review this document and write letters of acknowledgement and appreciation to: The Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Alan Rock, Minister of Health; The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance; The Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry; the Honourable Peter Milliken, MP, Kingston and the Islands. To review a copy of the documentation please see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

#### **American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) Funding Programs**

<http://www.aicr.org/research.htm>

1. The purpose of Postdoctoral Awards is to provide beginning investigators seed money for support of innovative and promising research ideas and be the basis for developing expanded research projects in the area of diet, nutrition, and cancer. The awards are intended to stimulate innovative and new research on the prevention, etiology, or treatment of cancer by dietary or nutritional methods. Applications should propose relevant feasibility studies to obtain data in support of a new hypothesis that then could be expanded to increase our understanding of the role of dietary and nutritional factors in the etiology, pathogenesis, prevention or treatment of cancer.

Deadline : **July 1, 1999, December 17, 1999**

2. Matching Grants are aimed to fund, in coordination with industry or individuals, research projects in the areas of diet, nutrition, and cancer prevention and treatment. These projects will be within the interest of American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) and the private sponsor.

Deadlines: **July 1, 1999 and December 17, 1999**

3. A Collaborative Research and Development Agreement (CRDA) between the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) and the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) was established to fund both fundamental and applied research projects in diet, nutrition, and cancer. Studies relative to the modulatory effects of caloric restriction on metabolic processes related to cancer are encouraged.

Deadlines : **July 1, 1999, December 17, 1999.**

4. Investigator Initiated Grants are the major grants of the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) and cover a

variety of topics relating diet and nutrition to cancer prevention and treatment.

Deadline : **July 1, 1999, December 17, 1999.**

### **NATO Collaborative Research Grants**

<http://www.nato.int/science/grants.htm>

Collaborative Research Grants (CRGs) offer assistance to members of research teams in universities or research institutions working on joint research projects, for collaboration between scientists in NATO countries and scientists in NATO'S Partner countries.

Grants are given for projects that rely for basic costs on national funding but where the costs for the international collaboration cannot be met from other sources. The grants thus support travel and living expenses of investigators for short visits to partner institutions abroad. To be eligible for support a project must be specific and the collaboration should be between individual scientists in NATO countries and Partner countries. All fields of science are eligible. Emphasis is given to fundamental aspects rather than to technological development, although promising projects in applied science may also be funded.

**NATO Countries** Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

**Partner Countries** Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

**Mediterranean Dialogue Countries** eligible for support on a case-by-case basis Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia

Amount : typically \$6,000 Deadline **April 1, 1999**

### **Faculty of Health Sciences Education Awards**

These are to recognize significant contributions to education in the Faculty of Health Sciences. All members of faculty, both full-time and part-time, are eligible. Individual or groups of faculty members or students may nominate a faculty member. Nominations will be accepted for an award in one of more of the following areas: teaching, course or

curriculum design, course organization and conduct, development of learning resources, evaluation of student achievement or program preference. As well as considering quality and quantity of the contribution, particular emphasis will be placed on innovative approaches in these areas. There are no nomination forms but those nominations that have been successful in the past have been accompanied by documents from, for example, class presidents and/or chief residents reflecting student opinions of the work of the nominee or statements from program directors on the significance of the nominee's contributions to curriculum design, etc. Nominations will be received by the Dean until **March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Principal's Development Fund 1999/2000**

Category A (\$140,000)

Will provide one-time seed funding to help develop innovative academic initiatives which support Queen's vision of being the quality leader in Canadian higher learning. Submit a brief letter of intent to the Principal's Office. These will be reviewed quarterly (April, July, October and January).

Category A (\$50,000)

Application for support of Visiting Scholars may be made to a fund up to \$50,000 apportioned to and administered by the Faculty Deans to encourage academic visits by women, visible minorities, aboriginal peoples and people with disabilities. Apply directly to deans.

Category B1

1) To provide support to new faculty members to assistant them in beginning their research programs and in obtaining external funding.

2) To provide seed funding in support of new research initiatives for established faculty members. Submit on ARC forms **early in 2000** for the 1999/2000 competition.

3) To provide funding for SSHRC applicants whose grant applications received an adjudication of approval but not funded in the most recent competition.

