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### MastHead Info

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Fort Henry

### Upcoming Events

**University Closed - Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> Victoria Day**

The next holiday is Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>

Care to hull, run, serve or scoop?

The annual **QUSA Strawberry Social** takes place Wednesday June 24, and volunteers are needed for berry duty. If you can help hull berries June 23, or assist with kitchen duties (1/2 hour shifts) June 24, please e-mail the staff association office or call Q-2215.

**FYI**

**Provincial Budget '98**

Budget documents from the May 5<sup>th</sup> Provincial Budget are available in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) on the main pathology server.

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If you prefer you can aim your netscape browser at the following:

<http://www.gov.on.ca/FIN/benglish/index.htm>

### Free wood chips

Due to Ice Storm'98, Queen's Physical Plant Services has a supply of raw wood chips. Bring a shovel, some bags and help yourself. West Campus, northeast corner of Richardson field .

### Summer supplies

Need 40 lbs of Hamburgers? Contact KGH Bulk Food Services They have all kinds of summer food supplies available in extra extra large size.

### Comings and Goings:

We must say goodbye to Melissa Johnson who has worked for Drs. Delisle and Tomalty in Microbiology for the past 3 years. Melissa left on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and has a position in Imaging Services, KGH. Good luck Melissa!

Also leaving is Jean Guindon. Jean's last working day within the department will be Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Stop by Micro on Douglas 3 and say hello to Heather Heard. Heather started on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Queen's News

Registration forms are now available at the PhysEdCentre for the **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty/Staff Golf Tournament**, Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Camden Braes Golf and Country Club. \$26 per person. Registration closes June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will not be accepted by mail or email. Contact Cheryl Gross Q-4828 <[grossc@post.queensu.ca](mailto:grossc@post.queensu.ca)> for more info.

**Convocation Dates:** Thursday May 21, Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Watch out for traffic congestion and parking on those days!

Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>: Queen's Computer Club will be discussing Voice Dictation packages for the IBM, focussing on Dragon Naturally Speaking. Dupuis Hall Auditorium 7:30pm

## The KGH Connection

The final report of the Health Services Restructuring Commission (HSRC) for the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties was released in April. Of significance for us was a major amendment to the HSRC's Notice of Intention (February 1998) which would have consolidated all hospital laboratory services in the Quinte district into the new corporation. It made no reference to the outreach program provided by the Queen's Academic Health Sciences Centre to all three hospitals. Part of the response to the initial report included written representation from Queen's Department of Pathology (submitted by Dr. Sandip SenGupta), at the request of Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital administrator and chief of staff, concerning the shortsightedness of this decision. Our submission highlighted the success of the regional outreach laboratory program in Prince Edward County in particular and noted how the program already meets many of the objectives of the Ministry of Health's laboratory services reform strategy as they relate to development of an integrated regional laboratory system which has affiliation with an academic health sciences centre for diffusion of medical, scientific and technical expertise into the community. The HSRC reviewed this and other related submissions and made changes that are reflected in its directions and advice to the three hospitals. Specifically, in its final report, the HSRC is "directing the hospitals (Belleville, Trenton, Picton) to participate in a broader regional plan, rather than a local Hastings-Prince Edward plan, that also involves the hospitals in Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, Leeds &

Grenville, and Lanark counties. This will ensure that savings from consolidated services can be maximized at all sites". The HSRC has further directed that "a facilitator be appointed by July 31, 1998 to assist all of the region's hospitals to develop and begin implementing by October 31, 1998 a plan for the hospital laboratory and pathology services in Hastings and Prince Edward counties that is consistent with the directions of the Ministry of Health's Laboratory Reform Strategy". Though the time frame is tight, this good news should be viewed as an exciting opportunity for us to be able to participate in a process that leads to enhancement of the clinical services that we provide to the health care providers and their patients throughout the region.

SANDIP K. SENGUPTA, M.D.

