Congratulations to Samantha Palmaccio, a senior undergraduate student in Dr. Alexander Nikitin’s lab, who received the First Place award for the best poster presentation at the 3rd Annual Stem Cell Symposium which took place at Cornell on October 30, 2010. The second award went to Ying Zhang (Tudorita Tumbar Lab) in the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics and the third award went to Bo Ri Seo (Claudia Fischbach-Teschl Lab) in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Samantha’s presentation was about targeting mammary cancer stem cells by reconstitution of the miR-376b-cIAP1 pathway.

Marsha Wallace of the Schimenti Lab won an award for her poster at the 24th International Mammalian Genome Conference in Crete, Greece this past month.

Aly Spealman Nadworny, graduate student in the Davisson and Kotlikoff Labs, has been selected as the next Stanly Stahl Research Fellow by the American Heart Association Founders’ Affiliate. Family, friends and AHA-related physician-scientists have selected Aly’s project, “C-kit+ Cells Exhibit a Unique Redox-Related Molecular Profile that Confers Stemness and Drives Differentiation”, recently funded by the AHA Founders’ Affiliate, for this named award in memory of Mr. Stahl. A luncheon is being planned in January for Aly to present her work to the family and friends of Mr. Stahl.

Dr. Colin Young, postdoctoral trainee in the Davisson Cornell-Ithaca Lab, has been selected by the Scholars Committee of the Cornell Center for Vertebrate Genomics to be a recipient of the 2010 Genomics Scholars Award for his proposal titled “Dissecting the role of endoplasmic reticulum stress and NFκB activation in hypertension”.

As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December’s bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.

~ Donald E. Westlake
The following trainees were selected for funding under the new Comparative Cancer Biology Training Program, a new internal training grant supported by the College of Veterinary Medicine. The funding supports their cancer-related research projects.

**Graduate Students**
Chieh-Yang Chang (Mentor: Alex Nikitin)
Sara Che (Mentor: Tracy Stokol)
Ian Welsh (Mentor: Natasza Kurpios)
Jingwen Zhang (Mentor: Rick Cerione)

**Postdoctoral Fellow**
Xuesen Zhang (Mentor: Scott Coonrod)

**Residents**
Hannah Bender (Anatomic Pathology; Mentor: Teresa Southard)
Brendan Noonan (Avian Medicine and Surgery; Mentor: Ricardo De Matos)
Angharad Waite (Medical Oncology; Mentor: Margaret McEntee)

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Dr. Andrew Yen reports: a grant from NYSTEM was awarded to update the Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter in the Cytometry Core Laboratory to a new one that does everything but make you a cappuccino and bake a croissant.
Trying to think of a great way to help out your fellow mankind this Holiday Season?

Why not help to give a special little girl a Happy Holiday! This year the department is sponsoring a 9 year old little girl named Iris! Anyone interested in buying gifts for young Iris or donating to the cause can contact May Lovelace at mrl34 or 3-3840.

Publications


Administrative Staff in The College of Veterinary Medicine are invited to Administrative Networking Lunches (you bring your lunch - Beverage and Cookies provided). These luncheons are held once a month. The next Administrative Networking Lunch will be December 9, 2010 from 12-1pm in the Hagan Room.

Complete this Holiday word search and bring it to the Department Winter Celebration on Monday, December 13th for your chance to win a special prize!