That’s right folks! Your favorite department newsletter is getting a new look! As we start our 6th volume we thought it was time to mix things up a bit with a new look and maybe even some new features! That’s where you folks come in!

If you have any ideas for new items you’d like to see in the newsletter, send your ideas to mrl34@cornell.edu. Small prizes will be awarded for the best ideas that make it into our bimonthly publication.

Cornell Imaging announces the acquisition of two new instruments to be housed in the Weill basement imaging space:

1) A laser-capture microdissection system (Zeiss PALM) for extracting regions-of-interest from tissue sections or other thin specimens for further RNA, DNA, or proteomics analysis.

2) A spinning disk confocal microscope (Andor/Olympus Revolution) for fast, live or high-throughput imaging of cell cultures or other fluorescent specimens. This instrument has 4 excitation lines, an environmental chamber with CO₂ and hypoxia control, a dedicated photobleaching apparatus and separate cameras for simultaneous collection of multiple channels.

Contact Bob Doran (rmd37, 3-4323) for more information.
The Department of Biomedical Sciences is pleased to announce that Ms. Patricia (Patti) Brenchley has accepted the Administrative Assistant position in our office (T4 018 VRT). Patti comes to us from the Baker Institute as the grants coordinator over the last 2 years. Patti began her career at Cornell in 1985 and has held various positions throughout the University of increasing responsibilities that included the Law School, College of Ag and Life Sciences and the Johnson Graduate School of Management to name a few. Patti will be supporting Dr. Roberson and Amy Pellegrino in coordinating/overseeing departmental special projects, visa coordinator/liaison with ISSO for the department, distribution of departmental keys and obtaining after-hours access, dossier preparation, faculty support, as well as being a resource for the department on a variety of projects.

Please join me in welcoming Patti to the Department.

This year’s 2013 Northeastern Veterinary Pathology Conference, an annual event sponsored by the CL. Davis Foundation, will be hosted by the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine on Saturday and Sunday April 6 & 7. Case presentations from trainees and pathologists in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology will be featured. The keynote address will be given by our own Dr. Donald H. Schlafer, Professor of Comparative Obstetrical and Gynecological Pathology here at Cornell.

For more information visit the CL Davis website at: http://www.cldavis.org/courses/upcoming.html#149

"The Boyko Lab would like to welcome their newest member, Laura Shannon, a postdoctoral associate with expertise in trait mapping, domestication and genomics. Laura comes from Dr. John Doebley’s lab (University of Wisconsin) where she earned a Ph.D. in genetics this past December. Although she’s the only person in the lab now that doesn’t have a dog, we don’t hold that against her… please stop by the 8th floor and say hi to Laura!"


DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR SERIES

FEBRUARY 13
WED. 4:00pm, G10 BIOTECHNOLOGY
The Clive M. McCay Lectureship
Dr. Richard Weindruch, PhD
Professor, Department of Medicine
University of Wisconsin-Madison
"Caloric Restriction and Aging: Past, Present & Future"
Hosted by Dr. Maria Lujan, 255-3153
and Dr. Mark Roberson, 253-3336

FEBRUARY 18
MON. 12:00pm, C2-537 CPC
Dr. Andrew Miller
Instructor of Pathology
New England Primate Research Center
Harvard Medical School
“Peripheral Neuropathy in Simian Immunodeficiency Virus Infected Rhesus Macaques”
For info, contact Lorraine Capogrossi, 253-3537

FEBRUARY 25
MON. 12:00pm, C2-537 CPC
Dr. Molly Murphy
Resident, Anatomic Pathology
Department of Anatomic Pathology
Iowa State University
“Molecular Epidemiology of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Viruses in the United States”
For info, contact Lorraine Capogrossi, 253-3537

FEBRUARY 27
WED. 11:00am, VEC Lecture Hall II
Dr. Alice Liou
Research Fellow
Obesity, Metabolism, & Nutrition Institute
Massachusetts General Hospital
“The Role of the Gut Microbiota on the Metabolic Outcomes of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass”
For info, contact Elena Cestero, 253-3302

MARCH 7
THUR. 11:00AM, VEC Lecture Hall II
Dr. Eyleen O’Rourke
Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Genetics
Harvard Medical School
Department of Molecular Biology
Massachusetts General Hospital
“Surviving without Food”
For info, contact Elena Cestero, 253-3302

MARCH 11
MON. 11:00am, VEC Lecture Hall II
Dr. Colin Young
Postdoctoral Associate
Department of Biomedical Sciences
Cornell University
“Title TBA”
For info, contact Elena Cestero, 253-3302

MARCH 14
THUR. 11:00am, VEC Lecture Hall II
Dr. Bethany Cummings
Assistant Project Biochemist
Department of Molecular Biosciences
University of California, Davis
“Ileal Interposition and Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy Delay Type 2 Diabetes Onset in the UCD-T2DM Rat: Role of GLP-1, bile acids, and ghrelin.”
For info, contact Elena Cestero, 253-3302

MARCH 18
MON. 11:00am, VEC Lecture Hall II
Dr. John Dominy
Research Fellow
Department of Cell Biology
Dana Farber Cancer Institute
“Novel Pathways Controlling PGC-1 alpha Acetylation” and Hepatic Gluconeogenesis
For info, contact Elena Cestero, 253-3302