## Research News

### Richardson Research Seminars

Tuesday at 4:00 pm in Richardson Amphitheater

May 5th	Susan Abu-Abed, Greg Lo
May 12th	Cancelled until September

### HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SUMMER HAS ARRIVED?

### THE SUMMER STUDENTS ARE HERE!!!!

(aaaaaaaaaaaaah!!!!)

#### WELCOME TO:

Mark Baumgartner, Database Development & Research Assistant for Dr. Rossiter

David Messenger, Research Assistant for Dr. Rossiter

Michael J. Suhonos (Miller) 3-D Image Analysis Research Assistant for Dr. Boag

Dan Waugh, Research Assistant for Dr. Collier

Sue Samson, MRC Studentship with Dr. Mulligan

Lawrence Korngut, Research Assistant with Dr. Mulligan

Kristine J. Roland, Clinical Assistant with Dr. Ford

Ronald Grondin, Clinical Assistant with Dr. Ford

## Clinical News

Beth Robbins (Garrison, who previously worked for Dr. Zoutman in Micro) is now a registered nurse. Only a few weeks after obtaining her licence she accepted a permanent part-time position as an RN here at KGH. During the last four months of her training she consolidated her nursing skills working a full-time schedule on Kidd 7, caring for neurology and neurosurgery patients. Her new position is on Connell 3 where she is broadening her experience, being exposed to a mixture of adult internal medicine cases on that floor. The work load is heavy but Beth is enjoying the patient contact. Congratulations, nurse Robbins!

### Pathology Clinical Trust Fund Results

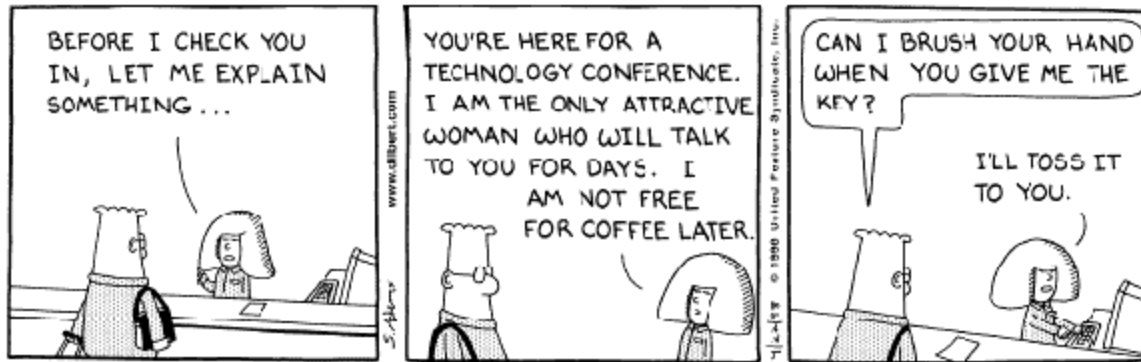
The following projects received funding from the KGH Department of Pathology Clinical Trust Fund:

Dr. R. Kisilevsky - Amyloid Protein: GAGs Binding Motifs as Potential Targets for Anti-Malarial Therapy (\$10,000);

Dr. D. LeBrun - Biological Consequences of Expression of the E2A-PBX1 Leukemogenic Transcription Factor (\$3,719);

Dr. J. Rossiter (Dr. L. Mulligan) - The Expression of the CDNF/RET Ligand Complex Following Peripheral Nerve Axotomy (\$9,970);

Dr. J. Rossiter - Molecular Mediators of Motoneuronal Degeneration (\$10,000).



Cincinnati, OH  
45267-0529,  
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Applications  
will be  
accepted until  
the position is  
filled.

**Johns  
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## Positions Available

### University of Manitoba

The Department of Pathology at the Health Science Centre invites application for a Locum Tenens Position for one year from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, in Anatomical Pathology. Applicants must have FRCPC qualifications in AP and be eligible for licensure in the Province of Manitoba. Please submit applications including curriculum vitae and the names of three references to: Dr. F.W. Orr, Head, Department of Pathology, University of Manitoba at HSC, MS471D - 820 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3A 1R9.

