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## From the Head

No submission this month

## For Your Info

The Department has received a copy of the Queen's University Faculty and Staff Workplace Survey Report. The objective of this report is to assess the perceptions of faculty and staff regarding Queen's as a workplace, organizationally, departmentally and at the individual level. If you would like to review this report Dr. Manley's office has a copy as well there are copies in the university libraries.

# FYI - The correct procedure for a person exposed to blood products in the workplace is as follows:

When the exposure occurs during the time that Employee Health Services is open, the person should **immediately** report there. If the exposure occurs outside the time that Employee Health is open, the person should go **immediately** to the Emergency department. There is an established protocol which is used in the event of blood or body fluid exposure.

The individual is assessed by one of the people on call for specifically for this service (Drs. S. Ford, P. Ford, G. Evans and D. Zoutman) or by the Emergency Staff Physician in consultation with these people, as to the significance of the exposure. If the exposure is thought to be significant, the individual is offered chemotherapy for a period of six weeks, and is counselled regarding the need for safer sex etc. and is given the opportunity for continued supportive counselling. A preliminary (non-nominal) HIV test is done at this time, and retesting is offered at six weeks, three and six months. If a significant exposure has taken place, it is

**essential** that chemotherapy is given as soon as possible after the exposure, preferably within one hour. Chemotherapeutic "starter packs" are held in Emergency.

As a result of the 1996-97 budget cuts **Bracken Library** will urgently need to start charging for interlibrary loans.

Effective immediately, all borrowers will be charged \$3.00 for each document delivery request. Requested items found in the Bracken Library collection will be photocopies and charged the same \$3.00 per item. Therefore the new pink form is the only one necessary to request **ANY** photocopy or book loan.

Please recycle the former blue and white forms and obtain more pink forms from the library (545-2510).

Items paid by account code will be sent by campus mail. Items paid by cash will be kept at the Circulation Desk. For the latter, no notification will be given when the articles have arrived, please check regularly at the Circulation Desk.

#### **Good Laboratory Practice**

Dr. Francis Richmond is looking for members of Faculty who might be interested in conducting at least a subset of their research as **Good Laboratory Practice** (**GLP**). As you know, it is necessary to have such a system if we are to obtain contracts from many industries and agencies. If you have an interest in establishing GLP, would you please contact Dr. Richmond in the Department of Physiology.

# OCGS Appraisal of the Programs in Pathology

Dr. Manley recently received a letter from R.J. Anderson, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research that the Masters and doctoral programs in Pathology have been classified as of GOOD QUALITY and approved to continue. This is the highest appraisal

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outcome. Assuming the same review schedule, the department will not have to submit another report for seven years.

There are requests of the Appraisals Committee regarding special matters which they would like addressed in the next appraisal.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sandip and Smita SenGupta on the birth of their son, Neil, weighing in at a whopping 10 lb 7 oz. [Ed note: What's that in kilos?]



# Appointments, Awards & Professional Activities

# Queen's University Prize for Excellence in Research

Bob Kisilevsky was presented with the Queen's University Prize for Excellence in Research at the fall Convocation at the School of Graduate Studies. The following is the citation that appeared in the convocation program:

"Dr. Kisilevsky was born and schooled in Montreal at Baron Byng High School and at McGill University. He graduated magna cum laude in Biochemistry and was then admitted to medical school. Bob progressively committed himself to a research career and combined training in anatomic pathology with a PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Pittsburgh. He arrived at Queen's in 1970 after an MRC Fellowship at University College Medical School in London, England and has served as Chair of Pathology and Pathologist-in-Chief of the Hotel Dieu and Kingston General Hospitals.

Dr. Kisilevsky's initial research extended his prior work on the disturbance of protein synthesis during cell injury. It was collaboration with a close friend and another practising pathologist in the Department of Pathology, Michael Axelrad, who subsequently died from amyloidosis that led to this Prize for Excellence in Research. Dr. Kisilevsky began to focus his research on the pathogenesis of amyloidosis and more recently its relationship to Alzheimer's Disease and atherosclerosis. He is recognized as an international authority on amyloidosis, has published extensively, and has been the recipient of continuous competitive research funding. Recently he has attracted international venture capital to his research program through PARTEQ.

