

University of Chicago Cancer Research Center



MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

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UCCRC Member Awards

The UCCRC would like to congratulate the following members for their recent awards and accolades:

► **Harriet de Wit**, PhD, recently received the 2009 CPDD Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship Award. The award acknowledges Dr. De Wit's mentorship of young investigators, and her various research contributions in the field of substance abuse and drug addiction.

► **David Grdina**, PhD, MBA, was recently appointed as a member of the NASA Space Radiation Standing Review Panel, and a member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements PAC1, 2009 - 2011.

► **Anirban Basu**, PhD, recently received the Bernie O'Brien New Investigator Award from the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, and the 2009 Labelle Lecturer in Health Services Research Award from McMaster University, Canada. He is also the 2009 Society for Medical Decision Making Comparative Effectiveness Research Essay Contest Winner.

► **Sam Armato**, PhD, spent the summer as a Raine Visiting Professor at the University of Western Australia conducting research on tumor response measurements in malignant pleural mesothelioma.

UCCRC News: CECOS

The UCCRC's Community Engagement Centering on Solutions (CECOS) group has partnered with the Bronzeville Community Market to provide cancer prevention resources to the community every Saturday until October 31. The group is also planning its second community forum on HPV and cancer with city colleges on November 7th. The event will be held at Daley College on Pulaski Road in south Chicago.

CECOS promotes engagement with Chicago's southside community to increase local awareness of advances in cancer research and communicate the benefits of participation in cancer clinical trials and other UCCRC research studies.

Upcoming Seminars

► **UCCRC Translational Seminar Series**
Friday September 11, 2009, Noon-1:00PM
KCB Lecture Hall 1103, First Floor
Topic: Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor is Required for Colonic Tumor Promotion by a Western Style Diet in a Model of Inflammation-associated Colon Cancer
Presenter: Marc Bissonnette, MD
Topic: High-Resolution Magnetic Resonance Colonography and Dynamic Contrast-Enhanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging Can Distinguish Early Murine Colorectal Tumors from Colitis in Vivo
Presenter: Devkumar Mustafi, PhD

► **UCCRC Seminar Series**
Friday September 18, 2009, Noon-1:00PM
KCB Lecture Hall 1103
Topic: Long Term Outcomes Among Childhood Cancer Survivors
Presenter: Leslie L. Robison, PhD

Funding Opportunities

We currently have over 125 Funding Opportunities posted on the UCCRC website. Visit http://funding.uccrc.org/funding_opportunity for the latest information.

Shared Research Facilities

► **MRIS Facility**
The Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy (MRIS) Core has recently installed a new imaging gradient coil (BGA12-S), which has an inner diameter of 116 mm, and a strength of 660 mT/m. This new piece of equipment increases our capacity to acquire fast, high resolution images of small animals including mice and rats (rabbits are accommodated in a larger gradient coil). Concurrently, we have upgraded system software with increased functionality for such projects as cardiac imaging.

For more information please visit the MRIS website at: <http://mris.bsd.uchicago.edu>.

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