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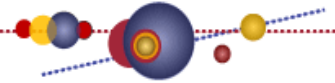
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News and Events **May 2013**
From the University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science

For those of you who attended and/or participated at the UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science 4th Annual Research Retreat on May 8th, we thank you and hope you had a very enjoyable day.

If you haven't already, **can you please take a moment to complete the Feedback Form?** Your feedback is very important to us and assists in making our Retreat's the best they can be. Forms can be emailed electronically to ccts@umassmed.edu

Feedback Form can be accessed at this link:

http://www.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/CCTS/News/CCTS_RetreatFeedbackForm.pdf

Thank you again and we hope to see you at next year's 2014 Retreat!

UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Section

Webinar Series

The Community Engagement and Research Section of the UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science will offer two webinars:

Thursday, May 9, 12:00-1:00 pm - - *"Improving Success for Funding: Strategies to Maximize the Impact of Your Pilot Work"*, Stephenie Lemon, PhD

Wednesday, July 10, 12:00-1:00 pm - - *"Finding What You Need: Sources for National, State, and Local Information and Data"*, Sally Gore, MS, MS LIS

Webinars are free and open to all! The Webinar Series is designed for researchers and community members interested in community engagement research.

To register for either or both webinars: www.umassmed.edu/ccts/community

Bioinformatics Core and Program in Bioinformatics and Integrative Biology

"EPIGENOMICS OF HUMAN PREFRONTAL CORTEX"

Zhiping Weng, PhD

Director, Program in Bioinformatics and Integrative Biology
Professor, Department in Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

**Friday, May 10, 2013
11:00 AM**

**Albert Sherman Center
4th Floor Conference Room 2072**

Host: Manuel Garber, PhD, Director, Bioinformatics Core

**Harrington Discovery Institute for Scholar-Innovator Grants
Call for Letters of Intent**

The Harrington Scholar-Innovator Grant selection committee specifically seeks:

- Breakthrough discoveries of high potential impact or that address unmet medical needs;
- Early discovery projects (identification of new targets and leads), new drugs, drug-development programs, biologics or drug-device combinations, particularly those supported by highly innovative science;
- Studies not typically funded by basic science or discovery grants (NIH R01 or similar);
- Physician-scientists in need of assistance with practical problems related to product development.

Letter of Intent due May 15, 2013.

For eligibility and submission details: <http://www.uhhospitals.org/services/harrington-discovery-institute/programs-and-initiatives/harrington-scholar-innovator-grant-program/program-details>

Medical Development Group (MDG) presents...

***NETWORKING PROGRAM
WORCESTER AND UMASS MEDICAL SCHOOL***

“FERTILE GROUND FOR MEDICAL DEVICE INNOVATION AND GROWTH”

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

5:30 – 8:00 pm

UMass Medical School • Albert Sherman Center • 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester

Who Should Attend

- Medical device, pharmaceutical and life science company executives
- Medtech entrepreneurs, engineers and scientists
- Clinical organizations and researchers

Moderator:

James B. Leary, *Vice Chancellor, Community and Government Relations*, UMass Medical School

Panelists:

Michael F. Collins, MD, *Chancellor*, UMass Medical School

Timothy J. McGourthy, *Chief Development Officer*, City of Worcester

To Register and for complete program details:

http://meg.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=72&eventId=383818

STIC-UM Forum in Surgical Technology

“GERD AND THE LOWER ESOPHAGEAL SPHINCTER”

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

5:00-7:00 pm

UMass Medical School, S7-607

The University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Surgery STIC Team, in collaboration with the UMCCTS and M2D2, is hosting the first of a series of events to introduce the newly formed Surgical Technology Innovation and Commercialization Program at UMass Medical School (STIC-UM).

The STIC-UM Forum in Surgical Technology will occur four times a year and focus on key surgical market opportunities. The events will include presentations from Forum topic-specific clinical experts, engineering experts, as well as industry and regulatory guest speakers.

Please RSVP: <http://umasssurgicaltechforum.eventbrite.com> *There is no cost to attend.*

Massachusetts Life Sciences Innovation Day 2013

“BUSINESS AS USUAL OR BRAVE NEW WORLD?”

