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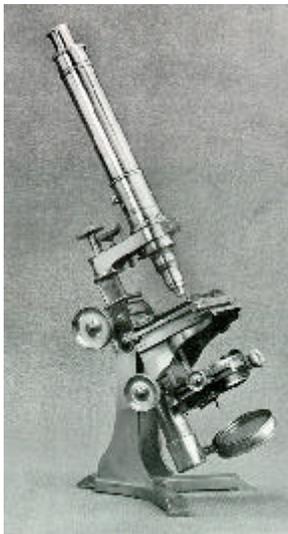
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For Your Information

F Monday February 21st is Heritage Day and the University will be closed.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Carla Cuthbert, a PhD graduate student in Dr. Lillicrap's Lab who recently received a Ministry of Health Laboratory Genetics Fellowship for two years, July 1, 2000-June 30, 2002.

The Department recently received the **Bronze Award of Merit** for its performance during the recent campus Community Campaign. The Bronze Award recognizes those departments which exceeded the average participation rate of the last campus campaign. Congratulations to everyone who participated!!

Service Awards

Larry Weiler - 20 years
Dorothy Oogarah - 30 years

Condolences are extended to Linda Fidler, Manager of Microbiology and her family on the recent death of her father. Please accept our sympathies.

Annual Reports

There are two annual report forms this year, one for Basic Scientists (QUFA Faculty) and one for Clinical Faculty. QUFA Annual reports were due in the Faculty office February 1, 2000. These have all been completed and forwarded to the Faculty Office.

Clinical Faculty Reports

This form **along with an updated curriculum vitae** is due in the Faculty Office by March 15, 2000.

Please submit both the report and curriculum vitae **in duplicate** so that we can retain one copy for our records. Also, please put an updated copy of your CV on the net under: `g:/sec/cvs/lastname`. If you do not have access to the net please submit a disk with your CV at the time you submit your Report.

The Faculty Office has also requested that the Head prepare an appraisal form for each faculty member and include it with the Annual Faculty Report. In order to comply with this request, our internal deadline for completion has to be moved up. Appointments for each clinical faculty member will be arranged for approximately 1/2 hour between **March 1st and 10th**. Please note that your completed Annual Faculty Report, teaching evaluations, and current curriculum vitae should be available to Dr. Manley for review **at least one day** prior to your scheduled appointment.

The Report form has been changed from last year to make the reporting of activities more clearly defined. **Please make sure you use this revised form.** The new form is posted on the Faculty of Health Sciences website: <http://meds.queensu.ca/reports/arbs.htm>. If you cannot access or download this form please contact Barb Latimer at extension 74887.

RIME 2000

The 39th Annual Conference on Research in Medical Education (RIME) will be held in conjunction with the 11th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) scheduled for October 27-November 2, 2000 in Chicago, IL. The purpose of the Conference is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of research concerning all aspects of medical education. All research paper submissions must be received at the AAMC offices on or before **March 10, 2000**. For further information please see Barb in Dr. Manley's Office.

Jobs Available

The University of Southern California is currently seeking a Board Certified Dermatopathologist. Responsibilities will include diagnostic service and teaching, and may, at the discretion of the appointee and the Department include an active research program. Our preference is for recruitment of a Junior Faculty member, having the motivation 'to grow' within the Department. However, candidates at all levels will be considered and final appointment will be to the full time faculty at a rank and salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please submit a statement of interest and current CV to Clive R. Taylor, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pathology, HMR 204, Keck School of Medicine at USC, Health Sciences Campus, 2011 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033 - OR - e-mail taylor@pathfinder.hsc.usc.edu. USC is an equal Opportunity Employer

Alumni Corner

A recent visit to the Department prior to Christmas was by Plamen Kossev. He is very definitely flourishing in Pittsburgh and was seeing numerous complex marrows a day.

Richard Yu is transforming into a hematopathologist in Vancouver, working hard and seeing much material. With recent departures of staff, he has become a vital asset.

Michael Rutherford was also spotted in the hallowed halls.

D r. Dexter's Corner

EX SANGUIS

Three things over the past month having given me pause to think about blood. Two of these were reviews and vignettes from the CMAJ, January 25, 2000; 162, pp 257-258 and p 246.

The first was a review of a recent book written by Jacalyn Duffin deliciously entitled, "History of Medicine: A Scandalously Short Introduction" (432 pages). One is, perhaps, left teetering on the brink of expectation that, once introduced, the main feast is to follow. The title is misleading and it is an excellent book.

