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The Early Summer Edition

Barbeque Season has Arrived!

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What is Pathology News?

A monthly newsletter devoted to improving communications between the Departments of Pathology at Queen's, KGH and Hotel Dieu. This newsletter is completely submission driven. Feedback is more than welcome!

Received in the Head's Office

The following item(s) have been received and are available Ithaca, NY, 14853-6401, Phone: (607) 253for viewing in the Head's Office: Contact, Spring 1995, NSERC Highlights, and Statistics 1994, NSERC of Canada

Job Opportunities

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is searching for a Chair of the Department of Pathology. The Chair of Pathology will direct clinical and anatomical pathology services at the affiliated University Hospital and Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital. Letters of interest including a curriculum vitae should be sent to Vernon S. Bishop, Ph.D., Chair, Pathology Chair Search Committee, Department of Physiology, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78284-7756.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), is seeking qualified candidates to serve in the Health Effects Laboratory Division in Morgantown, West Virginia. NIOSH will be recruiting toxicologists (T-1), microbiologists (M-1), pathologists (P-1), physiologists (PH-1), etc.

Interested candidates should request information regarding current job postings (identifying discipline by code number) from: Human Resources Management Office, 1095 Willowdale Road, M/S 153, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26505.

The Department of Anatomy at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University has announced an opening for a Teaching Support Specialist in Gross Anatomy. Starting date as early as June 15, 1995 or until the position is filled. Submit resume with names of references to: Cornelia E. Farnum, D.V.M., Ph.D., Chair, Department of Anatomy, College of Veterinary Anatomy at Cornell University, S2 056 Schurman Hall,

3543, Fax: (607) 253-3541, email: cef2@cornell.edu.

Employment Wanted

Zorica Bogdanovic is looking for a position as a research technician in the Department of Pathology. She has a B.Sc. in Applied Chemistry along with more than five years experience in analytical chemistry, research, and quality control of water using several analytical methods of testing. Her curriculum vitae is on file in Room 202, Richardson Labs.

Suja Mani is looking for a position working in the area of clinical microbiology. She has a B.Sc. from the University of Kerala, India, and she has worked as a medical technologist at the Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar from December 1981 until she recently came to Canada as a Landed Immigrant.

Curricula vitae for the above-named people are available in Marlene's office, Room 202, Richardson Labs.

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Appointments, Awards & Professional **Activities**

Rites of Passage News

Congratulations to Alessandra Duncan who will be promoted to the rank of Professor effective July 1, 1995. Also, in keeping with our departmen policy to grant the equivalent rank in Pathology to that held by cross-appointees in their primary department, Susan Cole and James Kennedy have been promoted to Professors of Pathology, **Barbara Campling to Associate Professor** effective July 1, 1995.

July 1 also marks a change date for several of the Queen's departmental committee chairs. Lois Shepherd will succeed both Sandip SenGupta as the Director of the General Pathology Program and Iain Young as chair of the Postgraduate Education Committee. David Hurlbut will replace Iain Young as the Director of Anatomic Pathology; and Sam Ludwin and Bill Corbett will respectively maintain continuity through retaining the Directorships of the Neuropatholog and Hematopathology Program. The last few year have been the most tumultuous in the last twenty five years of residency education. On behalf of the 9, 1995 for those with 25 years of service to the allowed us to cope with decreasing resident numbers, a marked restriction on foreign medical graduates, a reduction in applications due to the institution of the matching program, and the reduction, hopefully temporary, in jobs. Over this time our residents have been able to maintain their superb record of achievement in successfully completing the Royal College Examinations, and winning national and provincial research prizes.

Iain Young will cycle into the Directorship of the KGH Division of Anatomic Pathology succeeding Alan Fletcher. It was due to Alan's tact and sensitive facilitation of the Group that we were able to cope with the institution of an anatomic pathology computer system, revised on-call scheduling and major revisions of our working interrelationships amongst pathologists, resident and technologists.

The Graduate Committee Chair, David Lillicrap agreed to head the Research Advisory Committee,

replacing Bob Kisilevsky, our founding head of as a capitalist principal investigator guru, jet settingsummer studentship positions in Anatomic amongst venture capitalists and international drug houses. The Committee, through Bob, helped resolve the contentious problems of equitable research tithing, technical laboratory fees, and research space allocation.