Category B2 \$100,000



Conference Travel support for new and established researchers. Applications are accepted September 15, January 15, and April 15. Forms are available from the Office of Research Services. See the web for further information: <http://www.queensu.ca/vpr/ors/ors.htm>

#### **Basmajian Award**

Nominations are invited for the Basmajian Award for 1998/99. Nominations may be made by any Department Head or any member of the Faculty of Health Sciences. It is recommended that the nomination come with the knowledge and support of the Department Head. The closing date for nominations is **April 1, 1999**. Nominations should be addressed to Dr. James F. Brien, care of Mrs. Kathy Reed, Office of Research Services. Established by Dr. John Basmajian, former Head of the Department of Anatomy at Queen's University in memory of his parents Mihran and Mary Basmajian. This award is made to the member (or members) of the full-time staff of the Faculty of Health Sciences, "judged to have made the most meritorious contribution to medical research during the previous year or several years. The award consists of a bronze metal, an inscribed piece of silver plate, a copy of Dr. Basmajian's book and a contribution to the recipient's research funding in the amount of \$ 1,000.

#### **The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**

There will be an April competition for Fellowships and Studentships in 1999. Renewal applications will not be accepted into the April competition, even if the initial award came through the April competition.

Please note that Confidential Assessment of a Candidate forms are no longer required. However, the appropriate number of letters of recommendation, as outlined on the application forms, should be forwarded to the Foundation's office by the deadline date. These one to two page letters should indicate the period of time and in what capacity you have known the candidate, elaborate on academic

capabilities, competence and research potential and address the following: background preparation, motivation, organizational ability, demonstrated skill at research, etc.

Applications must be received at the Foundation's office on or before **1 April 1999**. Forms are available from the Office of Research Services, ext. 36081. Please contact Karen Ethier <kethier@ccff.ca> at the Foundation's office for additional information.

#### **Spinal Cord Research Foundation**

The Spinal Cord Research Foundation (SCRF) is offering two funding opportunities. This information was received through the Community of Science. To view the complete COS record, please visit the website after each abstract. Also you may wish to visit the SCRF website at: <http://www.pva.org/prof/scrfapp.htm>

1. The Paralyzed Veterans of America, in 1975, established the Spinal Cord Research Foundation (SCRF) to support basic, clinical, psychosocial, and technological research of importance to persons with spinal cord injury or disease. Awards may be for one, two, or three years. Amount : up to \$75,000. <http://fundingopps2.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=8432>

2. The Paralyzed Veterans of America, in 1975, established the Spinal Cord Research Foundation (SCRF) to support basic, clinical, psychosocial, and technological research of importance to persons with spinal cord injury or disease. The foundation seeks proposals for the design and development of rehabilitative and assistive devices prepared by scientists and engineers in academic centers or independent laboratories. Amount : up to \$75,000 <http://fundingopps2.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=8433>

#### **James S. McDonnell Foundation**

<http://www.jsmf.org/brain%20cancer/BCrfp.htm>

The James S. McDonnell Foundation announces a new program in support of brain cancer research. The Foundation is particularly interested in funding novel research that will increase rates of survival and improve functional recovery for individuals with brain cancer. This program is not intended to provide additional funding for ongoing research projects; rather it is intended to encourage new ideas and approaches, early in their development, that are unlikely to be funded from traditional sources. The program will preferentially support:

1. Investigations exploring novel approaches, based on information from neurobiology, genetics, molecular biology, immunology and neuropathology, to the development of new brain cancer therapies.
2. Studies that apply advances and information from research on non-nervous system cancers to the tumors arising in the unique environment of the brain.
3. Research improving the diagnosis and treatment of brain tumors through better understanding of the cellular and molecular characterization of brain cancers.

#### **The EJLB Foundation Scholar Research Programme**

Deadline **May 3, 1999**

The EJLB Foundation awards each year up to seven (7) grants for research projects in all areas of neuroscience that pertain directly or indirectly to schizophrenia and mental diseases. Specific areas of support in the past have included: developmental neurobiology, synaptic mechanisms, systems and cognitive neuroscience, and clinical studies on the genetic and physiopathologic aspects of neurological and psychiatric disorders. Eligibility for such grants is restricted to young scientists who are pursuing an independent research career and have given evidence of having significant potential. It is also a requirement that these scientists (i) have earned an MD and/or a PhD degree; (ii) have completed their post-graduate training; and (iii) have been admitted after June 15, 1994 as faculty members of a leading university, or an affiliated non-profit research centre, in Canada or elsewhere in the world.

