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FYI

Thank You
A note from Alessandra Duncan: “Dear Colleagues, A small note to express my appreciation for your good wishes and farewell gift. Please keep in touch and be sure to call me if in Montreal. With warm regards, Alessandra”.

Reminder!!
Queen’s Work Study

Program
The Work Study Program has a shortage of jobs. They have over 100 students with entitlements ranging from 75-250 hours that are still looking for work. The employers only pay 25% of the students’ salary, the program pays the remaining 75%. If you are interested in hiring a student call Career Services for an Employer Application form. If you have any questions call Jim Wilson, Work Study Coordinator at 4044 or Karen Green, Student Awards at 7113.

Milestones for KGH
20 years - Dr. David Dexter, Bernard Sargeant
10 years - Dr. Sally Ford
5 years - Eric Tremblay

December Holiday Closing
Normal university operations for most (but not all) departments will close at noon, Wednesday, December 24 and reopen Monday, January 5, 1998.

Upcoming Events

Richardson Get-Together
Don’t forget the monthly Richardson get-together on Tuesday the 11th, at 10:00 am in Richardson 3 Lounge.
Birthdays (that we know of) for the month are: Carla Cuthbert, Dave Piper and Yagang Xie.

KGH Lunch hour Aerobic Step-Class
Fall Session: October, November and December Monday to Friday inclusive
$40 (Make cheque payable to KGH Fitness)
12:05 - 12:50
Burr Wing - Bawden Gym
For more information call Pam Pero, KGH ext. 4496

Canadian Council on Animal Care Assessment Visit - December 2 & 3, 1997
The CCAC visits each institution every 3 years. They will next be visiting Queen’s University on December 2 & 3, 1997. During this time, they will tour and review the state of our animal holding facilities and the University Animal Care Committee (UACC) procedures. They will also review specific protocols and visit laboratories to which animals are taken for experimental procedures. It is important that we are prepared for this visit. Investigators should have current protocols which adequately describe all the procedures being performed on animals, techniques being performed on animals should adhere to current standards, drugs, surgery and narcotics logs are current, laboratories are clean and uncluttered, etc.

In preparation for the site visit, the UACC will be making visits to as many of the units and laboratories as possible. It is important that animals not be housed for significant periods of time in individual laboratories, if this is not described in the animal use protocol.

The CCAC site visit teams normally request interviews with specific researchers after they have read the protocols. Hence, on December 2 & 3, you may be asked to meet with one or more of the site visitors.

If you have any Questions please contact Dr. A. Clark at Queen’s 2494 or Dr. P. Turner at Queen’s 2187.

Christmas Party
This year’s Annual Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 5, 1997 at the Harbour Restaurant. Tickets are now being printed and will be on sale soon. The price will be the same as last year: $10.00/person.

Positions Available & Wanted
Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto
Applications are invited for a staff pathologist position involving research, teaching and service in a progressive teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto. Applicants must have the FRCPC qualification in Anatomical Pathology or equivalent and must be eligible for licensure in the Province of Ontario. Please send applications including curriculum vitae and the names of three referees to: Dr. Kenneth P.H. Pritzker, Pathologist-in-Chief, Director, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1X5.

Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation & St. Joseph’s Hospital, Hamilton
Applications are invited for the position of Chief of Laboratory Medicine. The successful candidate will be a clinician or laboratory scientist of established credibility and who has insight into all the major disciplines of laboratory medicine. Strong administrative and excellent communication skills will be necessary. The candidate will be expected to encourage and promote academic/scholarly activities. The successful candidate will be able to assume responsibilities no later than January 1, 1998. Please submit a letter of application and curriculum vitae no later than Friday, November 14, 1997 to: Ms. M. Gracey, Search Committee Secretary, Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation, General Campus, 237 Barton Street East, 7 North, Room 718, Hamilton, Ontario, L8L 2X2. Fax: 905-546-1861.

Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation
Applications are invited for the position of Laboratory Systems Interface Specialist. The successful applicant will be responsible for development and maintenance of the regional interfaces on the Interface Engine between the different laboratory information systems in the Hamilton-Wentworth region. Responsibilities include developing and refining the communication protocols to link the LIS’s; maintaining the communication links; developing and refining linkages and then maintaining the systems; maintaining test tables (translations and routing) on the interface engine; managing the Interface Engine logs and audit files; and resolving errors on error logs. Success demands a diploma/degree in Computer Studies as well as experience and knowledge in the UNIX Operating System. Solid experience with Interface Engine, preferable DATAGATE is essential, as are proficient C programming and computer networking skills. If you are interested please submit your resume by November 7, 1997 to: Human Resources, McMaster Campus, Box 2000, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 3Z5. Fax: 905-577-7773.

Faculty of Positions at University of Iowa
The Department of Pathology at the University of Iowa is recruiting faculty in several areas of Anatomical and Clinical Pathology. In the Division of Anatomical Pathology they are interested in individuals with solid credentials in surgical pathology and cytopathology. In addition, individuals with expertise in dermatopathology and renal pathology. These faculty positions are in the tenure track and in the non-tenure (clinical) track.