Bruce Elliott will be recycled as the successor to David Lillicrap as Graduate Studies Coordinator Bruce was previously the coordinator from 1985-1989. The program has continued to develop during David Lillicrap's tenure. There has been an welcomed. increase in the number of students to 32 with increasing academic standards, external awards, group spirit and the development of a very popular fourth year undergraduate elective program.

Paul Manley has also recommended the appointment of Sandip SenGupta as the new Deputy Head of the Kingston General Hospital Department of Pathology for the period July 1, 199 to October 1, 1997. Bill Corbett, who has been the Deputy Head for the last five years, was not renewed as he will be retiring on June 30, 1996. This is but one occasion to thank him for his excellent achievement in the development and shepherding of quality assurance, not only within our department, but within the Hospital at large.

Annual Long Service Dinner The Annual Long Service Dinner was held on Ma University. Among those honoured were John DaCosta and Dr. R. Kisilevsky.

Service Milestones Congratulations to Carol Whyman for Twenty-five years of service and to Nancy

Balla-Thomas who will reach her 5 year milestone at the Kingston General Hospital in June 1995.

Drs. Gloria Delisle and David Dexter have been awarded \$4,888 from the Principal's Development Fund (Category A) to support their research project entitled "Image Collection, Digitization & Data Bank Archive".

Dr. David LeBrun has been awarded \$28,600 for one year from The Leukemia Research Fund to support his research project entitled "Transcription Regulation by E2a-Pbx1". Congratulations once

again!

Peter Brooks, Jennifer Takahashi and the Committee, who is going to spend his full time Karen Greiner, the successful applicants for the Pathology at Kingston General and Hotel Dieu

Hospitals began their appointments on May 29th. Peter and Jennifer are working at KGH and Karen is working at HDH.

Dr. Daria Haust, amidst writing several papers and participating in educational conferences, is helping develop a friends or alumni of our department concept. Dr. Howard Steele was willingly conscripted to assist. Volunteers will be

During February 1995, a series of presentations on cancer biology and disease were made in Vanier and Winston Churchill Public Schools. By all accounts the curriculum was extremely well received by students and school faculty alike. I would like to extend special thanks to Jain Young, Lou Franchi and Blake Gubbins for preparing 5 special microscope slides and making available plastinated samples of various cancers. This handson opportunity was very much appreciated by the students.

Submitted by Bruce Elliott, Cancer Presentations Coordinator

For Your Information

A memo recently received from Queen's General Services indicates a dramatic cost increase in paper over the last few months. Our catalog prices for photocopy paper are\$4.44 for a 500 sheet pack and \$6.27 for 500 sheets of quality laser paper. Indications are that prices have gone up 50-75% and perhaps even more in the near future.

The impact of this is to be aware of actual prices and to try and conserve ahead of time.

Calendar of Events

Department of Pathology Research Seminars: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm **Richardson Amphitheatre. Richardson Labs** All further Regular Research seminars are cancelled Richardson Laboratory. for the summer, but special seminars may be held from time to time. Watch this space!

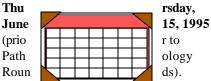
Upcoming Monday lunch videos in Richardson amphitheatre, topics to be announced: June 26: TBA July 24: TBA August 28 : TBA Bring your lunch and have a ball!



General News

Annual Senior Staff and Resident Photo - CHANGE IN DATE

The annual group photograph of all senior staff and residents currently associated with the Department of Pathology will be taken at 12:00 noon in front of Richardson Laboratory on



Ontario Cancer Genetics Network (OCGN)

As part of the process of establishing the OCGN, the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation is setting up research groups to address the broad range of questions raised by the

possibility of genetic testing for predisposition to cancer. The Foundation would like your help in identifying individuals in our centre and elsewhere in the province who have relevant expertise and who might wish to take part in the network. Please fax their names and areas of interest to Dr. I. Andrulis, Director, Ontario Cancer Genetics Network, OCTRF at (416) 971-7554.

