Dear Students,

The goal of this newsletter is to facilitate medical student research by ensuring that students are aware of the research opportunities and resources available to them. If you have an event listing you would like included or if you are interested in seeing a particular research training topic discussed in an upcoming newsletter please send me your suggestions and requests.

Thank you,

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*Indicates events that are videoconferenced to distributed sites or archived online

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND AWARDS

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Reminders

• McGraw-Hill Ryerson Scholarship: Deadline July 15, 2011
• Patricia A. Baird Prize: Deadline July-August 2011 (see July 4th E-Bulletin for details)

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EVENTS
Community Forum: Let’s Talk About Air Pollution: How does it affect your lungs, heart and blood vessels?
July 20, 2011 (7:00 – 9:00 pm, doors at 6:30 pm)
Hurlburt Auditorium, Level 2 Providence Building, St. Paul’s Hospital

Join Medical Experts from Providence Health Care for monthly community forums at St. Paul’s Hospital. Each month features a different health topic with time to pose questions to the experts.

Intended for anyone who is interested in learning about the health effects of air pollution. The presentations will focus on the role that pollutants play on the development of diseases related to the heart, lungs and blood vessels and on how to reduce and limit one’s exposure to air pollution. The presentations will also highlight the ongoing research at St. Paul’s Hospital and the University of British Columbia. Speakers: Dr. Stephan F. van Eeden and Dr. Michael Brauer. Please see attached poster for more details.

To register please email ownyourhealth@providencehealth.bc.ca or call 604 806-8495.

Café Scientifique: Old Drugs, Bad Bugs: Antibiotic Treatment of Lung Infections in Cystic Fibrosis
July 27, 2011 (7:30 pm)
Railway Club: 579 Dunsmuir St. Vancouver
Speaker: Agatha Jassem, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UBC

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a fatal genetic disease that affects many Canadian children and young adults. Though CF is a multi-organ disease, chronic infection and inflammation of the lungs are particularly detrimental to health. Persons with CF can get infected with unusual bacteria that are hard to clear in part because they are, or become, highly resistant to antibiotics. Antibiotic treatment of airway infections in CF is further complicated by the fact that one class of antibiotics can cause resistance to another class, and some antibiotics can interfere with immune system processes. My research is focused on understanding how these “bad bugs” evade antibiotics, and the possible side-effects of chronic drug use.

Institute for Heart and Lung Health Summer Student Research Day – Call for Abstracts
Preliminary Abstract Deadline July 22, 2011 at 4:00 pm; Final Abstract Submission August 18, 2011 at 5:00 pm
Event: August 23, 2011 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)
Hurlburt Auditorium, Level 2 Providence Building, St. Paul’s Hospital
Please see the attached call for abstracts and abstract submission guidelines. No late abstracts will be accepted.

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Workshop: How to Write an Effective Animal Care Protocol
August 26, 2011 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)
UBC Point Grey

This free workshop is appropriate for Principal Investigators, Students, Staff and anyone else likely to fill out an animal ethics application.

If you've ever wanted to learn or have a refresher on how to write a great Animal Care Protocol, here is your opportunity to learn from some of the Animal Care Committee members. You will learn about the level of detail to include, sections of the application that are commonly omitted or incomplete, and key things the Committee looks for when reviewing protocols.

Please RSVP roger.chow@ors.ubc.ca if you're interested as space is limited (each session will be limited to approximately 12 attendees).

Drop in sessions – The Animal Care Committee offers regular drop-in hours for those wishing to meet with a member from the Animal Care Committee. These times facilitate dialogue on animal-related matters, such as provisos related to a protocol, assistance and advice on submitting a new protocol, or information on animal procedures. Follow the link to the Animal Care website for a current schedule.

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Event Reminders

- Conference: International Academy of Cardiology 16th World Congress on Heart Disease:
  July 23-26 2011; Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver

UBC Faculty of Medicine Calendar of Events
http://ip.med.ubc.ca/Page9655.aspx?PageMode=Hybrid

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ADDITIONAL RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

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Important Information Regarding Accident Insurance
Are you working on a research project this summer? Or during the school year? In the unlikely event that an accident was to occur do you have the proper UBC insurance coverage?

Do I already have UBC insurance?
Students who are engaged in research activities as a part of their coursework or those who are employees of UBC (i.e. receiving a paycheque from UBC payroll) are already covered by UBC accident insurance. Note that being paid a stipend or scholarship does not automatically make you a UBC employee; you must be paid via a student appointment form. Students who are volunteering in a lab or engaged in research activities unrelated to their coursework (e.g. the FoM Summer Student Research Program - SSRP) are not automatically covered by UBC’s insurance.