The reasons for Dr. Kisilevsky's discovery of basic principles underlying the pathogenesis of amyloidosis and its translation into pharmacological approaches to preventing Alzheimer's disease are complex. Some relate to serendipity, friendship and intelligence. Others are features he has exhibited in his two major sporting outlets, sprinting as a youth and presently squash competition against international standards, focussing on strengths and playing with a select and small group. He has been recognized by major granting agencies in Canada and the United States and by national prizes through the Canadian Association of Pathologists - William Boyd Lectureship and the Prix d'Excellence - Claude P. Beaubien of the Alzheimer's Society".

#### Milestones

Dr. Lewis Tomalty - 10 years

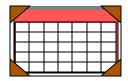
### **Positions Available** Tenure-Stream Position

The Department of Pathology, University of Toronto is seeking applicants for a tenure-stream position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor available July 1, 1997. They are interested in individuals studying the molecular and cellular biology of differentiation and its relationship to neoplasia. Candidates must have a PhD or equivalent and have an established funded research program. Teaching experience at the graduate level is an important asset.

The successful candidate is expected to maintain an independent research program and interact with other investigators in the Department and of the Faculty of Medicine. The successful candidate is expected to actively participate in graduate and undergraduate teaching. The Department of Pathology has investigators on the University of Toronto campus and at the major teaching hospitals in Toronto and features several areas of strong molecular research in mechanisms of disease.

Applicants should send curriculum vitae, description of their research accomplishments and the focus of their planned research program by **November 30, 1996**. Letters of reference from three individuals familiar with the candidate should be sent directly to the Chair of the Tenure Stream Position Search Committee, Department of Pathology, University of Toronto, 100 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1L5.

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## **Calendar of Events**

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

Date Speaker

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November 12	Ms Leah Young	
November 19	Lawrence Martens, Jonathan Pollett	
November 26	Mr. Kurt Almquist	
December 2	Dr. Charis Eng, Harvard University	
December 3	Dr. John Bell, Ottawa Regional Cancer Ctr	
December 10	Mr. David Hipfner	
December 17	Ms Megan Begbie / Mr. Lee Fraser	
Happy Holidays Everyone!		

## **General News**

Canada Savings Bonds at Queens will be paid in full as of October 31st and have been delivered to the University. The current plan is to mail the bonds via campus mail starting Monday November 4th. You may actually receive them before this newsletter.

Friday December 6, 1996 - Olympic Harbour - Dinner & Dance - Fun, Food, Frolic - notices and tickets sooooon!! \$10 / person Annual Christmas Party (KGH, Queen's, HDH)

#### **Bracken Library**

Over the last few years, Bracken Library has, under fiscal constraints, reduced its monographs and serials acquisitions. In 1990, Bracken subscribed to 1411 journals. Bracken currently subscribes to 998 journals. The projected figure for 1997 is 743 titles. (These figures exclude journals transferred from Biology.) The reasons for this reduction are two-fold: no increases or cutbacks in the budget and substantial increases in journal subscription prices.

This information was contained in the Summer 1996 Newsletter of the Bracken Library; concerned readers were asked to contact Steve Iscoe, Chair, Bracken Library Committee. To date, he has received less than a dozen replies.

Complaints to the Administration will carry little weight given the apparent apathy of the vast majority of users. Thus, if you have concerns about Bracken Library, now is the time to express your opinion. Please send any comments to Steve Iscoe, Dept. of Physiology, via regular mail, fax 545-6880, or e-mail iscoes@post.queensu.ca

## Resident's Column

No submission this month

## **Graduate News**

No submission this month

# **Undergraduate News:**

Path 410/824 midterm was held last week. Marks are expected in from the Faculty this week and statistical results by next week.

## **Grants & Deadlines**

## PMAC-Health research Foundation, Research Career Awards in Health Sciences

Due to significant modifications and revisions made to the application forms the deadline for the Research Career Awards in Health Sciences is November 22nd for the 1997-98 competition. Queen's may nominate one candidate. If you have any suggestions, please call Cathy Clare, Faculty of Medicine as soon as possible so she can determine who should prepare an application.