The review notes Duffin's bias that blood, as a passive carrier of oxygen, is particularly special. Numerous references (460) are found within the covers of the bible. To the dismay of the reviewer, the lungs lacked recognition. The reviewer, a respirologist, developed the thesis that "within the breath of life, man would be but dust and, without man, there would have been no rib" and ergo through a somewhat flighty leap of logic, no book to review. Of course, it is to be realized that Dr. Duffin trained as a haematologist.

The premise of breath versus blood vying for ascendancy in the creation of life may purely reflect the gentle teasing of the two specialties of respirology and haematology. It is much more profound than the classic considerations of ova and chickens.

The second issue is more serious and close to all of us. We are short of blood donors and, at various times, we have been faced with acute shortages effecting our entire region. This is a phenomenon we are seeing across Canada. The problems of supply will impact on those in need and often that crunch occurs in the Operating Room where complex procedures requiring blood or blood

products may be delayed or cancelled. If you are in good health and capable of donating blood, please consider it. You can help others!



The fall in blood donations is not limited to North America. A rather unique blood donation programme has been launched in 1999 in Berlin. Count Ottomar Rudolphe Vlad Dracul Prince Kretzulesco agreed to help the Red Cross after the Health Minister appealed for more donors to replenish dwindling blood supplies. The Count is said to be the last surviving descendent of Count Dracula. He helped the campaign by signing autographs for those who donated and attended special showings of vampire movies for blood donors. An additional note was that Count Dracula was also known as Vlad the Impaler - doubtless a reflection of his phlebotomy technique.

To paraphrase a curmudgeon from British Radio of the 1960's, "The answer lies in the ... blood ..."

Grants and Such

Grants have grown to such a huge page of the newsletter that we have split them off into a **separate supplement** to the newsletter. All researchers & faculty will receive the supplement as well as any one else who wants it. Otherwise the rest of the subscribers get everything but.

There are 9 pages for February.

Graduate News

The only information we have for the grad students:



Angela Keightley will be defending her PhD thesis on March 9, 2000. It is entitled "Transcriptional Regulation of von Willebrand Factor in Endothelial Cells: A Model of Genotype-

Environment Interaction".

Richardson Research Seminars

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in Richardson Amphitheatre

February 11 - Special Seminar

February 15 - No Seminar Scheduled

February 18 - Special Seminar

February 22 - Reading Week - No Seminar Scheduled

February 29 - Brandy Hyndman and Eva Lin, Graduate Students

March 7 - Dr. Valerie Wallace, Ottawa General Hospital

March 14 - Dr. John Koland, University of Iowa

March 21 - Dr. Kathy High, University of Pennsylvania

March 28 - Adina Vultur, Grad Student

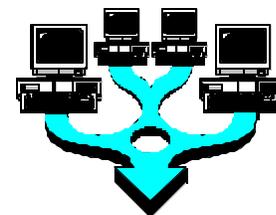
Buy, Sell & Trade

For Sale: a 200 Disc CD Changer. JVC XL MC222 \$200 (note the price going lower and lower!) Comes in original box, remote control and 10 CD's of your choice from my collection. I'm selling it because I can't afford to buy

enough CD's to fill it up! You can view the manual outside my office if you have any questions about it and I'm not around. Kevin Kell (Richlabs411) Q-74901

Network News

Changes to the Web site in the last month:



New search engines installed giving users the opportunity to search the "public" files or the whole web site (including the "private/secure" files.

The 1998 Papers and abstracts published by members of the department are now online. The 1999 papers and abstracts should follow shortly.

Wondering if Richlab1 (or Richlab2) have crashed? Check the web home page. At the bottom are hourly updated server "uptimes". When you click on the link you will be shown a status log of that server as well.

Richlab1:

No crashes in the last 4 weeks at all!

Richlab2:

Fairly steady-but-slow and stable.

CDServer1:

Rocksteady and up for over 55 days

Web Server:

Rocksteady and up over 55 days

The **Richardson Amphitheatre Data Projector** seems to be repaired and is back up and running.

File storage structure (an overview)

*All of the security restrictions listed below do *NOT* apply to the system administrator, who by definition*

needs to be able to access everything in order to do backups, scan for viruses, etc.

The benefits of storing data files on the file server Richlab1 are: access by other people (sharing files), restricted access security in place and tape backups on a regular basis.