Important Note to all Staff and Students

When your affiliation with the Department of Pathology comes to an end, please remember to return all building keys and radiation badges to the Administrative Office, Room 202,

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice-Principal (Health Sciences)

Principal William C. Leggett is pleased to inform us that the following have agreed to serve on the committee to advise him on the present state and future prospects of the Faculty of Medicine and on the selection of a Dean and Vice-Principal (Life Sciences).

The members of the committee are: Mark Bisby, Professor and Head, Department of Physiology, Ann Brown, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, Gene Dagnone, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Elizabeth Eisenhauer, Professor, Department of Oncology, Peter Glynn, Executive Director, Kingston General Hospital, Hugh Graham, Executive Director, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Robert Kisilevsky, Professor, Department of Pathology, Katherine Kovacs, Resident, Internal Medicine. Mary Ann McColl. Associate Professor, School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Lillian Lai, President, Aesculapian Society, Anita Lister, Admin. Asst., Dept. of Anatomy & Cell Biology, Dale Mercer, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Alvaro Morales, Professor and Head, Department of Urology, Peter Munt, Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, Bill Paterson. Associate

Professor, Department of Medicine, David H. Turpin, Vice-Principal (Academic), Ruth Wilson, Associate Professor and Head. Dept. of Family Medicine, Chris Chapler (Secretary), Executive Assistant, Office of the Principal, William C. Leggett (Chair), Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Faculty members, staff and students are invited to submit their views to the Principal. Please indicate whether you wish to have your letter shown, in confidence, to the members of the Advisory Committee. Letters should be submitted to the Principal's Office by June 2, 1995.

Best wishes are extended to **Jim Labadie** on his retirement after 33 1/2 years of service to the Hospital. A party was held recently for Jim and all staff joined in to wish him well and present him with a gift.

Department of Pathology Greeting Cards

Department of Pathology Greeting Cards are now available for business use in Room 202, Richardson Lab. These cards are a slightly modified version of our Christmas cards, and can be used for thank you notes, etc.

The Department of Pathology Strategic Planning Committee is comprised of the following members: Dr. Iain D. Young, Chair Dr. Chris Collier Dr. Sam Ludwin Dr. Dick Zoutman Dr. Alessandra Duncan

- Dr. Bruce Elliott
- Dr. David Hurlbut

We are in the midst of developing our own strategic departmental plan for the next 5 years. The following committee will draw on the drafts that have been submitted by some departmental committees on the prior discussions at staff meetings. Their draft report will be sent to departmental members and subsequently discussed before our deadline date of June 30.

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Resident's Column

With the end of the academic year, it is time to say goodbye to our senior residents who have completed their programs and will be leaving Queen's at the end of June. Michelle Weir, Alan Tuck and Hedy Boutros have finished their Anatomic Pathology training. Michele is going to the Massachusetts General Hospital for a fellowship in Surgical Pathology and Cytology, Alan is going to UWO for a combined research/diagnostic fellowship in breast pathology and Hedy is currently exploring several opportunities. Micheal Wendelboe and Charles Yee have finished their General Pathology training. Michael has accepted a position as a General Pathologist at the Prince George Regional Hospital in Prince George, B.C. and Charles is going to the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston for a Hematopathology fellowship. We wish each of our graduates the best of luck as they embark on their professional careers and thank them sincerely for the contributions they have made to our training programs.

On the incoming side, a warm welcome to our new residents, arriving July 1st, 1995: Konrad Chan, Navdeep Gill, Michal Rutherford and John Vu.

Our last poetic submission from Hedy Boutros:

<u>To the memory of My Father (May 1984)</u> Now that you're gone, I'm left bereft

And dear memories, are all that's left, Deep in my heart, I'll lock them tight And set them free, each single night I'll then dismiss thoughts of epitaphs And once more, I'll hear your laugh/ Once more I'll hear you mix my name With that of Mary or Elaine; I'll think of how you told me stories Of Aladin in all his glories Oh how you felt when I was far And the funny way you parked your car I came to you in joy and pain You never bothered to complain So Daddy dear, we have a date Each single night, no matter how late But until then, life must go on Until one day, we too are gone.