# **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society** of Canada

The ALSSC is now accepting applications for research grants in connection with researches in Amyotrophic Lateral sclerosis. The deadline for the application is **January 31, 1997**. For a copy of the application form and guidelines please see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

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### Oncology Fellowship - Canadian Cancer Society, Nova Scotia Division

The Nova Scotia Division of the Canadian Cancer Society offers an Oncology Fellowship for the purpose of enhancing the research training of an individual through high quality cancer research activities at Dalhousie University. The award will enable the individual to initiate an independent career in clinical relevant research.

This award is open to all
Canadian citizens and landed
immigrants. Applicants must hold an
MD, DDS, or PhD degree in basic
medicine, dentistry, nursing, or health
sciences. Individuals undertaking post
PhD training in the same department in
which they received their predoctoral
training are not eligible for this award.

Deadline for submission is February 28, 1997. For more information and an application, please contact: Executive Director, Canadian Cancer Society, Nova Scotia Division, 5826 South Street, Suite 1, Halifax, NS B3H 1S6. Telephone 902-423-6183, fax 902-429-6563 or e-mail: nstn3332@fox.nstn.ca

The Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative has announced a Request for Applications with a deadline of February 3rd, 1997. For more info See Barb Latimer.

# NSERC Fellowships for Research in Japan

NSERC accepts applications from Canadian citizens for the following fellowship programs:

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers - tenable at a Japanese university, in any field in the natural sciences, health sciences, social sciences, humanities, or engineering.

Science and Technology Agency (STA) Fellowships - tenable at a Japanese national laboratory, in any field in the natural sciences, health sciences or engineering permanent residents of Canada are also eligible for these 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. For further information contact NSERC at: Tel. 613-996-3635; fax. 613-996-2589; e-mail, cms@nserc.ca.

# Bayer/Canadian Red Cross Society R&D Fund

There are two categories of 'intraining' fellowships:

- 1. Studentship offered to graduate students who are undertaking full-time research training leading to a PhD degree. The studentship is awarded directly to the students, with a value of \$15,295 per annum. A yearly research and travel allowance of \$1,000/annum is provided with each studentship.
- 2. Research Fellowship an 'intraining' award intended to support highly qualified post-doctoral candidates for full-time research training in the field of blood products research. The value of each fellowship is related to the number of years of academic experience since obtaining the health professional degree. Those holding a PhD (or equivalent) degree will receive a stipend level based on the number of years of academic experience since obtaining the degree. A yearly research and travel allowance of \$1,000/annum is provided with each fellowship.

Candidates for the Bayer/CRCS Research Trainee Program are required to complete a Bayer/CRCS Research Trainee Program Application Form -RTP-01. Applications must be forward to the R&D Administrator by February 1 (February Competition), or September 1 (September Competition). Application forms are available from the Faculty of Medicine, Room 237, Botterell Hall.



# Focus on Research

## Kingston General Hospital Pathology Clinical Research Trust Fund

submitted by David Lillicrap As some of you will already know, the KGH Department has recently established a Clinical Research Trust Fund that has derived from monies in the Laboratory Outreach Trust Account. Interest earned from the principal of this fund will be made available in an annual grant competition for investigators with a primary appointment in the Hospital Department of Pathology. It is anticipated that the type of proposals for which funds will be sought will extend from utilization and outcome studies to clinically applied basic research. Support may be provided for supplies, research personnel and in special cases, research related equipment. Travel, graduate student stipends and faculty salaries will not be funded. It is anticipated that ~\$30,000 will be available in the first competition and that individual grants will be limited to a maximum of ~\$10,000.

The research competition will be administered and reviewed by a subcommittee of the Department's Research Advisory Committee. Members of this committee are David Lillicrap (Chairperson), Paul Manley, Gloria Delisle, Iain Young and Albert Clark. Terms of Reference for this Fund and for the competition have been drawn up and the first application deadline will be January 31st 1997, for funding on April 1st 1997. All faculty will receive a more detailed memorandum concerning this competition during December and application forms will be available from the Administrative Office by mid December.

