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Department of Pathology staff, family, and friends again participated in the annual AIDS Walk and Heart Walk.

The 27th AIDS Walk Los Angeles was held on Sunday, October 16, 2011, with over 30,000 participants walking the 10K route through West Hollywood. The weather was a little cool and drizzly in the morning, but that didn’t dampen anyone’s spirits and then warmed up by 10am when the walk started.

Through the generosity of numerous donors, the 32 members of the “UCLA–5000” team, which included Sandra Madha (Team Leader), Laura Elmaker, Sylvia Salinas, Laura Salinas, Patricia Munoz, Brandon Munoz, Roya Hariri, Gayana Kisiyan, Mary Levin, Saeedeh Shapourifar-Tehrani, and Sheila Tze (Team Co-Leader) raised $3,695.

The 17 members of the “UCLA–Anatomic Pathology” team, including Heather Boczko, Ginny Bryan, Po Chu Fung, Robert Grefka, Roya Hariri, David Islas, David Jaquez, Alison Primavera, Richard Pucci, Nikki Salami, Saeedeh Shapourifar-Tehrani, Aparche Yang, and Yong Ying raised $2,010.

Out of 34 registered UCLA teams, our teams raised more funds than all but one other UCLA team, which helped lead UCLA into 28th place out of 1,735 teams for fund-raising! Richard Pucci served as Team Leader, and David Jaquez once again earned the distinguished honor of being named a Star Walker for raising over $1,000. Well done, David!

GREAT TEAMWORK!

The 2011 Los Angeles County Heart Walk team ABO, consisting of Adrienne Santiago, Rafael Acampado, Maria Elena Toledo, Kaz Ando, Margaret Hannahan, Belinda Crowell, Brian Rosete, Allen Jay Baligad-Cayetano, Matthew Dial, Scharlene Dial, Jordan Navalta, Pissamai Gountang, Carina Benitez, Rowena Kozai, Rochelle Kozai, Janessa Magdirila, Kevin Navalta, and Elizabeth Gambol, raised $625 in a non-competitive 5K walk around the Rose Bowl in Pasadena for the American Heart Association.

Team UCLA Santa Monica Lab, which raised $600, consisted of Luiza Abrahamyan, Sharon Marie Brown, Angel Casillas, Toshiko Ching, Carlton Ching, Katalin Gall, Steven Hart, Illya Hodge, Judy Marshall, Virginia Martinez, Tatiana Martinez, Scott Nelson, Sherry Sakata, Aondra Shelton, Nella Silverman, Georgia Thompson, Janine Thorton, and Quan Vu.

The UCLA Health System recruited 877 walkers and raised $35,022 out of a total of 20 registered UCLA teams with 290 members, raising a total of $11,930 (which was more than the $2,183 raised by the 24 USC teams!). Our team raised more funds than all but one other UCLA team (UCLA CARE Center), which helped lead UCLA into 22nd place out of 1,730 teams for fund-raising!

Congratulations to all of the team members, and thank you to all of our generous supporters!
Clinical Labs Aid CareNow Clinic

In a continuing effort to help the medically underserved residents of Los Angeles, UCLA Clinical Labs once again participated in a health fair held in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Laboratory participation in the CareNow Clinic spanned all 4 days of the event from October 20-23.

We provided supplies, equipment, and personnel to perform laboratory testing on hundreds of screening tests for a variety of health conditions (e.g., diabetes, anemia, kidney disease, pregnancy). Lucy Garrido, a Core Lab Senior Supervisor, coordinated UCLA participation in the CareNow event. All in all, more than 70 UCLA healthcare providers — physicians, dentists, ophthalmologists, nurses and staff members, along with hundreds of other Los Angeles area doctors — volunteered much needed medical care to uninsured and underserved patients.

Historically, Remote Area Medical (RAM) has been the driving force behind the 2009 and 2010 LA area free healthcare clinics. RAM coordinated a network of over 3,000 volunteers and assembled equipment for medical, dental, and vision services. Free healthcare assistance was provided to over 7,000 individuals in Southern California.

Hoping to meet the needs of an ever growing population of uninsured residents, numerous UCLA employees have volunteered to work at the CareNow Clinic. Many are the same individuals who participated in the RAM health fair last year. Some of this year’s volunteers include Luz Cutidloc-Padilla, Lynne and Jennifer Ford, HopeAngel Mayberry, Lavita Boyd, Anne Marie Dowling, Edgar Siruno, and Lucy Garrido.

For more information, refer to: http://www.ram-ca.org/
The John V. Bergen Award is presented annually by the CLSI President to an outstanding volunteer or group of volunteers in recognition of advances in CLSI organizational directives and objectives, through unique and significant contributions. Nominations for this award are sought and selections made by the Awards Committee in consultation with the CLSI President.

