



Vieira Lab Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- **When: November 30**
What: PAC3 Research Summit
Where: Harrisburg, PA
Topic: Research Program on Craniofacial Cancer Genetics
Presenter: Alex Vieira

Lab Meeting Schedule

- **When: November 28, 2006, 12:30**
Where: 403 Salk
Topic: ASHG Highlights
Presenter: ASHG Attendees
- **When: December 12, 12:30**
Where: 403 Salk
Topic: Patagonia Experience
Presenter: Alex Vieira

Journal Club Schedule

- **When: November 29th at 12:00**
Where: 500 Cellomics
Presenter: Jun Machida
- **When: December 6th at 12:00**
Where: 500 Cellomics
Presenter: Jeff Murray
- **When: December 13th at 12:00**
Where: 500 Cellomics
Presenter: Adrianna Mostowska
- **When: December 20th at 12:00**
Where: 500 Cellomics
Presenter: Luciana Van Westen



Dr. Albandar and officers of the Student Research Group

Lab News

When approached by the officers of the Student Research Group (SRG) about assistance in finding a guest speaker for Grand Rounds, Dr. Vieira did not think twice when suggesting Dr. Jasim Albandar. Dr. Albandar, according to Dr. Vieira, is a well known and respected in the field of periodontology. He is the Vice-Chair at the Department of Periodontology at Temple University. He is also the Director of the Pre-doctoral Periodontology Program and a tenured professor. Dr. Albandar's research includes studies in epidemiology of periodontitis and new therapies of periodontal and peri-implant disease. Dr. Vieira knew that with Dr. Albandar's background, he would be a good balance for the list of speakers scheduled to present at Grand Rounds.

Dr. Albandar had time to meet with the officers of SRG during dinner the night before his presentation. There he discussed in much detail his research and offered advice to the students. During Grand Rounds the following day, both Dr. Vieira and the SRG group were pleased with the turn out. The standing-only room was filled with both students and a handful of faculty. Dr. Vieira sees this as a great step in introducing students to other types of research and to continue encouraging more research among them.

Dental Registry and DNA Repository News

The Dental Registry and DNA Repository (DRDR) project continues to forge ahead with a new total of 165 participants having donated saliva samples and the use of their clinical chart information in the name of helping dental research. Only 34 individuals have declined to participate in the project, a relatively small number as was expected by Dr. Vieira before the project was implemented.

Currently, the DRDR is expanding into more clinics within the School of Dental Medicine, including Oral Hygiene, Urgent Care, and the Implant Center. The Module 2 Clinic faculty and staff continue to lend their strong support for the project under the guidance of Dr. Marnie Oakley and Dr. Christine Wankiiri-Hale.

The early phases of data entry have also been implemented with the recent completion of the Microsoft Access database. The database will be compatible with Axium, the School of Dental Medicine's upcoming electronic charting system, which will likely be in place by the summer of 2008.

If you would like to be involved or learn more about the DRDR, please contact Jill Schaefer at 412.383.5944 or at jss73@dental.pitt.edu