CANCER BIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

Employees News
Drs. Maria De Fatima Bonaldo and Sergey Malchenko joined the Department of Cancer Biology and Pharmacology. The CBP department extends a warm welcome to both, and wishes them much success.

Publications
- **Drs. Chelluboina and Veeravalli** published the following:
- **Dr. Fukuchi** published the following in Journal of Biological Chemistry:

Invitations
Bradley University invited Drs. Veeravalli, Velpula, and Zakharian as judges in the 2015 Student Scholarship Exposition to be held on April 15-16. Each EXPO judge is given six (6) student posters and presentations (5-7 minutes each) to review and evaluate.
PATHOLOGY

Dr. Roger W. Geiss delivered a talk entitled “A Third of a Century of Pathology Education: A View from the Trenches” at the national meeting of the Group for Research in Pathology Education (GRIPE) in Tallahassee, FL on January 30, 2015.

LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

The Library of the Health Sciences – Peoria supports the missions of the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing through its research services and collections as an integral piece of a thriving scholarly environment.

This month we congratulate our Featured Authors: Dr. Thembi Conner-Garcia and Dr. James Graumlich from the Department of Medicine. A copy of this article will be on display in the Library throughout the month.


HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome new employees...

Shannon Riese, Reimbursement Coding Specialist I, Peds

Jon Duttlinger, Steam & Power III, Physical Plant

Chris Buck, Staff Nurse, Peds Subspecialty

Sherry Sherman, Patient Services Specialist, Positive Health Solutions, PHS (formerly HIHAC)
Hope you are able to join us at the Staff Appreciation Banquet on April 17 to honor employees for their years of dedicated service! Reminder regarding service award recognition: UIC hosts service recognition in the fall (for the calendar year). The UIC service awards (from the fall) will be presented at the spring CSEC Banquet. Example: if you had 20 years of service in calendar year 2014, you will receive your 20 year service award at the CSEC Banquet in the spring 2015.

DISCOUNTS! Be sure to check out the discounts available in NESSIE…for cell phones, travel and MORE!

Direct link via NESSIE below:
https://nessie.uihr.uillinois.edu/cf/benefits/index.cfm?Item_ID=1574&rlink=1

PEDIATRIC RESOURCE CENTER

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
Please join the Pediatric Resource Center in their efforts to STOP CHILD ABUSE

The Pediatric Resource Center (PRC) at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria is a service community program addressing the needs of suspected sexually or physically abused and/or neglected child victims throughout Central Illinois. Affiliated with the Children’s Hospital of Illinois at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, PRC offers child-friendly medical examinations and case coordination services while working with law enforcement, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the legal system for the protection of child victims. Each year, the Pediatric Resource Center provides medical examinations to over 300 victims of child maltreatment.

Please come join us in these upcoming April events to help bring awareness and prevention to child abuse:

Friday, April 17th – Hands Around the Courthouse at noon at the Peoria County Courthouse plaza – a City Wide gathering of local agencies who fight for the welfare of our children will come together in support of preventing child abuse. Wear blue for support and come join us over the noon lunch hour!
Saturday, April 18th – PRC’s 3rd Annual Kick Abuse at Kickapoo 5K Trail Run/Walk event through the beautiful vineyards of Kickapoo Creek Winery. You can register online at http://go.illinois.edu/KickAbuse5K, or the morning of the race starting at 7:30am. Start time of the race is 8:30am. Participants 21 years and over, will receive 3 free wine tastings from Kickapoo Creek Winery. Please see flyer.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in volunteering for the race, please contact PRC at 624-9595.
Join PRC for the 3rd Annual
Kick Abuse at Kickapoo 5K
Trail Run & Fun Walk
April 18, 2015

100% of proceeds help fund medical and social services to
abused and neglected children in central Illinois!

NOW PART OF THE IVS GRAND PRIX SERIES

- Race Starts at 8:30am
- $30/$25 for students
- 3 FREE wine tastings to those 21 & up
- Brunch by Kickapoo Winery after event <$10
- Register: www.go.illinois.edu/kickabuse5K

Call PRC with Questions: 309-624-9595

Sponsored by:

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Sponsorship opportunities still available
The ‘employee spotlights’ are a great way to put some faces with some names, as we’re all located in a variety of locations, sharing a common mission. Thank you to all for your daily support of the College of Medicine’s goals; your commitment, dedication, and hard work, are greatly appreciated!

Suzy Witt

I work in General Stores which translates to Stores, Print Shop, Shipping/Receiving, Mailroom/Courier. That sounds like madness, and some days it is. That’s what makes working here fun. Our days “in the back” are never the same. I oversee the day to day functions of our area. Our department handles any supplies or items coming into the building. We move packages in and then back out to the requestor. We sort mail and make deliveries. We ship anything from documents to specimen via UPS/FedEx/USPS. We print anything from business cards to pamphlets to newsletters. I’m responsible for the in-house billing, ledgers, and other budget stuff.