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## The Dieu News

No submission this month



# The KGH Connection



Submitted by Shirley McDonald

# ! Teleconferences/Education for November:

Tues., Nov. 5, 0830-1230 hrs: CPR Heart Saver Tues., Nov. 5, 0830-1230 hrs: "Navigating Change" - CI Skills Development Workshop [Angada 3 classroom - register with Education Services, ext 1357) Thurs., Nov. 7, 0900-1700 hrs: CPR Basic Rescuer

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

#### ! Hospital Renovations

Construction is currently taking place on Connell 3, to accommodate patients.

#### ! Miscellaneous

50/50 draws will be continuing, with draws each pay Friday. Tickets may be purchased in the cafeteria and at the cashier's booth in the main lobby.

# What's Happening in the Labs? FOCUS ON THE CORE

LABORATORY: Construction has \*\*finally\*\* reached an end in the Core Lab. Windows have been installed, shedding lots of light on the situation. More space has been achieved with the removal of offices and walls. The Outreach desk has been moved to the Core Lab, making delivery of specimens from couriers much more efficient. Everyone is invited to come "take a peek" at the changes, and view the Open Concept at work.

# **Health & Safety Report**

A reminder that the Emergency Lighting system in Richardson Laboratory is limited. In the event of a power failure, the emergency lighting (which is battery run) will start up, but is limited to about 30 minutes. At this time ALL POWER will be OFF, unless restored by the PUC. You are advised to vacate the building during this grace period and avoid the unnecessary hazards of exiting in the dark.

## Buy Sell & Trade

Wanted: Futon frame (Queen sized) for use mainly as a couch. No futon... just the frame!; old speakers (working!) from a car audio or home audio system for use as remotes (eg garage)

**ForSale:** orange patterned fabric vertical blinds, 2 clips broken (use duct tape instead) approx 72"x84" \$25; white vinyl vertical blinds approx 72"x84" \$40 Contact Kevin 545-6000 ext 4889



# **Computer Support**

# Contact for Problem/ questions related to:

#### KGH Floors

Pathology Novell Network

- Kevin Kell O-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

### MVS, PCICS, Internet Services, Computing Services questions

- Kevin Kell Q-4889

#### **Computer Hardware**

- Ed Tyerman Q-4901

#### Software

- Kevin Kell Q-4889

#### **Software Licences**

- Dave Piper, Kevin Kell

#### Web Server

The URL for this is:

http://www.path.queensu.ca/
We have translated the Clinical Lab
Manual and put it online as a reference,
listed general descriptions of various
units and their functions. If you have
any other ideas for possible uses (eg a
sample version of the Phase I manual),
please contact Kevin.

Internet connectivity outside from Onet (Ontario) to CANet (Canada) has been flaky to say the least over the last couple of weeks and more recent, connectivity from CANet to the rest of the world. Multiple outages lasting from 10 minutes to several hours have occurred due to a variety of problems. Personally I suspect too high a demand for the bandwidth available.

Windows '95: has a design problem when dealing with Networks, Novell and the Internet. By default, certain features are active when it is installed on a machine. Some of these features have side effects that tend to lock up/randomly attach to and otherwise interfere with the operation of Novell File Servers. Many Universities have banned windows 95 installations for several months while protective measures could be organized. Queen's has started to suffer from this (user upgrades without technical expertise) and has requested that NO ONE install or connect to a network Windows 95 without technical supervision.

## **Pathology Library News**

Nothing this month

## **Queen's Education**

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### **Program**

Registration forms are available from Kevin or the Computing Info Centre in Stauffer Library

**Wednesday Nov 13** 13:30-16:00 Introduction to electronic mail using eudora

Thursday Nov 21 09:30-12:00 Advanced web publishing topics Monday Nov 25 13:30-14:30 Wordperfect to MS Word (Seminar)

All graphics seen in this newsletter are in word perfect 6.1 .wpg format and are available from the Department Novell network. Back Issues of this newsletter are also available from Kevin Kell.

# 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 December 2nd*, 1996

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/sys:general\pathnews (more commonly mapped as drive f).

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.

#### **RETURN TO:**

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FAX: 613-545-2907