#### **J.- Louis Levesque and BioChem Pharma Postdoctoral Fellowships from Fondation Armand-Frappier**

Deadline **April 15, 1999** <http://www.iaf.quebec.ca>

This year, the Fondation Armand-Frappier offers two postdoctoral fellowships of \$ 30 000. These fellowships are for candidates who want to continue their training at INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier. Fields: Microbiology and biotechnology Human health.

#### **Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Research Grants in Intellectual Disability**

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada makes funds available to The Roeher Institute to offer research grants for studies in intellectual disabilities. These grants are to enable principal researchers to examine issues affecting people with intellectual disabilities. Funding for research assistants and equipment is not provided through this program. Deadline: **April 30 of each year.**

#### **Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Guidelines for Major Research Grants**

Deadline **April 30, 1999**

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada makes funds available to The Roeher Institute to offer research grants for studies in intellectual disability. The grants are applicable to a broad range of academic disciplines where the study itself has implications for the field of intellectual disability, including Alzheimer's Disease.

Applicants are required to hold a postgraduate degree in a field related to the proposed research. Applicants must have their research projects approved by a Canadian academic or research institute. The research is expected to be carried out in Canada. Research proposals should be accompanied by an explanation of the relationship of the research to areas of priority, a proposed budget, relevant published papers of the applicant and time lines of the research. Applications are to be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee at 152 St. George Street, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1E5. (Proposals will be subjected to external review by experts in the subject area.)

Deadline: **April 30 of each year.**

#### **The Louis and Artur Lucian Award for Research in Circulatory Diseases**

A Committee of the McGill University Faculty of Medicine chooses the investigators to be honored by this Award. The Committee is assisted in its task by an international panel of Consultants who are distinguished scientists in the field of medicine, pathology, physiology, pharmacology, and surgery. Prospective recipients should be nominated on a nomination form (available from Research Services). This form together with supporting materials should be returned before **April 1st, 1999** to: Dr. Rene P. Michel, Secretary, The Louis and Artur Lucian Award Committee, McGill University, Department of Pathology, 3775 University Street, Montreal, Que., CANADA H3A 2B4.

#### **American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) 1999 Summer Fellowship Grant**

### Deadline **April 15, 1999**

To award grants to medical students wishing to conduct research in allergy and immunology during their summer recess in order to encourage their consideration of a career in allergy and/or immunology. Areas of interest: - physiology of allergic diseases, -pharmacology of allergy and inflammation, -basic cellular and molecular immunology, -AIDS, -other fields pertinent to the understanding of allergic and immune mechanisms.

### **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Offers Clinical Research Grants**

These awards offer support to clinical research projects directly related to the treatment and care of cystic fibrosis (CF). Projects may address diagnostic or therapeutic methods related to CF or the pathophysiology of CF. Applicants must demonstrate access to a sufficient number of CF patients from accredited CFF care centers and appropriate controls. These grants are unrestricted. A letter of intent is due by **June 1, 1999**. A maximum of \$80,000 per-year for up to three years may be requested for single-center clinical research grants. For multi-center clinical research, the potential award maximum is \$150,000 per year for up to three years. For more information, view the complete COS record at: <http://fundingopps2.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=825>

### **NSERC: FP5**

The European Union's Fifth Research and Technology Development Framework program (FP5) has been announced and the first calls for proposals will be posted shortly. When the Office of Research Services receives this information, it will be posted to this distribution list. In the meantime, NSERC has developed a web page to provide information on this Agreement, on FP5, on the sources of funding for Canadian participants, and to address the most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Please refer to this page at: <http://www.nserc.ca/intern/europe.htm>

### **Streams of Excellence in Breast Cancer Research**

New Funding Strategy To Link Top Canadian Breast Cancer Research. The Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative (CBCRI) is pleased to announce a new flagship program of research support: Stream(s) of Excellence in Breast Cancer Research. The new Stream(s) of Excellence Grants will encourage and support multi-disciplinary teams of recognized Canadian leaders in breast cancer research, working collaboratively and synergistically at several sites, to move research results more effectively from "bench to bedside" or from "molecule to population". There will be no ceiling on the budget requested by applicant teams, other than the overall \$1.5 million per year budget allocation for

the competition. Awards will be for four years with a possible fifth year extension. The application process will be in two stages, with letters of intent to be received by **April 1, 1999** and invited full applications to be submitted by **November 1, 1999**.