### University of Cincinnati Medical Center

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the UCMC is recruiting a Senior Academic Surgical Pathologist to serve as Director of Surgical Pathology. The applicant should be board certified in Anatomic Pathology and have substantial training and experience in surgical pathology to function as a consultant to other pathologists. Evidence of scholarly pursuits and potential to develop a research program are requirements. Appointment commensurate with accomplishments and experience anticipated at either Associate or Professor rank. Interested applicants should send a CV and the names of five references to Dr. Tito Cavallo, Director, Anatomic Pathology, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 231 Bethesda Avenue,

### Medical Institutions

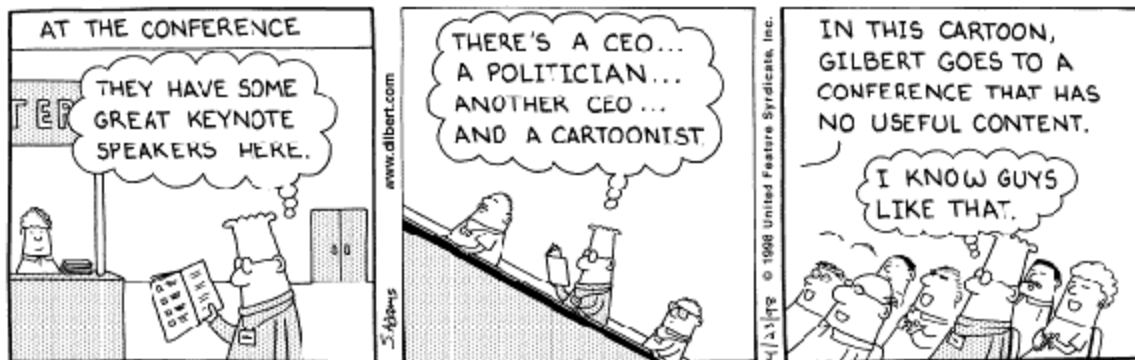
The Department of Pathology, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, has a faculty opening in its Division of Gastrointestinal/Liver Pathology for an individual with significant experience in gastrointestinal and/or liver pathology. The faculty member will be expected to participate in diagnostic surgical pathology on the GI/Liver Pathology service, in training of residents, fellows, and medical students, and to conduct research that is relevant to GI/Liver diseases. Faculty rank will be at the Instructor, Assistant Professor, or Associate Professor level, depending on background and experience. Salary will be commensurate with rank. The Johns Hopkins University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Drug-free and Smoke-free.

If interested in this position, please send a brief description of your background and a copy of your CV to:

Ralph H. Hruban, M.D., Director, GI/Liver Pathology Division, Department of Pathology, Meyer 7-181, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD 21287, Phone: (410) 955-9132, E-mail: [rhruban@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu](mailto:rhruban@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu)

### Work Study Program

The Work Study Program will be running a spring/summer session. The deadline for students to apply for an entitlement is April 24, 1998.



The NORD and the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation are announcing a 1998 Research Grants Program for Rare/Orphan Diseases. The

There is NO deadline for an employer to submit a job posting to this program. Job postings are accepted throughout the entire scholastic year.

## Grants'n'Such

Don't forget to check the Community of Science Grant Database every month for new opportunities. The web site is: [http://fundingopps.cos.com/spon/canada\\_elg.html](http://fundingopps.cos.com/spon/canada_elg.html) and you simply type in your field of interest. For example, "Cancer" gave us 35 results within Canada.