Graduate News

We are in the process of updating our contact list for grad students and would like you all to email your email address to either Barb or Kevin at: saunders@cliff.path.queensu.ca or kell@cliff.path.queensu.ca

Undergraduate News:

All of the Life Sciences undergraduate courses are done for the term. In September 1995 we will be offering the following courses: **Pathology 410** General Pathology for Non-Medical Students **Pathology 420** Research Project in Pathology

Our other undergrad course, **Pathology 430**, *The Molecular Basis of Disease*, will be offered in the 1997 winter term (Jan-Apr) and alternating years thereafter. It will **NOT** be offered this coming year.

Buy, Sell & Trade

Apartment for Sublet: 2 month sublet starting 1995 July 01 with option to renew. 2nd floor, 2 bedroom apartment at An Clachan. \$602/month with: free Television Set, Free table, Free parking, Laundry facilities. Call 546-6390

Kevin is looking for flat pieces of high density foam (the type lab equipment comes in) to cushion moving computer equipment on carts (Q-4889).

Wanted: people to join in a wine making group and/or people to join in a beer making group. Contact Kevin at Q-4889.

Grants and Deadlines

CANFAR, the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research is now accepting applications for several smaller grants of

up to \$20,000 and letters of intent for two \$60,000 grants. The deadline for receipt of applications is **June 30, 1995.**

New application forms for **The Physicians' Services Incorporated Foundation** are available in the Medical Research Services Office, Faculty of Medicine. The new deadline dates for the operating grants for this year are as follows: **June 5, 1995, September 5, 1995, November 29, 1995, and March 11, 1996.**

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of the **SPARX Program.** The SPARX initiative will facilitate interdisciplinary studies which harness demonstrated expertise in three target areas -- infection, inflammation, and the basic defect -- to the challenge of developing and testing new interventions for cystic fibrosis. Grants will be made for an initial period of three years. The deadline for receipt of letters of intent is 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, 1995. Please address them to Cathleen Morrison, Executive Director, Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2221 Yonge Street, Suite 601, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 2B4.

Further details regarding the abovenamed grants are available in the Administrative Office, Room 202.

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No submission this month.

The KGH Connection



Submitted by Shirley McDonald ! Teleconferences/Education for May: Thurs., June 8 (0900 - 1700): "CPR -Basic Rescuer"

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Thurs., June 15 (0900 - 1300): "CPR -Heart Saver" Fri., June 23 (1400 - 1500): "Variants of Lobular Carcinoma" Wed., June 28 (1400 - 1515): "Allogenic Bone Marrow Transplantation" Thurs., June 29 (1400 - 1500): "Cytopathology of Bone and Soft Tissue Tumours" Fri., June 30 (1530 - 1615): "Regulatory Amendments on Biomedical Waste"

ALL TELECONFERENCES/

VIDEOCONFERENCES HELD IN TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT, EMPIRE 1, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

New Videotapes for Loan from
Training & Development, Empire 1
"Stress Management for Professionals"

! Hospital Library (Dietary 3)

• The following new books and guidelines are available for loan: - Perilous Knowledge - The Human Genome Project & Its Implications (Wilkie)

- Aging & Society - A Canadian Perspective (Novak)

! Hospital Renovations

- Renovations on Connell 3 and 4 are still underway

- Renovations to Douglas 2 are nearing completion (hang in there Cathy and Dave!)

! Miscellaneous

• KGH went "live" with the new computerized Patient Care System on Saturday, May 27. As with all new technology, there will be a "learning curve" fraught with challenges for everyone. The key to the system is Patience, Tolerance and a good dose of Humour! Things <u>will</u> get better. And all of those lost patients <u>will</u> be found...

• The annual KGH Staff picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 24 from 1300 - 1700 hrs. at Lake Ontario Park. Registration forms are available at the Security Desk, in Davies Lobby.

• Magic Kingdom Club - join to get benefits and discounts when you visit

any Walt Disney Resort; information and membership cards available from Debbie Sneddon, Development Office, Nickle 1 [ext. 2338]

What's Happening in the Labs?

FOCUS ON MICROBIOLOGY:

Microbiology went "on-line" on the LIS Thursday, May 25. I bravely stuck my head in a week later to obtain a report... Those of you who have already gone through the throes of the LIS will appreciate why I could not get a news report this month! Stay tuned for next month's submission - it will be a good one!!