Storing data files on your local drives (C, D or E) is usually less reliable as hard drives do fail, you may not have a backup system in place, and there is no security to prevent any other PATHNET account holder from logging onto your machine and accessing those files.

g:\general

Everyone has full read/write access. Meant for semi permanent storage of files such as minutes, agendas, etc of interest to everyone.

G:\general\transfer

is a good place to transfer files from one person to another. Not meant for permanent storage... delete the files when you are done!

G:\sec

Main day to day storage area for faculty and secretaries

g:\sec\yourlastname

Full read/write access by yourlastname and all secretaries. Used to store non confidential day-day material ie, CV's grant proposals, regular correspondence.

G:\sec\yourlastname\fac

Full read/write access by yourlastname and their immediate secretary(ies) only. Used for confidential material ie ML Autopsy reports, exam questions, special correspondence.

Don't overclassify your material. In many cases there is only one secretary with access to this area and if they are away, how are you going to get at your CV/other files?

G:\users\yourlastname

Your "home" directory. Only you have access to this.

We are currently using about 6 Gb out of 10 Gb available (that's 6000 Mb).

Microsoft Outlook:

We still haven't figured out how to get coloured indicators on the calendar section, denoting different types of days (eg holidays). Most glitches have been worked out in the calendar software.

If you haven't already, don't forget to import Canadian Holidays into your calendar.

(Tools, Options, Calendar, add holidays)

Microsoft Office 97:

This package was installed over the last month or so on workstations. We actually have licences for MS Office 2000 but decided to wait to install that new version until the hospital and university as a whole upgrade as well, for file compatibility and training program reasons.

Both KGH and Queen's offer MS Office training sessions. Sign up for one today!

Netscape: Having trouble with your on-line banking?

Could it be you're using a version of Netscape older than **4.06**? If you are, your security certificates expired at midnight, 31 December 1999. The folks at Netscape suggest that "you should update your browser to ensure a continued smooth experience while conducting secure online transactions such as shopping." While this is not truly a Y2K bug, the glitch shows up after the New Year so the distinction is moot. This applies to both the PC and the MacOS versions of Netscape. Here in Pathology our standard installation of Netscape is **v4.71** (128 bit security).

Queen's ITS Training

The following non-credit hands-on workshops still have seats available. Registration is required for all workshops and can be done via the NEW on-line registration form

located on the ITS Education webpage
<http://noteswww.queensu.ca/ITS/cscourse3.nsf>
 Once you create your "Personal Profile" you can register for and/or cancel from courses just by returning to your "Personal Profile".

Workshops are available only for Queen's faculty, staff and students. Course descriptions are available from a link on the registration page, or go directly to
<http://www.its.queensu.ca/educ/description.html>



"It was precisely at this point that we crashed and burned."

Workshops:

MS Word 97/2000: Mail Merge, February 1, 9:30-11am

MS Word 97/2000: Document Layout, February 1, 1:30-3pm

MS PowerPoint 97/2000: Tables & Graphs, February 2, 9:30-11am

Web Publishing Colour, Images & Backgrounds, February 2, 2-3:30pm

MS Excel 97/2000: Level 1, February 3, 9:30am-noon

MS Excel 97/2000: Level 2, February 4, 9:30am-noon

MS Word 97/2000: Level 1, February 8, 9:30am-noon

Introduction to Web Publishing in Windows, February 9, 1:30-4pm

MS PowerPoint 97/2000: Beyond the Basics, February 10, 9:30am-noon

MS Word 97/2000: Level 2, February 11, 9:30am-noon

MS Word 97/2000 Tables, February 14, 12:05-12:55 PM

MS Office 97/2000 Document Integration, February 15, 9:30am-11am

Exporting PowerPoint Presentations to the Web, February 16, 9:30-11am

Laptop and Data Projector:

The laptop has started a run of BSOD (Blue Screen of Death) and is/was scheduled for a reformat and reinstall of the operating system and all software on Monday Feb 7th.

Software Archives:

Looking for software? Wallpaper? Screen Savers?

Then look to our CDSERVER1

From your desktop,
 choose network neighbourhood,
 cdserv1
 software

Looking for word perfect clipart? Goto graphics

Looking for wallpaper? Goto wallpaper

Article Submissions

SUBMISSION DATE: Pathology News will be mailed to all faculty, housestaff, graduate students, and anyone who requests it on the Friday following the first Monday of the month. The next deadline date for submission will be **Monday, March 6th, 2000**

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