### Arthur Purdy Stout Study Stipends

These are designed to allow residents in Pathology to spend a month at another institution to pursue study of a specific area of diagnostic surgical pathology. Applicants should be sponsored by a member of the Arthur Purdy Stout Society at both their parent institution and at the institution where they plan to work during the one-month period of the program. Supporting letters from these persons are requested. The stipends are for a one-month period of study. A total of \$1,750 is provided to the resident to cover travel and living expenses. Salary is to be provided by the resident's regular training program. The deadline for applications is **May 15, 1998**. For further information see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

### National Association of Rare Disease

purpose of the grants is to support meritorious clinical studies designed to improve the diagnosis or therapy of rare "orphan" diseases. The maximum value is \$100,000 over two years. A one page letter of intent containing a summary of the research plan and a C.V. is due by June 1, 1998. For selected applicants formal applications are due September 1, 1998. The letter of intent must be submitted through the department and should reach the Office of Research Services 7 working days before the deadline. All applicants must be accompanied by a completed research data summary and signature sheet plus an extra copy of the application for the ORS. For further information about NORD please visit their website at <http://www.pcnet.com/~orphan>

### Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation Research Programs

#### Research Grants

To provide initial funding to investigators to enable them to gather preliminary data to answer questions quickly and/or obtain sufficient results to apply to other granting agencies. Applicant must have a full-time academic and/or institutional appointment.

#### Scholar Awards

To encourage young investigators to select pediatric HIV/AIDS as a research focus for their career. Applicant must have 2-3 years postdoctoral experience. Tenured investigators are not eligible.

### Short-term Scientific Awards

To provide funding for travel and short-term study at a US institution to initiate a critical research project, obtain preliminary data, learn new techniques in an established laboratory, or sponsor an important workshop.

### Scientist Award

An international program intended to build a community of outstanding scientists to conduct research in pediatric HIV/AIDS. Up to five awards will be given per year for basic research. All applications must have direct relevance to pediatric HIV/AIDS. Deadline for letter of intent in June 10, 1998. Full applications, if requested, is due October 1, 1998.

For further information on the above grants visit their website at: <http://www.pediads.org/> or contact Laurie Vaughan-Evans at the Office of Research Services at Queen's 6081.

### Bickell Foundation

The next deadline for the Bickell Foundation is **June 1, 1998**. Applications must be forwarded by the Dean to the organization. To meet the deadline, applications must reach the Office of Research Services, Room 301, Fleming Hall no later than **Thursday, May 21, 1998**. Priority will be given to newly appointed academic staff. Please submit an original plus two copies, along with a completed Data Summary and Signature Sheet. Applications are available in the ORS, Queen's 6081.

### American Lung Association

Lung Health Research Dissertation Grants - for doctoral students in the fields of science related to the social, behavioral, epidemiological, psychological and educational aspects of lung health. Deadline **October 1, 1998**.

Research Training Fellowships - for individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to a career

in investigative or academic medicine relevant to lung disease. Deadline **October 1, 1998**.

Clinical Research Grants - for investigators working in clinical areas relevant to lung disease. Deadline **November 1, 1998**.

Research Grants - starter or seed money to new investigators working in areas relevant to the prevention of lung disease and the promotion of lung health. Deadline **November 1, 1998**.

Dalsemer Research Scholar Award - to support research in interstitial lung disease. Deadline **November 1, 1998**.

Career Investigator Awards - provide stable salary and/or project support for investigators who are making the transition from junior to mid-level faculty. Deadline **October 1, 1998**.

Johnie Murphy Career Investigator Award - available to established investigators who have accumulated a substantial record of research. Deadline **October 1, 1998**.

For the above grants from the ALA beginning May 1998 applications are available on the WWW at the following address:

<http://www.lungusa.org/research>

### Synergy '98 Awards

This competition is jointly organized by NSERC and the Conference Board of Canada. Successful entries will :

- demonstrate effective and sustained use of university-industry human and technical capital, showing evidence of high quality research in the natural sciences and engineering, superior management skills, effective training of graduate students, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship;
- Demonstrate a lasting partnership between the university and industry collaborators rather than a

one-time initiative aimed at addressing a single problem or challenge;

- Provide evidence of tangible commercial and/or knowledge based benefits to the partners such as increased employment opportunities for university graduates; enhanced research and teaching capabilities; new and improved processes, products or techniques; enhanced export potential; spinoff benefits to other Canadian enterprises;
- Document where applicable the innovative and long standing nature of the industry-university interaction, the pre-competitive nature of the achievements and benefits to the industry and the university partners, particularly with respect to the creation of new knowledge relevant to industry needs.

