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## *Announcements*

Ken Wright will attend the second annual Cancer Biology Chairs and Program Directors Retreat in Asilomar, California in October. Each program had the option of sending a student representative and Meghan Kreeger Borysova will be attending as well.

## *Faculty*

- New Cancer Biology faculty members approved Summer 2006:
  - Jessica Moore, Ph.D., USF Biology
  - Kristina Schmidt, Ph.D., USF Biology

## *Courses*

- **Current Topics in Oncology**
  - Hong-Gang Wang and Amer Beg are co-directing the course this year
- **Advances in Cancer Biology**
  - Gary Reuther is continuing as Course Director during the Fall
  - Mark Alexandrow will be Course Director in the Spring
- **Cancer Biology I**
  - Jerry Wu became Course Director this Fall
- **Tools for Cancer Research**
  - Noreen Luetke began her sixth year as director
- **Cancer Biology II**
  - Sheng Wei will direct this Spring course for a second year
- **Selected Topics – Cancer Genetics**
  - This course is being directed by Alvaro Monteiro for a second year
- **Cancer Biology Student Advisor**
  - Gary Reuther has agreed to become Student Advisor for the Program

## Students

"Meet the Mentors" for first year students took place on Wednesday, August 30, 2006. Entering students met with faculty who would like a Cancer Biology student to join their lab. Following "Meet the Mentors" a **Welcome Reception** was held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the David Murphey Conference Room in SRB. Students, Cancer Biology faculty and members of USF and Moffitt administration enjoyed a casual dinner buffet. Notable attendees included USF Provost Renu Khator, USF Graduate School Dean Delcie Durham, MCC Director Dr. Bill Dalton and MRI Director Dr. Jack Pledger. Dr. Ken Wright, Cancer Biology Program Director and Dr. Julie Djeu, Associate Director for the Program also attended, as did numerous Cancer Biology faculty. New and returning students were the guests of honor!

A picture collage from the reception can be viewed on the last pages of this newsletter.

## Publications

- Wang C, Chen L, Hou X, Li Z, **Kabra N**, Ma Y, Nemoto S, Finkel T, Gu W, Cress WD, Chen J. *Interactions between E2F1 and SirT1 regulate apoptotic response to DNA damage.* Nat Cell Biol. 2006 Aug 6 [Epub ahead of print].
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- Zhou H, Wang D, Baldini L, Ennis E, Jain R, **Carie A**, Sebti SM, Hamilton A. *Structure-activity studies on a library of potent calyx[4]arene-based antagonists that inhibit PDGF-stimulated PDGFR tyrosine phosphorylation.* Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry. 2006 Jun 21; 4(21):2376-86.

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# Travel

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Cancer Biology students **Alyson Fay** (Monteiro lab) and **Cheryl Meyerkord** (Wang lab) were in good company during the recent "Mechanisms & Models of Cancer" course at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories. Pictured left to right: **Alyson**; Zhenyu Li, postdoctoral fellow (Chen lab); Alvaro Monteiro, Cancer Bio faculty (reclining); **Cheryl**, Tom Guadagno, Cancer Bio faculty; Jiandong Chen, Cancer Bio faculty and Jin Cheng, Cancer Bio faculty.

**Amy Hazen** (Kerr lab) will present an abstract during "Stem Cells 2006 – Mexican Riviera" hosted by Abcam in December.

# Pictures from Reception

