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Career Panel Speakers



Viji Santhakumar, PhD and Julie Tetzlaff, PhD at the MGPA Career Panel Discussion, January 23, 2009.

A newsletter for the MGH Research Community

From the ORCD Director, Tayyaba Hasan, PhD

In this late-winter issue of our newsletter, we report on the ORCD's continuing efforts to serve the MGH research community by connecting scientists, building skills and advancing research careers. We include

summaries of two winter programs: a career panel and a grant budgeting seminar, as well as news about important new resources and upcoming programs. And don't miss the *Call for Abstracts* and *Call for Reviewers* for our

Research Fellows Poster Celebration in June, which promises to be bigger and better than ever this year!

Cordially,
Tayyaba
T. Hasan, PhD
ORCD Director



Postdoc Association Hosts a Full House for Panel Discussion on Careers in Academia and Industry

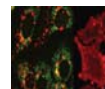
A large crowd of research fellows, graduate students and junior faculty filled a conference room in the Simches Research Building on January 23rd to hear two speakers discuss their paths from postdoctoral fellow to careers in academia or industry. Organized by the Mass General Postdoctoral Association (MGPA), the panel discussion featured **Viji Santhakumar, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology and Neurosciences, New Jersey Medical School, and **Julie Tetzlaff, PhD**, Scientist at Seaside Therapeutics in Cambridge, MA. These two dynamic speakers described their job searches with clarity, humor and realistic tips for succeeding in the current job market. Dr. Santhakumar joined the faculty of the NJMS in September 2008. She described planning strategies she wished she had used earlier as a graduate student and postdoc, including the importance of developing contacts and collaborations, presentation skills and teaching experience as early as possible in graduate/postdoctoral training. She also presented a "tool kit" for the job search.

Dr. Tetzlaff brought the perspective of a former MGH postdoc who has been a Scientist at Seaside Therapeutics for the past six months. She provided a superb overview of what to look for in an industry job, and interview tips for talking to human resources, project managers, scientists and research associates. Both speakers put great effort into slides that are full of useful advice, available at the MGPA website, www2.massgeneral.org/mgpa/pages/newsletters.asp under Archived Presentations.

Call for Abstracts!!
**4th Annual MGH Research
Fellows Poster Celebration**
Tuesday, June 9, 2009

**All MGH Research Fellows are
invited to submit an abstract
for a poster presentation. Cash
prizes will be awarded to the
top-ranked posters. Contact the
ORCD for more information.**

**Abstract deadline:
Friday, May 8, 2009**



ORCD Laboratory Management Series Tackles Grant Budget Basics for Scientists

Over sixty members of the research community, including PIs, fellows and administrators, attended the latest seminar in the ORCD's Lab Management Series: Budget Basics for Researchers. This lunch seminar was organized in response to feedback from participants of past Lab Management workshops, and reflects a need in the research community to understand all aspects of the research grant process. The ORCD welcomed two research administrators: **Gary J. Smith**, Senior Admin. Director, MGH Research Management, and **Donna M. Smith**, Senior

Research Administrator, Department of Molecular Biology.

Gary Smith began the seminar with an overview of grant budgets, including a discussion of direct and indirect costs, allowable and unallowable costs, and important issues that researchers should consider when developing a budget: how much money do you need to do the proposed work? Is there a maximum allowable budget? What costs will the sponsor allow? Smith emphasized the need to develop a detailed picture of the budget for

the full grant period, even when submitting an NIH modular budget that does not require details in the grant application. Donna Smith discussed the calculation of Burn Rates for a research project budget as a way of estimating and tracking costs over a multiple year grant. She also introduced the MGH Budget Template and walked the participants through the steps of creating a budget. **Handouts from this presentation and a link to the budget template are available on the ORCD website. More resources:** http://mghrefsearch.partners.org/Grants_Funding/pre-award%20info.asp

Orientation Packets Now Available for New Research Faculty and Fellows

We invite all new Research Faculty and Fellows to contact our office to receive a packet of valuable information to help you get the most out of your research career or training at the MGH. As part of the ORCD's new Orientation Program, the packet includes research resources, career advancement tools and skills training opportunities. Contact us at 671-643-1606 or orcd@partners.org to receive your orientation packet.

MGPA Corner: Research Fellows Elect New Leadership for the MGH Postdoc Association

The Massachusetts General Hospital Postdoc Association (MGPA) just completed its annual election for leadership positions on the MGPA Board. All MGH postdoctoral fellows were invited to nominate candidates for two Co-Chairs and one Executive Assistant for the 2009 term. With a field of six candidates, elections were open for voting for 3 weeks, with all research fellows eligible to vote. Election winners were announced last week: the two new Co-Chairs are

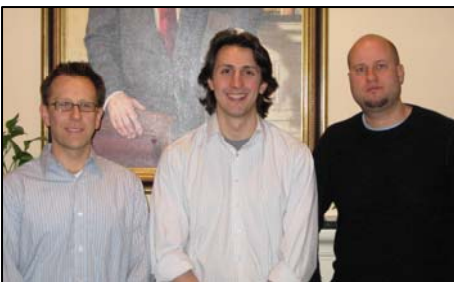
Adnan Abu-Yousif, PhD (Dermatology) and **Erik Hett, PhD** (Molecular Biology), and the new Executive Assistant is **Jonas Dyhrfjeld-Johnsen, PhD** (Neurology). The MGPA Board and the ORCD congratulate the winners and look forward to their successful leadership!