The best part about working here is the people. Sondra and Janice are wonderful to work with. They are hard-working and fun-loving. We have fun at work which makes coming to work easy. We get to provide a service to some pretty great people, too. We get to know everyone on-site as well as off-site.

Another nice thing about working here is that I enjoy what I do. I like printing and figuring out how we can make things look better and/or cost less for the costumer. I like handling packages and moving around. I love that I am not chained to a desk all the time. I get to sneak outside to unload trucks or make deliveries once in a while.

My husband, Brandon (mainly known as Witt), and I have two amazing kids. Maggie will turn seven and Colby will turn three soon. We have “my pup” as Colby calls her. Jo is a chocolate lab. We live in Bartonville. We enjoy being outdoors. Whether it’s working in the yard or playing in the woods behind our house. We like to camp and fish, although we didn’t get much in last year. Needless to say we are looking forward to warmer weather. Maggie is playing softball again this year. Colby loves anything that involves running or climbing or a ball. He could find a puddle in the desert. He is all boy! Our family loves to play card and board games. We enjoy hanging out with family and friends!

CSEC

Announcements/Highlights from Last Events

Children’s Book Drive for UICOMP Pediatrics – University Peds, located in the Allied Building. This valuable program has lost its $1500-year grant funding. Thanks to the generous people here at UICOMP, the book drive was a great success!
March's Popcorn Sale raised $32.00 after expenses for Community Chest. Thank you everyone for supporting Community Chest!

U of I College of Medicine Bowling League

Landmark Bowling Lanes in Peoria results:

Top score 238 by Kathy Bridgeforth, on We Call the Shots team.

1st place - First In, Last Out:
1. Raymond Weitzel
2. Nathan Reimer
3. Venetia Hill
4. Latorria Brock

2nd place - We Call the Shots:
1. Catherine Kern
2. Kim Alexander
3. Kathy Bridgeforth - Top Score
4. Sub - Kim Goodwin
5. Sub - Connie Cranford
6. Sub - Cheryl Perry
7. Sub - Blake Alexander

3rd place - Split Personalities:
1. Suzy Witt
2. Shelly Atkinson
3. Sondra Fox
4. Misha Bales

4th place - Oldies But Goodies:
1. Wendy Bucklin
2. Joe Newcomb
3. Bernie Rubio
4. Pam Williams

5th place - The Bombs:
1. Marie Smith
2. Shauna Larson
3. Cindy Robbins
4. Sub - Sandi Blasingim
5. Sub - Holly Rademaker
6. Sub - Tyson Booe
Everyone who participated received a bowling pin to keep as a souvenir which all players signed. The first place team First In, Last Out players also received a nice mini bowling trophy. This event was a huge success and next year’s Council will definitely want to keep this idea in mind. Thank you to all who participated 😊. Glad everyone had a great time!

**Look for pictures on the UICOMP CSEC webpage:**

***For those of you who have access to the M drive you may view these pictures now at:**
M:\Public\CSEC\CSEC Photo Gallery\FY15

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A big shout out of thanks goes to all who helped at the Popcorn Sale:

Bonnie Willis, Latorria Brock, Angela Daniels, Stephanie Sampson, Gail Davis, Kim Deets, Lois Whitby and Wendy Bucklin 😊

We appreciate you all!

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WE NEED YOU UICOMP!

SAW “Thank you” booklet collection March 1 thru April 9th

It is that time of year again to give thanks to many of those co-workers that help to brighten your day or make your workplace a joy to be a part of! Please send your submissions to Marti Sokolowski martisok@uic.edu for inclusion in our “Thank you” booklet that will be available the week of SAW for viewing. It is the little things in this world that tend to bring a genuine smile to our face 😊. Please help us to make that happen during SAW week!
SAW Centerpiece collection—WE NEED YOU UICOMP! Please help us help you!

Thank you so much to all who have donated centerpieces already! We have a great party planned all to appreciate and recognize YOU! We are still in need of your help with the centerpieces and will be collecting them up until 4-16. Centerpieces are used for table decoration and winners drawn for by raffle tickets, which are also included as part of a 50/50 drawing. Half of the money goes to a drawing winner and half of the money is given to the donated centerpiece creator who received the most votes by tickets. We will then draw out one winner per centerpiece to finish off the fun! If you would like to donate a centerpiece for the banquet please send an email to ayerian@uic.edu and a CSEC representative will be in contact with you. We have a great party planned all to appreciate and recognize YOU!

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Save the Dates

Upcoming CSEC Information and Sponsored Events

April 8 Personal Enrichment- Miniature flower pot painting

Whether you need a pen holder for your desk or a little pot for herbs at home we have just what you are looking for! Please join us to paint your mini flower pot. We will also be sending home with you flower seeds for your garden beds around the house

Onsite A115 11:30-1pm
Offsite Hillcrest 401-32 11:30-1pm
Offsite Allied ID Room 11:30-1pm

April 13-17 Staff Appreciation Week –
Personal Safety Presentation given by Sergeant Patterson of the Peoria Police Department

RSVP’s are not required to attend, but will help Sergeant Patterson to better prepare for his presentation for us. Please RSVP to HR, Lynn Keeton lkeeton@uicomp.uic.edu.