According to the requirements above I do not have insurance, now what?
Your research supervisor is responsible for ensuring that (if required) s/he purchases the appropriate UBC insurance on your behalf. However, not all supervisors are aware of this requirement. It is up to you to educate yourself and talk to your supervisor to ensure you are properly covered.

What kind of insurance should my supervisor purchase?
There are two types of insurance: Student Accident Insurance and Volunteer Accident Insurance. Students are eligible for Student Accident Insurance if they are participating in coursework or performing approved activities under the direction of UBC (i.e. as part of an official program, such as the SSRP). Students who start their summer projects prior to receiving confirmation of SSRP funding are not technically in a UBC approved program and would be considered volunteers, as would any other non-paid students assisting in the lab. The supervisor should arrange to have student volunteers covered under Volunteer Accident Insurance. The cost to the supervisor is minimal, only $7 for the year. *Note that the SSRP automatically purchases student accident insurance for all SSRP participants.

How do I get more information?
Student insurance is handled by UBC Risk Management Services, please start by visiting their website (http://www.riskmanagement.ubc.ca/insurance). You will find up to date information on the different types of insurance available as well as the actual insurance policies. You will also find contact information should your supervisor wish to purchase insurance on your behalf. FoM students and supervisors are also welcome to contact the Student and International Research Coordinator with inquiries of a general nature: Linda Hanson, lhanson@medd.med.ubc.ca

Resource Reminders

Tips for Finding a Supervisor
Global Health Electives Database
Current Student Research Openings
Student and Volunteer Accident Insurance

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ONGOING SEMINAR SERIES

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*Note that some seminar series are on hiatus until September

Cellular and Physiological Sciences

Seminars are held on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 in LSC3
http://www.anatomy.ubc.ca/seminars.html

MD/PhD Building Bridges Seminar Series

Seminars are held monthly at 6:00 pm at the Medical Student Alumni Centre (MSAC) located at 12th Ave and Heather St. in Vancouver and videoconferenced to the IMP (room MSB 131) and NMP (NHSC 9-374).
http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md_ugrad/mdphd/seminars.htm

School of Human Kinetics

Seminars are held at 12:30 in room 100 of the War Memorial Gym

Centre for Health Evaluation & Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS) Work in Progress Seminar Series (WiPS)

Seminars are held every second Wednesday in the Hurlburt Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Providence Building, St. Paul’s Hospital from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Centre for Blood Research Seminar Series

Seminars are held Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 in LSC3
http://www.cbr.ubc.ca/newsevents_eventsseminars.htm;

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Reproductive & Developmental Sciences seminar series (OBST 506)

Unless otherwise noted seminars are held every Thursday from 1:30-2:30 in room 2108 at the Child and Family Research Institute
http://www.obstgyn.ca

Centre for Health Education Scholarship – Research Rounds
Seminars are held on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:00-1:30 pm (lunch will be served), with videoconferencing to all distributed sites. Location: Diamond Health Care Centre, room 2267 and videoconferenced to IRC 305, CWH 2D22, MSB 107, RJH 125, KGH 237, NHSC 9-70. 
http://www.ches.med.ubc.ca/news_events_deadlines/research_rounds.htm

Centre for Health Education Scholarship – Thinking About Education Research Seminar Series

Seminars are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 4:30-7:30 pm (light refreshments will be served), with videoconferencing to all distributed sites. Location: Diamond Health Care Centre, room 2264 and videoconferenced to IRC 324, KGH 237, MSB 210, RJH 130, NHSC 9-374. 
http://www.ches.med.ubc.ca/news_events_deadlines/seminar_series.htm RSVP with location to Lucy Chen

James Hogg Research Centre iCAPTURE Seminar Series

Seminars are held every Friday from 11:30-12:30 in the Gourlay Conference Room (St. Paul’s Hospital)
http://www.icapture.ubc.ca/opp/opp_sem.shtml

James Hogg Research Centre Research in Progress seminar series

Seminars are held every Monday from 9:00-10:00am in the Gourlay Conference Room (St. Paul’s Hospital)
http://www.icapture.ubc.ca/opp/opp_sem.shtml

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Discussion Group
Unless otherwise noted seminars are held every Monday from 3:00-4:00 in LSC #3
http://www.biochem.ubc.ca/department/seminars.html

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