The MGPA is a volunteer-run association composed of an active Board that meets the first Thursday of each month to discuss issues relevant to the approximately 1,100 MGH

research fellows, with an emphasis on improving the postdoctoral experience. MGPA also organizes social and professional networking events, and programs aimed at preparing research fellows for careers within and outside of academia. All MGH research fellows are invited to participate in the MGPA. For more information, please visit our website at:

www2.massgeneral.org/mgpa/

MGPA Election Winners



Erik Hett, PhD, Adnan Abu-Yousif, PhD and Jonas Dyhrfjeld-Johnsen, PhD, newly-elected executive members of the MGPA Board.

News from the Partners International Office

International Tax Expert Presentations and CINTAX Software

Tax season is upon us, and international tax laws are among the most complicated. The Partners International Office (PIO) has resources to help you.

Note that Visa holders must file tax forms even if they did not earn money from a US source. Please visit the PIO intranet site for details about the upcoming International Tax Expert Presentations and filing with CINTAX software:

www.partners.org/tax

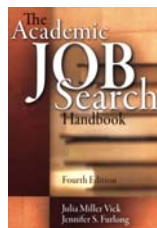
International Tax Expert presentations will take place on:
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
2:00 – 5:00 pm
O’Keefe Auditorium, MGH

Monday, March 30, 2009
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Bornstein Auditorium, BWH

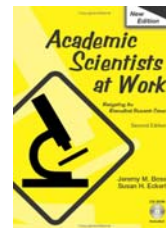
Partners International Office Launches New Web Site

The PIO has joined the Partners Research Intranet! You can now access up-to-date travel tips, departmental forms, and information at www.partners.org/pio (hospital intranet only)

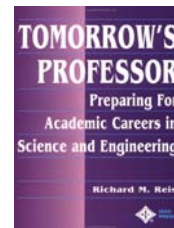
Useful Resources for Career Development Visit our Library in Bulfinch 370 for these and other titles!



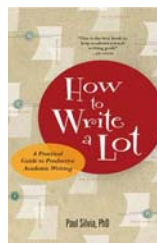
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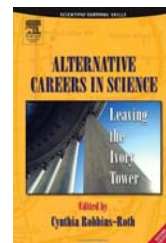
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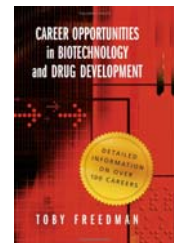
R.M. Reis



P. Silva



C. Robbins-Roth



T. Freedman

Mark Your Calendar! March-April Programs and Research News

Partners Innovation Fund Pitch Days: Sign up today!

Do you have an idea or biotech innovation that might have commercial potential? This is an open and confidential forum for you to share and protect your intellectual property, learn about venture funding, and understand the elements of your business model. Sign up for a 20-minute individual session to speak with industry experts. Contact Pamela Keddy, pkeddy@partners.org

Friday, March 6, 2009

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Carrie Hall, BWH

Friday, March 13, 2009

1:00 – 5:00pm

Simches 3.120, MGH

HMS Red Book – Informational Town Hall Meeting

At this meeting you will learn about fellowships and funding opportunities for Postdocs and Junior Faculty. HMS Red Book staff will describe how you can apply for these opportunities. Lunch will be available. Contact Erin Cromack, 617.432.7463 or Michael Bautista, 617.432.6928

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Simches 3.110 Conference Rm.

So You Want to Start a Business? Tips for Scientists

Speaker: Robert Creeden, MBA, Partners Innovation Fund
This group seminar will discuss strategies for translating research breakthroughs into business opportunities. You will learn about the basics of creating a business plan, and opportunities for venture funding. Register at orcd@partners.org

Monday, March 30, 2009

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Simches 3.110 Conference Rm.

Getting Your Point Across with PowerPoint

Speaker: Beth Beighlie, Harvard Medical School IS Department
Get practical tips for more effective communication when using PowerPoint. Learn how to capitalize on PowerPoint's capabilities to convey your ideas. See examples of the principles of information design and clear communication techniques. Understand elements of PowerPoint presentation construction.

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Simches 3.120 Conference Rm.

Writing Your CV Narrative: Tips for Faculty

Speaker: Mary B. Clark, PhD
Learn useful tips for summarizing your many professional contributions into one brief narrative report for your HMS CV. RSVP to cfd@partners.org

Monday, April 13, 2009

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Thier Conference Room

Grant Writing Workshop

Speaker: Carol Winkelman, MA and senior MGH Faculty TBA
This hands-on workshop allows investigators to submit a draft of an NIH grant application and receive feedback via peer review and professional editing. Participants also will learn tips for successful grant funding from experienced MGH faculty. You must submit your grant draft by the deadline to be considered for the workshop. Space is limited to a maximum of 18 participants.

Application deadline:
Thursday, April 9, 2009

Thursday, April 30, 2009

8:30 am – 4:30 pm and

Friday, May 1, 2009

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Invention Liaison Program Launches New Web Site

The Invention Liaison Program (ILP), a collaboration between the MGH Office of Research and Licensing and the ORCD has launched a new web site. The web site has information about the ILP Program and Advisory Liaisons, as well as tutorials on the inventions process. See: http://rvl.partners.org/resource_center/invention_liaison_program

CALL FOR REVIEWERS

Are you a faculty member looking for ways to get more involved with the MGH community? The ORCD is putting together a Review Committee for the upcoming Research Fellows Poster Celebration. The committee will meet once in the 3rd week of May to review and rank abstracts, and again on June 8th to select the final poster award winners. All faculty ranked at Assistant Professor and higher are invited to volunteer for the Review Committee. Please contact askoczenski@partners.org for more information.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact orcd@partners.org with questions or to register.

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*The 4th Annual MGH Research Fellows Poster Celebration is
just around the corner on June 9, 2009!
See inside for the Call for Poster Reviewers and Call for Abstracts*

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