### **Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation**

Student Intern Award Program 1999

<http://www.pedAIDS.org>

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation has funds available for the ninth Board of Directors year of the Student Intern Award program. The primary objective of the program CHAIRPERSON is to provide an opportunity for high-school seniors, college, graduate and medical school students to engage in clinical and research programs related to pediatric HIV/AIDS, providing motivation for them to consider future careers in pediatric HIV/AIDS. The intern's work must consist of active participation -- not merely attending clinical rounds and patient discussions, etc. Students must apply through a sponsor who has expertise in pediatric HIV/AIDS. It is the responsibility of the student to find their sponsor. Post-doctoral fellows (M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent) are not eligible for this award. Students in Masters or doctorate programs will not be allowed to perform this internship as part of their dissertations or theses.

Applications must be received by **March 26, 1999**.

No faxed applications will be accepted.

Applicants must send the original and 5 copies (a total of 6/stapled and collated) of the application for it to be reviewed.

### **IDEA Grants in Breast Cancer Research**

The Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative is pleased to announce an innovative new program of research support: IDEA Grants. The new IDEA grants will support innovative, new research ideas that are speculative, but have the potential for advancing scientific knowledge. They will support small-scale pilot studies or investigations of concepts to permit the investigator to test out new ideas which although based on good science, are outside of existing conventional research paradigms and could be deemed speculative. The expectation is that these ideas, once explored, will lead to the development of proposals for feasibility grants or operating grants. It is not the intent of the program to provide supplemental, add-on funding in support of existing, ongoing investigations. It is anticipated that there will be two competitions per year for the next four years.. The first competition will take place **April 1, 1999**, with funding to begin July 1, 1999. The second competition will take place **January 1, 2000**, with

funding to begin April 1, 2000. Application forms will be available by February 1, 1999, and will be mailed upon your request, including full mailing address, to CBCRI at: (416) 961-7223 (phone); (416) 961-4189 (fax); email: <cbcric@cancer.ca>

### Ministry of Health (AIDS Bureau)

The Community-based HIV Services Evaluation Unit will distribute \$1M annually for innovative research projects, designed to assess and strengthen the effectiveness of community-based AIDS programs and services in Ontario. Guidelines and Applications forms are available from the Office of Research Services. Deadline **March 12, 1999**. Contact : Frank McGee , AIDS co-ordinator, 1-800-268-6066 or 416-327-8797.

### National Health Research and Development Program Personnel Awards Update Call for Proposals for 1999 Competition

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hppb/nhrdp/update98.htm>

The National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP) is the primary mechanism by which Health Canada invests in supporting the academic preparation of outstanding students, the sponsorship of new researchers, and the funding of research projects related to health policy. Category Structure Eligibility Criteria

1. National Health Master's Fellowship, \$18,000 per year up to two-year term, full-time studies, application to Master's program with a health policy research (thesis) focus, completion of previous degree by **August 15** of competition year, tenable in Canadian centres

2. National Health Doctoral Fellowship, \$18,000 per year, up to four-year term, full-time studies, application to PhD program with a health policy research (thesis) focus, completion of previous degree by **August 15** of competition year, justification required for tenure outside Canada, justification required for tenure in same department/research environment as prior degrees, justification required for combined Master's/PhD programs.

3. National Health Post-doctoral Fellowship, \$30,000 per year, two-year term, research occupies 100% of time , completion of previous degree by **September 30** of competition year, no more than two years since last doctoral degree, not tenable in same research environment where post-secondary education received, justification required for tenure outside Canada

4. National Health Research Scholar Award, \$50,000 per year, five-year term, research occupies at least 75% of time,

completion of PhD, more than two years and less than six years (inclusive) since last doctoral degree, tenable in Canadian centres.

