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Pathology News

For Your Info

Queen’s Benefits carrier has changed as of July 1st from Canada Life to Great-West Life. If you have not received your new information packet and card, contact Human Resources as soon as possible.

Appointments, Awards & Professional Activities

KGH Staff Recognition Awards
This is a twice-annual award given to those who demonstrate outstanding contributions above and beyond their job descriptions. Among the other KGH employees, Suzanne Torgerson, Technologist, Hematology Lab and Debbie Bosman, Technologist, Chemistry Lab each received this award.

Dr. Sandip SenGupta has been elected Vice-President of the Ontario Association of Pathologists for the upcoming year at the Annual General Meeting of the OAP held in Toronto on June 7. He was also elected Chair of the Tariff Committee of the OMA Section of Laboratory Medicine at the OMA Meeting in May.

Next year’s OAP Annual Meeting will be its 60th and will be held at the Isaiah Tubbs Resort in Prince Edward County in June 1997. Given that this meeting is virtually in our backyard, a strong Queen’s presence will be solicited. Residents and faculty should keep this target in mind for posters and proffered paper presentations.

Milestones:
25 years: Dianne Armstrong (Microbiology)
20 years: Aimee Shannon (Microbiology)
15 years: Donna Meeker (Microbiology), Margaret Morrow (Histopathology),
10 years: David Piper (Clinical Labs)

Calendar of Events

Department of Pathology Research Seminars: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm
Richardson Amphitheatre, Richardson Labs
Cancelled for the rest of the summer... to resume in September.

General News

Ever driven 8000+ km in under 2 weeks? Kevin has... and as a result is still in other time zones. Please excuse the vacant vacuous eyes, or any sudden trembling shudders that you may notice from time to time.

Visiting the UK? Spending a Sabbatical There? if so, the Academic Relations Unit, Canadian High Commission, London, would like to hear from you. The Academic Relations Unit promotes teaching, research, and publication about Canada in the UK, and academic linkages with the UK. Together with the British Association for Canadian Studies, they offer speaking and other opportunities for visiting
Canadian academics, and contact with over 300 Canadianists in nearly 100 UK universities.

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Resident's Column

No news this month

Question: Do Residents get diagnostic training in the following?

The headline: "Pillsbury Dough Boy Wanted for Attempted Murder"

A lady named Linda went to Arkansas last week to visit her in-laws, and while there, went to a store. She parked next to a car with a woman sitting in it, her eyes closed and hands behind her head, apparently sleeping.

When Linda came out a while later, she again saw the woman, her hands still behind her head but with her eyes open. The woman looked very strange, so Linda tapped on the window and said "Are you okay?"

The woman answered "I’ve been shot in the head, and I am holding my brains in."

Linda didn’t know what to do, so she ran into the store, where store officials called the paramedics. They had to break into the car because the door was locked. When they got in, they found that the woman had bread dough on the back of her head and in her hands.

A Pillsbury biscuit cannister had exploded, apparently from the heat in the car, making a loud explosion like that of a gunshot, and hit her in the head. When she reached back to find what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She passed out from fright at first, then attempted to hold her brains in.

Graduate News

Looking for Yotis? He’s off in Grenoble, France learning how to ski for a whole year! Actually he is continuing his Ph.D.
Nader Rahimi defended his Ph.D. ... in only 2 years since he started.

Welcome new Grad students... most of you will not be arriving until September but what the heck... Hi!

Suzanne Abu-Abed (Dr. Petkovich), Sarah Ely (Dr. Kisilevksy), Chungyan Li (Dr. Kisilevksy), Kelley Wilton (Dr. Lillicrap), Kimberly Wynd (Dr. Lillicrap)

Karen Ambus will be defending her M.Sc. this month!
Denise Campbell will be defending her Ph.D. in August!
Yotis Senis defended his M.Sc. This month, mere hours before being seen leaving the country!

Please contact Bruce Elliott (Graduate Coordinator, email elliottb@qcedn.queensu.ca) if you have suggestions for interesting out-of-town speakers for the research series starting in the fall.

Updated versions of the Department Rules & Regs for Grad Studies will be distributed to students early in September... keep your eyes open for them.