The Division of Transfusion Medicine has a faculty opening in the tenure track for an individual who has completed fellowship training in transfusion medicine, and who has solid research credentials in immunology or developmental biology, including stem cell biology.

The academic rank of appointment and the salary are commensurate with the applicant’s previous experience.
and qualifications. The Department of Pathology at the University of Iowa is a large academic department with an excellent faculty, staff and trainees, and has strong, successful programs in clinical service, education and training, and in biomedical research. Interested applicants should contact: Richard G Lynch, MD, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, (ML-144), College of Medicine, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242, USA. Tel: 319-335-8232, Fax: 319-335-8348.

Lab Tech or Research Assistant
Mr. Xuejiang Shi is looking for a position as a laboratory technician or research assistant. If you would like to see a copy of his CV please see Barb in Dr. Manley’s office.

Research Events

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

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December 23 Merry Xmas

Undergraduate News
Path410/824 Midterm was written last week but the marking is still underway.

Grants & Deadlines

Botterell Fund
This fund supports research in the neurological sciences. Submit applications on Faculty of Health Sciences forms, original & 2 copies. Deadline November 10, 1997.

Garfield Kelly Cardiovascular Research and Development Fund
This fund can support basic or clinical studies in cardiovascular function in health or disease. Applications should be submitted on Faculty of Health Sciences forms, original & 4 copies. Amounts requested should normally not exceed $5,000. Applications should be received in Research Services by November 10, 1997.

Violet E. Powell Fund
This fund supports research in encephalitis. Applications should be submitted on Faculty of Health Sciences forms, original & 4 copies. Applications should be received in Research Services by November 10, 1997.

Bickell Foundation
Grants are to assist biomedical scientists with medical research. Applications from newly appointed academic staff receive priority. New, innovative projects receive priority. Deadline for applications to Research Services is Monday, November 17, 1997, an original & 2 copies. For a copy of guidelines see Barb in Dr. Manley’s office.

All of the above grants should be submitted with a completed Data Summary and Signature Sheet.

Medical Research Council Visit
On November 24 and 25, 1997 the Faculty of Health Sciences and its partners in the Southeastern Ontario Health Sciences Center will host a meeting of the Medical Research Council at Queen’s University. Apart from the formal meeting of Council to discuss MRC activities and affairs, Dr. G Flynn would like to demonstrate to the MRC and the community at large our interest and expertise in health and health care research. There will be an open forum with Dr. Henry Friesen and the staff of the MRC on Monday, November 24th to be held at the Queen’s Biosciences Complex from 2:00-4:00 pm. Following this Dr. Flynn would like to have a poster session from as many researchers as possible demonstrating the variety of research activities that take place within the Health Sciences Center. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this presentation. Submit your ideas and suggestions for posters to Dr. Flynn.

The John Charles Polanyi Prizes, 1998
Applications are being sought for the John Charles Polanyi Prizes, 1998. This fund was established to provide prizes to outstanding researchers in the early stages of their career who are continuing to post-doctoral studies at an Ontario university. Each applicant must be sponsored by
the Dean of the Graduate School. The deadline for the dean to receive 12 copies is January 16, 1998. For a copy of the conditions and procedures see Barb in Dr. Manley’s office.

Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of Canada Opportunities
Grants in Aid of Research - deadline November 1, 1997
Clinical Research Fellowships - deadline November 15, 1997
The Armstrong Ontario Fellowship in Nutritional Sciences Related to Inflammatory Bowel Disease - deadline November 15, 1997
Innovations in IBD Research: A Special Competition - deadline November 1, 1997
Summer Student Scholarships - deadline January 5, 1998
Student Book Prize
Applications must be submitted through the department and should reach the Office of Research Services seven (7) working days before the deadline. All applications must be accompanied by a completed Research Data Summary and Signature Sheet. An extra copy of the application should be provided for ORS files. For further information please contract Laurie Vaughan-Evans at Queen’s extension 6081.

Gertrude B. Elion Cancer Research Award
This is a one year grant ($30,000) for a scientist in the US or Canada engaged in meritorious basic, clinical, or translational research in cancer etiology, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention at the level of non-tenured Assistant Professor. The AACR will reimburse the Awardee for travel to the 1998 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, where Dr. Elion will personally present this award. Candidates must have completed postdoctoral studies or clinical fellowships not later than July 1 of the Award year, and ordinarily not more than five years earlier. Tenured faculty in academia, permanent federal government employees, and employees or private industry are not eligible for this award. Deadline for applications is December 15, 1997. The Website URL is http://www.aacr.org/awards.htm

Schizophrenia/MRC Fellowships
This program provides full time training awards in the areas of molecular genetics, imaging and biochemistry of the central nervous system with special emphasis on schizophrenia. Please use MRC form 18. Deadline for applications is November 1 and April 1. Applications must be submitted through the department and should reach the Office of Research Services seven (7) working days before the deadline. All applications must be accompanied by a completed Research Data Summary and Signature Sheet. An extra copy of the application should be provided for ORS files. For further information contact ORS at Queen’s 6081.

