

Member News

Phillip C. Hoffman, MD, is the new Associate Section Chief for Academic Affairs in the Section of Hematology/Oncology.

Andy Minn, MD, PhD, received a \$3.8 million Era of Hope Scholar Award from the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program.

Olufunmilayo Olopade, MBBS, FACP, has been elected to the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine.

Chun-Su Yuan, MD, PhD, received a \$6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to create the Center for Herbal Research on Colorectal Cancer.

Sonali Smith, MD, and **Koen van Besien, MD**, are co-chairs of the Sixth International Chicago Lymphoma Symposium along with Andrew Evens, DO, MS, at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern University. They two-day Symposium (April 16-18) will focus on advances in lymphoma diagnosis and treatment, and the latest in scientific and translational studies of the disease. Go to the [Symposium website](#) for additional information.

The upcoming issue of the UCCRC newsletter Pathways, available soon, will contain more information on the above achievements.

Upcoming Seminars & Events

► **UCCRC Translational Seminar**

Andy Minn, MD, PhD

Topic: "Genes that mark and mediate breast cancer treatment resistance"

Kay Macleod, PhD

Topic: "The role of autophagy in breast cancer progression and metastasis"

1/9/2009 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

AMB Radiology Conference M-137

Please note new location

► **Department of Pathology Lecture**

H. Rosie Xing, PhD

Topic: "Co-targeting tumor and tumor stroma"

1/27/2009 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

AMB Conference Room P-315

► **Committee on Genetics, Genomics & Systems Biology Seminar**

George Witman of the University of Massachusetts Medical School

Topic: "Cilia, Flagella, and Disease"

2/3/2009 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Keeping You Informed

The goal of this newsletter is to ensure that our members are fully informed about key issues at the UCCRC. Successfully achieving this goal depends, in large part, on your willingness to share your recent accomplishments and good news. Please contact us if you know of an achievement that should be recognized, such as an award, a new program, or professional advancement. We are also interested in upcoming meetings and other information about departmental or section events. Please contact Paul Butera or Martine Lamotte at:

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House of Blues to Host Benefit for Cancer

The Liza Klitzky Foundation will present a concert and silent auction to benefit cancer research and treatment at Comer Children's Hospital. The Lisa Klitzky Foundation supports adolescent cancer survivors facing long-term physical and psychological challenges in their post-treatment years.

The House of Blues—located at 329 N. Dearborn Street in Chicago—will host the January 24 benefit. The popular rock band, the Kings of Leon will headline the event. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, and the concert will begin at 7:00 PM. To learn more about the event and get ticket information [click here](#).

Outreach Update

- ▶ More than 500 students, parents, and supporters attended the first Annual Nutrition Knowledge Bowl on Saturday, December 13. Technicians had to redirect the audio from the competition into the lobby of the DuSable Museum of African American History to accommodate the overflow crowd. The UCCRC's Community Engagement Centering on Solutions (CECOS) program presented the event, with the support of numerous sponsors, including Oprah's Angel Network, Exelon, WGCI, Dominick's, Farmer's Best Market, and the Museum. Student teams from six local high schools vied for the coveted first-place trophy by demonstrating their in-depth knowledge of cancer and nutrition. First place went to Kenwood Academy, with De La Salle Lourdes Campus finishing second. The University of Chicago Charter School Woodlawn Campus took third place. Also competing were Chicago High School for Agricultural Science, Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men, and Hales Franciscan High School.
- ▶ The next CECOS cancer forum will be held March 7, 2009 at Kennedy King Community College. This forum will address the multiple issues and challenges associated with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer prevention.
- ▶ This year's **Charles B. Huggins Lectures** will be held Saturdays, beginning January 10 continuing through February 28. These eight lectures will be free of charge and open to the public. The speaker, Wei Xu, BS, senior doctoral candidate, Committee on Cancer Biology, is designing her presentations for the general public, especially people interested in the latest advances in cancer research and treatment. Entitled "Blood, Stem Cells and Cancers of the Blood," the series will begin with an overview of blood, its composition, function, physiology, formation, and pathology. It will also focus on stem cells and their roles in the development of blood and in carcinogenesis; an overview of current and emerging therapies for cancers of the blood systems; and the unanswered questions about blood and these cancers.

Shared Research Facilities Update

▶ The **Flow Cytometry Facility** is offering an updated version of its introduction to the Flow Cytometry lecture, Flow Basics. The lecture is provided free-of-charge for anyone wishing to use the facility, and is a great way to become knowledgeable about what Flow Cytometry is and how it can be used in your research. Reserving your slot in one of the upcoming classes could not be easier. Just go to the facility's online scheduler to view upcoming classes and sign-up. For more information about this and other training opportunities, please visit the facility's web site, <http://ucflow.uchicago.edu>.

▶ **The Transgenic Mouse/Embryonic Stem Facility** is sponsoring a seminar on January 13, 2009: "Mouse Models of Disease: Choosing and Using Mice in Research." Presented by the Jackson Laboratory, the free seminar will be valuable for both individuals new to using mouse models of disease, and seasoned professionals.

Here are the details;

Where: Gordon Center for Integrated Science, Room W301, 927 E. 57th Street, Chicago

When: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Who should attend: scientists, colony managers, facility managers, animal care technicians

How much: no charge, but **please register**

The seminar's schedule and topics are below:

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| 10:00-11:00 AM: | Making Sense of Mouse Nomenclature, Genetic Background, and the Importance of Genetic Stability |
| 11:00-11:15 AM: | Finding Mouse Models Using the JAX® Mice Database |
| 11:15-12:00 PM: | Lunch (food and beverages will be provided) |
| 12:00-1:00 PM: | Mouse Colony Management and Breeding Schemes |

We encourage all interested persons to attend. Please go to this **Internet page** for information and to register.