### Medical Research Council of Canada

<http://www.mrc.gc.ca>

You will recall that beginning with the September 1998 competitions, MRC is asking applicants to register their intent to apply one month prior to the competition deadline. This new registration Process will provide MRC with basic Information far enough ahead to preliminarily identify the committee and external reviewer expertise that will be needed. The immediate result will be a more effective peer review process for applicants and committee members. The second and longer-term purpose is part of MRC's response to a strong message from the research community to provide application forms that can be completed electronically without proprietary software (e.g., JetForm). As a result, we are in early development of 'web-based forms.' It is anticipated that forms would be accessed through the Internet using both an application number and a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Registration will allow MRC to provide the application number in advance. This registration number will be unique to both the project proposed AND the competition. All grantees, awardees, committee members and recent applicants have been sent their MRC PIN. The PIN will be entered on the applicants' CV forms, next to their names. The PIN is one's own personal number and identifies one to MRC on all applications submitted, both now and in the future. Applicants who do not already have a PIN should contact MRC before registering. Details of the registration process are attached. The registration and application forms are available on MRC's website at <http://www.mrc-gc.ca/> If you have any questions concerning the registration process or Personal Identification Numbers, do not hesitate to contact me at the above numbers.

Beginning August 1, 1998 applicants must register their intention to apply for the following MRC grant and salary programs:

Program	Registration Deadline	Full Application
Operating Grants	August 15	September 16
Equipment Grants	"	"
Maintenance Grants	February 1	March 1
Clinical Trials	"	"
MRC Scholarship	August 15	September 15
MRC scientist	"	"
Senior scientist	"	"
Distinguished Scientist	"	"

NOTE: Registration is not required for those applying for trainee awards like fellowships and Doctoral research awards, for multi-user equipment programs or for those programs which already require a letter of intent such as Groups, university-industry etc.

How do you register?

1) Obtain your Personal identification Number (PIN): At the end of June, MRC will send all recent applicants, committee members and reviewers a unique PIN. If you have not received or do not expect to receive a PIN, please submit your request for a PIN in writing and include a completed cover page of the CV Module. Once you receive your PIN, promise use it on all registration and applications forms. See MRC's website for a full description of this process.

2) Complete your registration: To keep applications as simple as possible, the registration form is not a separate form, but comprises selected pages from the following MRC application modules: a) Research Module.- Page I - General Information -only the signature of the applicant is required -The amount requested may be an amount; b) Acknowledgement Page; c) Page 2 - Draft Summary of Proposal; d) page 7 - Information Page; e) Page 8 - Statistics page CV Module: Cover page - for the principal applicant each co-applicant and associate MRC will consider the Information provided on the registration form to be in draft form. This information may be revised in the full application since it will be used as the official document to finalize committee selection and review assignments, as well as for the evaluation of the proposed research. Applicants submitting multiple salary and/or grant applications must register individually for each application. Please send the original and one copy of the completed registration form(s) to: Medical Research Council, Holland Cross, Tower B, 5th floor, 1500 Scott Street, Postal Locator 3105A, Ottawa, ON K1A 0W9  
Acknowledgement and application numbers.

Confirmation of registration along with an application number will be faxed to each applicant. Please enter this application number on page one of the research module of the full application. Each application number will be unique to the application in that competition. If, after registering, an applicant decides to defer or cancel submission of the full application, MRC should be notified. A list of registrants for a competition will be sent to the Research Grants Office at the applicant's Institution. For further Information please contact the Programs Branch at Telephone: (613) 954-1968; Fax: (613) 954-1800; Email : <mrcinfo@mrc.gc.ca>

### **The M. Daria Haust Trust Fund: Opportunities for Special Travel**

Dr. M. Daria Haust made a very generous donation to the department in 1985 which has grown through wise investments in the Queen's endowment fund. On the request of Dr. Haust we added the income to the fund until the capital exceeded \$150,000. We now invite applications.

The Terms of Reference are to provide educational leaves for faculty members with primary appointments for continuing education and research. The Committee of Bob Kisilevsky, Dave Lillicrap and Susan Cole will focus on those leaves which will enable faculty to significantly increase their expertise in a particular area or to learn a special technique. These funds will be seen as supplementary to existing travel and research funds and can only be expended by the individual faculty member.

The application should consist of a one page letter defining the purpose of the trip, the value to the individual faculty member and to the department and an estimate of the expenses. Applications may be made now for the year 1999 or 2000 and should be submitted to Dr. Manley by

**March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

We are restricting the total payment from the Fund to \$5,000 for the years 1999 and 2000 and expect that this will increase to \$10,000 in subsequent years. The maximum grant this year will be \$2,000.

