



Office of Education, Division of Intramural Research  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

# June 2004 Fellows Newsletter

From the Director of the Office of Education:

This is the first issue of the NHLBI Fellows Newsletter. It is a product of the DIR Office of Education. We intend to provide NHLBI Fellows with information about NHLBI Fellows and their achievements, as well as about events and programs of interest to NHLBI Fellows. It will also serve as a forum for providing information from the NHLBI Fellows Advisory Committee. In this issue, we remind you about the NHLBI retreat, give information about the winners of the NHLBI DIR Lenfant Awards, and provide short biographies of new NHLBI fellows. If there is any information that you would like to see included, please let me know.

I look forward to your responses. Please e-mail your comments to:  
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## *NHLBI Fellows Retreat*

The NHLBI DIR Fellows Retreat will be held June 24-25 at the beautiful Airlie House in Warrenton, Virginia. All expenses are paid for NHLBI fellows, including transportation and overnight accommodations. This is meant to provide an opportunity for NHLBI fellows to get to know one another in an informal setting, and to become informed about current issues in science.

The program begins on Thursday morning with a talk by Dr. Bruce Alberts, President of the US National Academy of Sciences. Thursday continues with a program of career development and a scientific poster session. The evening features Dr. Kari Stefanson who will talk about mining the genome for disease-causing genes, followed the Band of Blue with NHLBI fellow Ted Mills. On Friday, we have a scientific talk by Dr. Andy Marks, followed by additional career development workshops. The full program is on the NHLBI Intranet at: [http://insider.nhlbi.nih.gov/main/sci\\_res/oe/retreat.html](http://insider.nhlbi.nih.gov/main/sci_res/oe/retreat.html) The registration deadline is Friday, June 11.

## *Lenfant Fellowships Awarded*

Congratulations to the NHLBI Lenfant Fellows: Drs. **Mihaly Kovacs**, Laboratory of Molecular Cardiology; **Rebecca Lipsitz**, Laboratory of Biophysical Chemistry and **Matt Wolfe**, Laboratory of Biochemistry. They will receive their awards at the NHLBI Fellows Retreat. The Lenfant Fellows are named after Dr. Claude Lenfant, the recently retired Director of NHLBI who was very supportive of NHLBI fellows. They are awarded to IRTA/VFs on the basis of research achievements. Future Lenfant fellow competitions will be held every six months.



## *New NHLBI Fellows*



**Dr. Jerome Bernard** has joined the Laboratory of Molecular Immunology under Dr. Warren Leonard. Dr. Bernard earned his M.S and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Nantes, France. He is currently working on IL-2 family cytokine

induced-Dual Specificity Phosphatase 5 (DUSP5) and DUSP6 in T cell signaling pathway. He plans to continue working on cytokines and focus on IL-2 family cytokines in the future.



**Dr. Young Shin Kang** has joined the Laboratory of Cell Biology under Dr. Lois Greene. Dr. Kang earned her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Kangnung National University, Gangnung, South Korea. She is currently working on Clathrin-mediated endocytosis, specially examining the role of Epsin and Eps15.



**Dr. Yifu Li** has joined the Experimental Atherosclerosis Section under Dr. Howard Kruth. Dr. Li is currently working on endocytic pathways of LDL transport and its mechanism involved in atherosclerosis. Dr. Li earned his M.D. from Sun Yat-Sen University of Medical Sciences, Guangzhou, China.



**Dr. Felipe A. Lisboa** earned his M.D. from the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil. He has joined the Laboratory of Molecular Immunology under Dr. Michael Beaven's sponsorship. Presently, he is working on studying the mechanisms of glucocorticosteroid inhibition of signal transduction in mast cells, especially those related to phospholipase D. Dr. Lisboa intends to continue his medical training to work with clinical and biomedical research in the future.

**Dr. Mary Jane Masson** earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She has joined the laboratory of Molecular Immunology under the supervision of Dr. Lance Pohl. She is currently working on investigating whether the increased susceptibility to acetaminophen hepatotoxicity in IL4-/- IL10-/- male mice is T cell-mediated.



**Dr. Sung-Jun Park** has joined the Laboratory of Cell Signaling under Dr. Sue Goo Rhee. He earned his Ph.D. from Seoul National University in South Korea as well as his M.S. He will take a proteomics approach to identify protein sensitivity in response to oxidative stress.



**Dr. Maria Esperanza Rodrigo** earned her medical degree from Favaloro University in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She has joined the Clinical Cardiology Section under Dr Richard Cannon. She is currently working on stem cell mobilization as therapy for chronic myocardial ischemia in patients with coronary artery disease and stem cell mobilization for improvement in vascular function and myocardial perfusion in patients undergoing cardiac rehabilitation.



**Remember to register for the NHLBI Retreat**

**June 24 – 25**

**Airlie House**

**Warrenton, Virginia**

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