Categories of awards:

A1 : industry partner has up to 500 employees or annual sales of up to \$50 million

A2 : industry partner has more than 500 employees or annual sales of more than \$50 million

B : R&D ventures involving at least two industry partners

C : innovative model of long-standing industry-university interaction in a pre-competitive realm that has benefitted the general well-being of an industry.

Deadline : **June 1, 1998**

Value : award plus NSERC is offering up to seven \$10,000 research grants to the winning university partners.

For further information please contact Sandra Crocker at ext. 5716, in the office of the VP-Research.

## Misc News

KDIS (Kingston and District Immigrant Services) is seeking candidates for its board of directors. KDIS is a direct-service agency which supports and assists in the settlement and full participation of immigrants/refugees and promotes the values of diversity, accessibility and responsiveness to people

of all races and cultures within our community.

Our Board of Directors is seeking 10-12 members to serve a two-year term for 1998/99. Interested persons should submit a short statement about your interests, skills and experience to The Nominating Committee, KDIS, 80 Johnson Street, Kingston, ON K7L 1X7. Fax 548-3644 or email to <kdis@adan.kingston.net> by Monday May 4th.

## Network News

Health experts repeat Web warning  
April 28, 1998, 8:40 p.m. PT

WASHINGTON--Medical experts said today that the Internet can be a valuable source of health information but again warned that it can also lead consumers dangerously astray.

The Health and Human Services Department said it is making its own Web site easier to use and warned Internet users to beware of the information they find online.

While some doctors and patients are taking advantage of the medium's wealth of medical information, the safety of online health advice and drug promotions has raised concerns among regulatory agencies.

"Unfortunately there is no Michelin Guide to the health information superhighway," the HHS said in a statement, echoing concerns voiced for more than a year. The department launched a new version of its health Web site at a conference on Internet health sites here.

It also recommended a few simple questions for people to ask of other sites: "Who is the sponsor? Do they have a bias? Are they trying to sell something? Where does the content itself come from? Who is the authority behind it?"

"It's exponential, the amount of crap out there," agreed Jennifer Wayne-Doppke, who edits the monthly newsletter Medicine on the Net and consults on Internet issues. "Consumers are completely at sea. They tend to believe if it's on the Internet, it's true."

People do not always understand how much the source of information matters, she said. For example, a site about ear, nose, and throat surgery will concentrate on surgical answers to problems.

"The pharmaceutical companies are real culprits when it comes to that sort of information," she said. "While it might look to be objective, it probably is not."

She added: "I tell people to look for academic sites. Anything with an .edu domain is probably safe," she said, referring to sites run by educational institutions.

Surgeon General David Satcher said the government should help make sure people get the right information. "If we want people to make sound decisions about staying healthy and managing their health care, we must give them easy access to the information they need," Satcher said at a news conference.

He said the Internet could be a good resource. "We all know that there just isn't enough time in the doctor's office to say and hear--and especially to understand--all the information that needs to be exchanged. The more difficult the diagnosis, the harder it is for a patient or family member to listen to the details," the HHS statement added.

### **Pathology Library**

All 6 workstations in the Richardson 3 library have now been equipped with netscape navigator v4.05 This will now allow full access to the Library index which has been developed over the past year. The KGH library index is also online using the same web-based access method. To find the links to these two services, check the Queen's Pathology Home Page under Departmental Resources. There is one link for the Path library & one for the KGH library.

If you do not have netscape v4.x (which has "JAVA" capability) contact Kevin and I'll drop by and install it.

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 June 1st, 1998*

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