June 5, 2013

8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Harvard Club of Boston

374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO UMASS STUDENTS, FELLOWS, AND POSTDOCS

UMass students, fellows, and post-docs are eligible to have their conference registration fee covered by the UMCCTS. To be eligible, please submit a poster through the process described below. The UMCCTS will judge applicants and notify all winners. **Questions? Contact Nate Hafer at nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu**

If your **lab or yet to be funded company** has notable discoveries or new grant awards that you want to publicize to the Massachusetts research and business communities, **please download the application** to exhibit a poster, <http://www.mattcenter.org/malsi-day-2013/home.html> And submit it to jgoldberg@umassp.edu by **May 15, 2013**.

The 6th Massachusetts Life Sciences Innovation (MALSI) Day is the biggest day for life sciences startups and innovation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This is a high-energy, hands-on event which brings together scientific leaders and business experts to mingle with scientists, post-docs, professors, entrepreneurs, innovators, and venture capitalists.

For full details: <http://www.mattcenter.org/malsi-day-2013/home.html>

**You're Invited to Join...
Research Career & Writing Group ("K-Award" writing group)**

The Research Career Award Writing Group ("K-Award" writing group), established in 2007, is co-lead by Drs. Doug Ziedonis and Sherry Pagoto. Most faculty who participate and apply for a research career award have been very successful in getting funded (>80% success rate). The Group meets monthly to provide information and feedback on academic career development and on preparing a Research Career Award application (NIH K Awards, VA Research Career Awards, CTSA K12 grants, etc.).

Please check out the website for complete details at: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/K-Club/index.aspx>

Interested in joining? To become a member, please contact Ms. Denise Barrett, Executive Assistant to Dr. Ziedonis at denise.barrett@umassmemorial.org

The next scheduled meeting is June 6 at 3:30 pm

**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
Call for Letters of Intent**

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has issued two funding announcements for up to \$68 million "to improve the nation's capacity to effectively conduct patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER). The two linked cooperative agreement funding announcements will support development of a National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network designed to unite millions of patients through a coordinated collaboration with researchers and healthcare delivery organizations."

The two announcements will support Clinical Data Research Networks (CDRNs) and Patient-Powered Research Networks (PPRNs).

Required letters of intent (LOI) from applicants are due June 19th and applications are due September 27, 2013.

<http://tinyurl.com/bvebtpm> (News Release)

<http://tinyurl.com/717sqz3> (Funding Announcements)

**CCTS Summer Research Boot Camp
July 8 to August 16, 2013**

We are offering a 6 week summer research boot camp which includes lectures, workshops, courses, and a seminar series. The boot camp focuses on the development of clinical investigation skills through the offering of lectures and hands on experiences in epidemiology/study design, biostatistics, and scientific writing.

Participation in the boot camp is open to medical and graduate students, residents, and post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty, and staff throughout the University, its affiliated hospitals, and its CCTS partners.

At the end of this 6 week experience, trainees will begin to understand the nuances of study design, conduct scientific research, data analysis and presentation, and interpretation of study findings. Participants will also be better prepared to enroll in Masters and PhD programs in clinical and public health research.

Registration for individual sessions begins in June. Please go to the website for complete information, www.umassmed.edu/ccts/bootcamp

To learn more about receiving academic credit, email, bootcamp@umassmed.edu

From our colleagues at the Harvard Catalyst:

**“SYMPOSIUM ON ADAPTIVE CLINICAL TRIALS:
STATISTICAL, REGULATORY, AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS”**

May 31, 2013

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Boston Children’s Hospital

Enders Research Building – Folkman Auditorium

300 Longwood Avenue

Boston, MA 02115

Attend and learn how investigators, statisticians, sponsors, and IRBs use adaptive trial design strategies to ensure that scientific, medical, and ethical questions are considered and integrated when trial design rapidly changes.

For complete information and to register:

<http://catalyst.harvard.edu/news/news.html?p=6626&title=Adaptive+Clinical+Trials%3A+Ethical%2C+Regulatory+%26amp%3B+Statistical+Considerations+Symposium+%E2%80%93+May+31%2C+2013>

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