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Announcements

The Cancer Biology Ph.D. program has revised the website URL to something more manageable – it is now <http://cancerbio.hsc.usf.edu>.

Faculty

- Ken Wright will attend a national meeting of Cancer Biology Program Directors in October designed to address issues ranging from funding to student recruitment to building academic standing of Cancer Biology programs. Approximately 30 directors are slated to attend, representing the majority of programs in the U.S.
- New Cancer Biology faculty members approved Fall 2005:
 - Anna R. Giuliano, Ph.D.
- A PowerPoint slide highlighting the Cancer Biology Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Training Program is available to faculty for insertion into presentations. If you would like to promote these two worthwhile programs, please contact Cathy Gaffney to receive the slide.

Students

- First year students have selected their initial laboratory rotation:
 - Shruti Desai – Wright lab
 - Emily Goll – Kerr lab
 - Danielle Kelsch Yarde – Dalton lab
 - Aneliya Velkova – Reuther lab

September

- "Meet-the-Mentors" Day was conducted on Wednesday, September 7, 2005. That evening, a Welcome Reception and Dinner was held for all entering and returning students in the Stabile Research Building, David Murphey Conference Room, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Dr. Pledger from Moffitt Administration, Dean Brown from the Graduate School, Provost Khator from USF were among the attendees.
- The following student has been admitted to candidacy:
 - **Amy Dedrick**

Publications

Freeman SN, Bepler G, Haura E, Sutphen R, Cress WD. Re: Prognostic significance of a short sequence insertion in the MCL-1 promoter in chronic lymphocytic leukemia. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* 2005 Jul 20;97(14):1088-9.

Ma Y, **Freeman SN**, Cress WD. E2F4 deficiency promotes drug-induced apoptosis. *Cancer Biol Ther.* 2004 Dec;3(12):1262-9.

Chen L, **Gilkes DM**, Pan Y, Lane WS, Chen J. ATM and Chk2-dependent phosphorylation of MDMX contribute to p53 activation after DNA damage. *EMBO J.* 2005 Sep 15 p.1-12.

Grants Submitted

- **Alyson Fay** and **Cheryl Meyerkord** should receive notification regarding their DOD Breast Cancer Research Program for the Predoctoral Fellowship proposals some time in November. Good Luck!

If there are additional grant submissions, please let me know.

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Round Table

- One of the topics from the June Roundtable, career seminars, has been partially addressed through a collaboration with the Moffitt Postdoctoral Association. Cancer Biology graduate students are invited to attend career-oriented functions sponsored by the MPDA.
- Several upper level Cancer Biology students conducted a review with first year students in preparation for an exam in the Cancer Biology I course. Mentoring first year students had also been discussed during the Roundtable.