A blatant ad:
Are you working hard and feeling like you are going nowhere? Student Counselling service presents: GUNG-

HO! (No, not the Michael Keaton movie) - Work together!
Six structured sessions designed to produce and support forward movement in graduate work. If you are interested, please call the student counselling service at 545-2893

Undergraduate News:

We have several 3rd/4th years students who have “bagged” a researcher for Path420, the thesis course in Life Sciences for 1996/97 but we do not know which student matches up with which researcher. If you have taken on a student, please contact jean Guindon and let her know their name(s).

Grants & Deadlines

International Program for Animal Alternatives - Proctor & Gamble

Proctor & Gamble Company has a grant program to support research in developing validated alternatives for the use of animals. This is an international program. Deadline for applications is August 1, 1996. Grants are up to a maximum of $50,000/year for a period of up to three years. For more information call Dr. A. Clark’s office, Faculty of Medicine.

International Union Against Cancer

Dr. Clark’s office, Faculty of Medicine has information from the International Union Against Cancer about fellowship programs and training grants in cancer. At the moment, the International Cancer Research Fellowships is under review and they are not accepting applications. There are oncology nursing fellowships, cancer study grants and technology transfer fellowships. If you have questions or would like to see material they have received please contact the faculty office.

NSERC Reallocations Exercise

Barb in Dr. Manley’s office has a letter from Tom Brzustowski, President of NSERC, outlining the proposed process for the Reallocation Exercise. It is...
important that researchers participate in the input into this process both through the Grant Selection Committee structures and in defining communities that cross GSC boundaries. See Barb if you would like a copy of this letter.

**Focus on Research**

No submission this month

This space is intended for researchers to say a little bit about events in their labs. Since this doesn’t seem to be happening, some of you lab workers are going to be drafted real soon now! :)

An American laboratory sent some data to an English lab using the Metric notation grams per cubic centimeter. The English lab sent back the data with the comment "This is an English laboratory. WE do not use the METRIC system. Please send the data back to us in English measurements."

The American laboratory sent back the data in stones per royal firkin.

**The Dieu News**

No submission this month

**The KGH Connection**

Submitted by Shirley McDonald

- **Teleconferences/Education for July:** No teleconferences for July.
- **CPR - Basic Rescuer:** Thursday July 11 at 0900-1700 hrs
- **CPR - Heart Saver:** Wednesday, July 31 at 0830-1230 hrs

- **Hospital Renovations/Construction**
  - Safety upgrades are being done in the Nickel wing (eg. stairwells, fire doors)
  - The Watkins elevator will be "down" until the end of August for a major safety upgrade

- **Miscellaneous**
  - Connell 10 is closed for July and August

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

No report.

**Health & Safety Report**

A reminder that the single biggest no-no of the summer are open-toed shoes in the laboratory. Protect your tootsies!

**Buy Sell & Trade**

Doesn’t look like anything to buy sell or trade this month.

**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

**Library News**

Effective Friday July 12th, our departmental account at Bracken Library for the OVID information system will have its password changed. This is a normal event which happens every 6 months or so in an effort to maintain a minimal level of security.

Continue to use the current password until it stops working (the new one is scheduled to kick in early Friday morning but to date this has been highly variable... sometimes not until a day or three later).

I have hand delivered a page with the new password on it to faculty members within Douglas and Richardson. Students and others will have to stop by my desk in Richardson 201 to pick it up.

In our department library, workstation #4 has been removed (for the foreseeable future) as machines are moved around based on the demand.

**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:

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**What's new in WinPMail v2.4**
WinPMail (Pegasus Mail for Windows) v2.4 has a number of important enhancements over previous versions (and will be installed sometime in July):

**Global Folder Search** Pegasus Mail now allows you to search for words and phrases across all your folders. The search results are weighted by relevance, the most likely candidates appearing at the top of the list. To activate the folder search, open the Folder Manager window and choose Find text from the Edit menu.

**Hot URLs** Pegasus Mail's message reader now highlights WorldWide Web links (URLS) and allows you to double click them to activate your web browser. Hot URLs and the web browser Pegasus Mail invokes can be configured using the Clickable Links option on the Preferences menu.

**Support for system colours** If you would prefer WinPMail to use your system colours in its list controls, check the control labelled Use system colours in list windows in the General Preferences dialog.

There are also a number of small fixes over previous versions of the program, including improvements in the way the ToolTips work.