### **The Change Foundation**

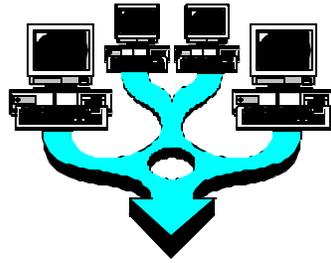
The CF is pleased to provide you with the Call for Letters of Intent for the 1999 Grants Program. The Change Foundation will make up to \$500,000 available in '99 for start up and evaluation costs of change initiative projects. The purpose of the Grants Program is to facilitate innovation in health and health care delivery by using seed money to incubate ideas with a focus on evaluation. Letters of Intent submissions may request up to \$100,000 per grant from the Foundation, payable over a maximum of 2 years (maximum of \$50,000 per year). The deadline for Letter of Intent submissions is **May 6, 1999**. For further information see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

### **Changgao Yang**

Changgao has recently started a position at Los Alamitos Medical Center. His new e-mail address is <changgao.yang@tenethealth.com>

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## Learning Technology

For the latest information on incorporating learning technology into Queen's classrooms, check out the new LTU (Learning Technology Unit) webpages at: <http://www.its.queensu.ca/ltu/> These pages have been completely revamped to better reflect the strong partnerships among the Instructional Development Centre, Information Technology Services, and Queen's Libraries.

Included on the new pages are: learning technology options available to professors, including rooms on campus with technology and a list of services available for classes; links to world wide learning technology sites; links to the technical services offered in the LTU and at Queen's Television; and links to services provided by the IDC, ITS, and Queen's Libraries.

## Anti-Virus Protection

We have recently been provided with Dr. Solomon's AntiVirus Toolkit v 7.93 for Windows NT v4. This is being installed on all Department systems running NT. At this time 16/67 machines are done. A recent virus audit uncovered about 12 Microsoft Word macro viruses, all of which were disinfected.

## Openings in ITS Computing Workshops

The following non-credit, hands-on workshops and noon-hour mini-tech sessions still have seats available.

Workshops:

MS Excel97: Level 2, March 2, 9-11:30am (basic)

Ms Excel97: Charts, March 9, 9-11am

(intermediate)

MS Word97: Level 3, March 11, 9-11:30am

(intermediate)

Mini-tech:

MS Word97: Tables, March 2, 12:05-12:55pm (intermediate)

MS Access97: Reports, March 4, 12:05-12:55pm (intermediate)

MS Word97: Tips, Tricks & Shortcuts, 12:05-12:55pm (basic)

MS Excel97: Tips, Tricks & Shortcuts, March 16, 10:05-12:55pm (basic)

Registration is required for all workshops and can be done via the on-line registration form located on the ITS Education webpage

<http://noteswww.queensu.ca/ITS/cscourse2.nsf>.

Workshops are available only for Queen's faculty, staff and students.

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2K Windows NT 4 Service Pack 4 continues to be installed on departmental

workstations. 43 out of 67 are done as of this printing. All of the mainstay programs have been cleared (Corel Office, Pegasus Mail, WinQVTNet, WSFTP, and others), and those that have not (Ontime) will be replaced in the near future.

**MEMORANDUM \***

**TO: Y2K COORDINATOR**  
**FROM: JUNIOR PROGRAMMER**

I hope I haven't misunderstood your instructions. Because to be honest, none of this Y to K problem makes any sense to me.

At any rate, I have finished converting all the company calendars so that the year 2000 is ready to go with the following new months:

Januark Februark Mak Julk

The days will be:  
 Sundak Mondak Tuesdak Wendesdak Thursdak  
 Fridak Saturdak

☺ There were approximately 11,100 pieces of email in and out of the Department during the month of February 1999 and 10,500 in January.

☺ Dilbert is now on TV, Wednesday nights on CTV

## Article 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, April 5th, 1999.*

**Send items (in order of preference) by: 1) email, 2) floppy disk, 3) paper mail, or 4) FAX.**

**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.

**B**ackup Backup Backup  
 Omega Zip drives continue to infiltrate the department. Don't forget that in addition to transporting data around, they make a great medium for storing BACKUPS of important data!

Also remember that we have CDROM writing capability. Bring two blanks CDR disks (about \$3 each) and your data on ZIP drives (or it can be located on a network accessible computer) and you can get a single cdrom back that cannot be erased. Why two blanks? Not all write sessions work and it does take some time and effort to put this together.

**C**lipart Library  
 Another clipart collection has been added to:

g:\general\graphics\office7  
 It contains 716 images at 58 Mb of space.

Trivia: