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From the Director of the Office of Education

Change is coming to the Office of Education. Ms. Vicki Le, who has played a major role in all the activities of the Office of Education, is leaving to advance her career in the NHLBI Director's Office. Vicki was instrumental in ensuring the success of many functions of the Office of Education, especially the Fellows Retreat. She was at our retreats and made sure that things ran smoothly. She will be missed by all of us for many different reasons, and we look forward to visiting her in Building 31. Chúc May Mãn!

Registration is now open for the **4th Annual Fellows Retreat**, on April 27-28th, once again at the Harbourtowne Conference Center. All fellows are invited to attend and present their work at the poster session during the retreat. Our Keynote speaker will be Dr. J. Craig Venter, former NIH Scientist who developed expressed sequence tags (ESTs). Our Scientific Speaker is Dr. Stuart Orkin, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at Children's Hospital and Dana Farber Cancer Institute where his research concerns how commitment to specific lineages is programmed and cell-specific patterns of gene expression are established in hematopoietic stem cells. Registration is free! More information and registration and abstract submission instructions are on the OE Web site: <http://dir-intranet.nhlbi.nih.gov/oe/document.aspx?dir-fellows-retreat.htm>.

Our next **Career Development Seminar** is on Tuesday, March 14th at Noon, in Room 7S235, where Dr. Howard Gadlin and Kevin Jessar of the NIH Office of the Ombudsman, will lead a discussion and workshop on "Dealing with Conflict."

The March **Fellows Science/Social Hour** will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 5:00 PM in room 7S235, where Drs. Elke Wagner and Amar Sethi from the Molecular Diseases Branch will present their studies on the genetics of hyperlipidemia. A social excursion to Bethesda follows the conclusion of the talks. Participate in these seminars to learn what other fellows are doing and to meet your colleagues.

The Office of Education Welcomes Jessica Llewellyn

**Dr. Herbert M. Geller
Director, Office of Education**

I would like you to join me in welcoming, Jessica Llewellyn, who joined the Office of Education as our new Program Coordinator. In that role, she will be involved in all activities of the Office of Education. Our newest staff member is no stranger to the inner workings of the National Institutes of Health, as she had previously worked in the Pediatric Oncology Branch of the National Cancer Institute. Ms. Llewellyn, a native New Yorker, comes to us with a degree in International Relations from American University, concentrating on Peace and Conflict Resolution. She spent six months in Brussels, Belgium on a study abroad program where she worked with Human Rights Watch, attended conferences at the European Union, traveled to various countries in Europe, and acquired a taste for Belgian beer. This European traveler is always eager to learn more about international cultures from first hand sources and practice her French and Arabic speaking skills with anyone who will let her and anxious to learn a few phrases in a variety of other languages. Some of you may already have met her through her activities as a D.J. at local venues. She is thrilled to be working with all of the NHLBI fellows and is extremely excited to meet all of you!



New NHLBI Fellows



Dr. Massimo Cressoni has recently joined the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medical Branch as a Visiting Fellow under the supervision of Dr. Theodore Kolobow.

Dr. Cressoni received his M.D. in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Milan, Italy in 2004, and took further training in Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine. He will be working on prevention of pneumonia from artificial ventilation.



Dr. Wenzhe Ma joined the Cardiology Branch as a Research Fellow under the supervision of Dr. Paul Huang. Dr. Ma has received his Ph.D. in

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Shanghai Research Center of Biotechnology, China in 2005. His

project will use gene expression techniques to understand the basis of atherosclerosis.



Ms. Ji Won Park has recently joined the Laboratory of Biochemistry as a predoctoral fellow under the supervision of Dr. Boon Chock.

Ms. Park is currently working on her Ph.D. in the Division of Molecular Life Sciences at Ewha Women's University, Seoul, South Korea. Her project entails the glutathiolation of actin.

Recent Publications by NHLBI Fellows

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Albertini R. A., Savtchenko R. S.,
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Brand L. and Knutson J. R. (2006)
Ultrafast fluorescence dynamics of
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Workshop
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