NSERC IRF and USRA Programs
Industrial Research Fellowships

Industrial Undergraduate Student

Research Awards Programs
There are 550 USRA’s available each year to eligible students from all Canadian universities with an undergraduate program in the fields falling within NSERC’s mandate. For more information regarding the NSERC Programs see Barb in Dr. Manley’s office.

NSERC Fellowships for Research in Japan
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers
Science and Technology Agency (STA) Fellowships
Applicants must hold a doctoral degree, preferably received within the last 5 years. As a limited number of these awards are available to Canadians, interested persons should contact NSERC before preparing applications. NSERC - Tel: 613-996-2009, fax: 613-996-2589, e-mail: cep@nserc.ca

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
1. Research Grants in Intellectual Disability - deadline April 30 each year
2. Major Research Grants in Intellectual Disability - deadline April 30 each year. For more information contact Office of Research Services, Queen’s 6081.

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation
This is a call for preliminary proposals in the form of letters of intent. There are four general topic areas: 1) restructuring of health services; 2) access to, needs for and benefits of health services; 3) further development of the health system; 4) knowledge transfer and application. An original plus five copies of letters of intent and accompanying...
documents must be received in the offices of the Foundation on or before December 15, 1997, but must be submitted through the department and should reach the Office of Research Services seven working days before the deadline. For more information contact the Office of Research Services at Queen’s 6081.

NCIC Personnel Awards
Applications
Application forms can be downloaded from their website at: http://www.research.cancer.ca/
The NCIC manual, Support for Research and Training, is also available from the website. NCIC provided the following personnel awards: a Canadian Cancer Society Research Scientist Award; Terry Fox Post PHD and Post MD Research Fellowships; Terry Fox Clinical Research Fellowships. The deadline for applications is February 3, 1998. Applications must be submitted through the department and should reach the ORS 7 working days before the deadline. All applications must be accompanied by a completed Research Data Summary and Signature Sheet. An extra copy of the application should be provided for ORS files. For more information contact ORS at Queen’s 6081.

KGH News

Teleconferences/ Education for November:
There are no teleconferences booked for November.

Hospital Renovations
Department of Surgery offices (Douglas 3) are moving to Victory November 5.

Miscellaneous
- Waste Reduction Week is November 3-9. Environmental Services is awarding two cash prizes for original waste reduction ideas in two categories:
  - individual who constructs the most original invention from reusable items
  - children of KGH employees for the most original drawing with a Waste Reduction theme
A Waste Reduction Fair will be held on November 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the C3 Old Cafeteria, where entries will be displayed. Contact Environmental Services for details.
- The market truck will be available at the Davies entrance November 7 and 21.
- United Way events:
  - 50/50 draw November 21 - tickets available from the Cashier, Main Entrance
  - New Book Sale November 13 & 14 (0800 - 1700 hrs) in the C3 Old Cafeteria

What's Happening in the Labs?
No report.

Library News

Remember the stacks of journals and books that were on the library floor for the last little while? Well, there are all gone now. Some went to new homes in various other departments and floors in the Hospital and anything left over went into the Great Recycling Bin.

All 6 workstations are up and running in the library. They are all numbered 1-6 and labelled as such. If you have any problems to report to Kevin, please note which machine it is!
The 100Mb Iomega ZIP drive has been moved off the flatbed#1 workstation as it was interfering with the software, onto workstation #5. All of the library machines are networked together, not only sharing the
printer but also allowing you to transfer files amongst those systems (eg from the Flatbed Scanner to the Zip Drive).

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ealth & Safety News

Subject: RADIATION SAFETY TRAINING

One of the conditions of our AECB Licence is that all users of radioactive material must be trained to work with radioactive prescribed substances and be informed of the hazards involved.

We have set up four training sessions during the month of November. These sessions will be held in the Employee Development Centre (Rideau Building Room 344). Enrollment for each session is limited to 20 participants. It is recommended that as many people as possible from any one lab attend the same session.

Dates for these sessions are as follows:

Monday Nov 17: 1:00 - 4:00
Thursday Nov 20: 9:00 - 12:00
Thursday Nov 20: 1:00 - 4:00
Friday Nov 21: 9:00 - 12:00

To register for these sessions, please e-mail Mary Pople poplem@post.queensu.ca or phone Q-2999.
Thank you, John Bullock
University Radiation Safety Officer

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etwork News

E-Mail flow in and out of the Department for October was 6,319 items. October last year showed a total of 3,976 items.

WHY WE'RE ALL SO TIRED
For a couple years I’ve been blaming it on iron poor blood, lack of vitamins, dieting and a dozen other maladies. But now I found out the real reason.

I'm tired because I'm overworked.

The population of this country is 30 million. 10 million are retired. That leaves 20 million to do the work.

There are 10 million in school, which leave 10 million to do the work. Of this there are 5 million employed by the federal government. This leaves 5 million to do the work.

One million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 4 million to do the work.

Take from the total the 3,800,000 people who work for Provincial and City Government and that leaves 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 in hospitals, so that leaves 12,000 to do the work.

Now, there are 11,998 people in Prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work.

You and me.

And you're sitting there playing around on email.

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athology 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 Tuesday December 2nd, 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
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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