Computer Support

Problem/questions related to: Contact

KGH Novell Network - Kevin Kell Q-4889

KGH Hardware/Software - KGH K-1396 KGH connection to Queen's services -Kevin Kell Q-4889

KGH LIS Network - KGH K-1396 KGH Software Licences - Department Manager



Queen's Novell Network - Kevin Kell Q-4889

Queen's MVS, PCICS, Internet Services, Computing Services questions - Kevin Kell Q-4889

Queen's Computer Hardware - Ed Tyerman Q-4901

Queen's Software - Kevin Kell Q-4889 Queen's Software Licences - Dave Piper, Kevin Kell Note: Kevin prefers email (kell@cliff.path.queensu.ca)

Instructional Material

A six hour instructional video for Word Perfect v6.x for Windows is now available from Kevin for one week sign out. There are four sections to this tape: Beginners (90 min), Intermediate (90 min), Advanced 1 (120 minutes) and Advanced 2 (60 minutes).

Also available are the continuing new issues of the Wordperfect magazine, filled with info on both DOS and Windows versions of the program.

(The following is meant to be *very* humourous!)

WHAT IF PEOPLE BOUGHT CARS LIKE THEY BUY COMPUTERS?

General Motors doesn't have a "help line" for people who don't know how to drive, because people don't buy cars like they buy computers -- but imagine if they did . . .

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?" CUSTOMER: "I got in my car and closed the door, and nothing happened!" HELPLINE: "Did you put the key in the ignition slot and turn it?" CUSTOMER: "What's an ignition?" HELPLINE: "It's a starter motor that draws current from your battery and turns over the engine."

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CUSTOMER: "Ignition? Motor? Battery? Engine? How come I have to know all of these technical terms just to use my car?"

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?" CUSTOMER: "My car ran fine for a week, and now it won't go anywhere!" HELPLINE: "Is the gas tank empty?" CUSTOMER: "Huh? How do I know!?"

HELPLINE: "There's a little gauge on the front panel, with a needle, and markings from 'E' to 'F.' Where is the needle pointing?"

CUSTOMER: "It's pointing to 'E.' What does that mean?"

HELPLINE: "It means that you have to visit a gasoline vendor, and purchase some more gasoline. You can install it yourself, or pay the vendor to install it for you."

CUSTOMER: "What!?" I paid \$12,000. for this car! Now you tell me that I have to keep buying more components? I want a car that comes with everything built in!"

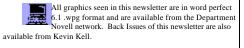
HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?" CUSTOMER: "Your cars suck!" HELPLINE: "What's wrong?" CUSTOMER: "It crashed, that's what went wrong!"

HELPLINE: "What were you doing?" CUSTOMER: "I wanted to run faster, so I pushed the accelerator pedal all the way to the floor. It worked for a while, and then it crashed -- and now it won't start!"

HELPLINE: "It's your responsibility if you misuse the product. What do you expect us to do about it?" CUSTOMER: "I want you to send me one of the latest version that doesn't crash anymore!"

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?" CUSTOMER: "Hi! I just bought my first car, and I chose your car because it has automatic transmission, cruise control, power steering, power brakes, and power door locks." HELPLINE: "Thanks for buying our car. How can I help you?" CUSTOMER: "How do I work it?" HELPLINE: "Do you know how to drive?" CUSTOMER: "Do I know how to what?" HELPLINE: "Do you know how to drive?"

CUSTOMER: "I'm not a technical person! I just want to go places in my car!"



Pathology News Submissions

The submissions page has been removed as it was not being used. Less than one submission per issue came in on the provided page.

SUBMISSION DATE: Pathology News will be mailed to all faculty, housestaff, graduate students, and anyone who requests it on the Thursday following the first Monday of the month. The next deadline date for submission will be *Tuesday July 4th, 1995*.

Send items (in order of preference) by email, floppy disk, mail or FAX. If the submission is lengthy and if publications number more than 1 or 2, please send on disk (which will be returned promptly) in virtually any format or put on the Pathology network, location F:\general\pathnews.

Please type or print:

Meetings attended (if a paper is presented or a session chaired). Include date, location, activity and title of paper presented (or session chaired); Publications (excluding abstracts);

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Grants; Other Information and Items of Interest e.g. honours and awards, deadlines, births, marriages etc.

Don't forget to indicate who submitted the information.

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