Presentation times and locations are as follows:

- 4-14 Hillcrest Building, Room 401-41, Time: Noon
- 4-16 Main Campus, Room A100-2, Time: Noon

Planning on attending this year’s SAW Banquet on Friday, April 17 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria? If so, think ahead as we are encouraging those who like to live on the wild side an opportunity to attend in costume! Conference room location River G-J.

This year we will host a “costume” contest and we encourage you to participate. It is easy, dress up like one of the six clue characters from any time period: Mrs. White, Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock, Mr. Green, Colonel Mustard or Miss Scarlet. A prize will be awarded per character at the banquet voted for by audience applause. Please mark your calendars now to attend this fun evening. Social hour to start at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, then the program is to immediately follow. **If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend please send an email to amd@uic.edu and Angela will email one to you. RSVP due date extended to April 10th.** Please let us know if you have any specific questions regarding costs to attend once you view the invitation. FYI - We will not be depositing your checks until after the banquet.

SAW Banquet Menu

**Reception**
- Cash Bar
- Swedish Meatballs
- Asian Wasabi Mustard Spring Rolls
- Fruit Display
- Tuscan Four Cheese Fondue
  (with bread & veggies for dipping)

**Dinner**
- Chicken Breast
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Salad & Rolls
- Dessert
- Water, Coffee, Tea

**NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE BANQUET BUT STILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUN? ALL BANQUET NON-ATTENDEES ONLY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THIS COSTUME CONTEST. DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE CLUE CHARACTER AND IF YOU ARE JUDGED TO HAVE THE BEST COSTUME AMONGST BANQUET NON-ATTENDEE PARTICIPANTS YOU WILL WIN A $25 MOVIE GIFT CARD! HOW TO PARTICIPATE? DRESS UP IN COSTUME, TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF AND SUBMIT BY APRIL 15TH TO:**
  csec@uicomp.uic.edu

**WE WILL BE ASKING EMPLOYEES TO VOTE ON ALL CONTESTANTS ANONYMOUSLY VIA EMAIL. WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED FRIDAY!**
Embassy Suites Hotel information: Need or want to get a room for the night? Super nice hotel, rooms are $159 a night and include the following amenities: High-speed internet access, indoor pool & hot tub, riverfront patio, gourmet breakfast and skywalk from Conference Center to Hotel. Hotel reservations phone number 1-800-Embassy or local number 309-694-0200. Website: www.embassysuiteseastpeoria.com

May 14 Popcorn Sale proceeds benefit the Community Chest

May 28-29 Silent Auction proceeds benefit the Community Chest. Come join the fun and donate a Spring Basket filled with goodies or pass off that nice White Elephant gift you received! Donations will be collected from May 11 through May 22 and must be in good presentable condition. Please email Stephanie Sampson ssamps3@uic.edu if you are interested in donating a silent auction item. Starting May 25 all baskets/items will be in the glass lobby display for viewing at One Illini Drive on campus. Pictures will be taken and displayed at the two following places:

UTCOMP CSEC webpage:
http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/departments___programs/human_resources/CSEC/photo_gallery/fy15

&M" drive as well: M:\Public\CSEC\CSEC Photo Gallery\FY15

May 28 and 29 the Silent Auction will run from 8am-4pm both days. Shari Wynn will be managing the auction. Winners will be announced and pick up/deliveries arranged on Monday June 1. Watch for details of this fine event!

June Summer Kick Off Chill N Grill BBQ…. Plus Chip-n-Dip Contest! Proceeds benefit PRC (Pediatric Resource Center) - Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. Ok let’s get ready for summer in style with our first cookout of the season. The bonus is
a Chip-n-Dip contest! So if you would like to enter the contest, go through those famous recipes and enter your favorite chip-n-dip. Watch for details.

See the following links for further information regarding how the Community Chest can benefit you during an unexpected life's hardship.

http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/departments__programs/human_resources/CSEC/community_chest/


Don’t Forget To Check Us Out On The UICOMP CSEC Webpage 😊

http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/departments__programs/human_resources/CSEC/

View information or items such as event photos, CSEC Constitution, Suggestion Box, Rose Award, Community Chest, Thank You Booklet, Welcome Letter and general information about your CSEC Council.

NEWS RELEASES

Contact: Dave Haney
309-671-8404

Don’t forget to visit the UICOMP website for news releases: http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news

MISCELLANEOUS / PERSONAL

Happy Birthday!

4 Cherron Allen
4 Catherine Kern
6 Kristin Lenover
11 Kimmi Walker
14 Gina Richardson
18 Carmen Howard

20 Dave Haney
21 Jackie Laredo
22 Jeanne Reddy
25 Tom Cusack
28 Kim Rodgers
28 Matt Sheaffer

If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to be added, please contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu
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