Congratulations to Janet Hindler who received the prestigious 2011 John V. Bergen Award at the annual Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) Leadership Conference in Atlanta. She earned this award in recognition of her unique and significant contributions in the advancement of the organizational directives and objectives of CLSI.

Janet is a Senior Specialist in the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory in the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, serves as a consultant to the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), and to the College of American Pathologists Microbiology Resource Committee. She has received numerous awards for her dedicated service to clinical laboratory practice.

Many of her most significant contributions have come from chairing the CLSI Standing Subcommittee, for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST) for over 20 years and serving as co-chair for the CLSI document Methods for Antimicrobial Dilution and Disk Susceptibility Testing of Infrequently Isolated or Fastidious Bacteria since its initial publication in 2005. Janet has authored and co-authored numerous publications related to various aspects of AST, including initiation of the CLSI document Analysis And Presentation Of Cumulative AST Data.


The Founders' Award was established by The American Society of Dermatopathology in 1983 in honor of the Founding Members of the Society. This award honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field, recognized by dermatopathologists throughout the medical world.

This year, the award was presented to Dr. Raymond L. Barnhill, who is internationally renowned for his many original contributions to our knowledge of the biology and pathology of melanocytic neoplasms.

The contribution must be innovative, fundamental, and monumental in scope with regard to its application and value, as deemed by the Committee on Peer Review and Board of Directors. The Award may be given for contributions to the understanding of disease mechanisms, for new diagnostic methodologies, for diagnostic insights, for teaching approaches, etc., but in all instances the achievement should be deemed to have advanced the field of dermatopathology.

Examples of his contributions include observations concerning angiogenesis and melanocytic lesions; work on the biology, criteria for, and grading of atypical (dysplastic) nevi; population-based studies on the histopathology, epidemiology, and prognostic indicators in cutaneous melanoma; observations concerning the biological nature, classification, and management of Spitzoid neoplasms, blue nevi, congenital nevi, pediatric melanoma, and desmoplastic melanoma; molecular studies of melanoma; and an initiative to characterize angiotropic mechanisms of melanoma and other solid tumor metastasis. He has held academic appointments at Yale, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington University. More recent academic affiliations have included Saint-Louis Hospital, University of Paris, France, and presently professor of Pathology and Co-Director of Dermatopathology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dr. Barnhill is active in the North American and International Melanoma Pathology Study Groups. He has also participated in the World Health Organization (WHO) Melanoma Program and the EORTC Melanoma Group. He has participated in international education including the training of numerous residents and fellows. Dr. Barnhill is the author of numerous original articles, chapters, and reviews, and the author, co-author, or editor of four books.

The press release is at http://www.asdp.org/Founders_Award.htm
APPLAUSE: Heard Around the Department

Anatomic Pathology Employees of the Month

July

Yelena Khanukhova, HT(ASCP)
Lead Histotechnologist
Immunohistochemistry

August

Nicholas Oseguera
Administrative Assistant II
Cytology

September

Patricia Munoz
Histotechnologist II
Histology

Anatomic Pathology New Employees

Arlene Armandi, HTL(ASCP)
Histotechnologist II
Histology

Christopher Johnson
Hospital Laboratory Technician II
Cytology

Kimberly Green
Pathologists’ Assistant
Surgical Pathology
LEARNING SOMETHING NEW ONE DAY AT A TIME
by Khanh Andrews, MS, MLS(ASCP)CM
Clinical Laboratory Educational Coordinator

The Office of Regulatory Affairs, Education and Safety once again hosted a full day of educational lectures graciously provided by various speakers from the UCLA Health System. On October 15, 2011, Clinical Laboratory Scientists, Medical Laboratory Technicians, and Certified Phlebotomy Technicians gathered in the Ronald Reagan Tamkin Auditorium to earn 6.0 Continuing Education Units at the fall seminar series. The spring session, which coincided with National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, was presented in April and provided the staff with additional opportunities to earn Continuing Education Units.

In addition to UCLA Health System employees, attendees from Cedars Sinai, Kaiser Permanente, and Olive View hospitals enjoyed the opportunity to acquire.

At the request of past attendees, invited speakers covered a variety of topics from rheumatologic diseases to non-traumatic brain injury.

Dr. Anjay Rastogi, Director of the UCLA Dialysis Service began the day with an overview of chronic kidney disease.

Dr. Ami Ben-Artzi, a clinical professor in the Rheumatology Department, followed with a discussion on the significance of laboratory values in rheumatic disease. His lecture focused on the importance of laboratory tests in the diagnosis and management of the most common rheumatic diseases.

A lecture by Dr. Rita Effros from our own department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine reviewed the main components of the immune system and some of the major changes that occur as we age.

Dr. Michael Lewinski, a previous seminar series lecturer also from the department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, returned to provide yet another interesting lecture on microbiology.

Previous session participants indicated an interest in the CSI television series and crime scene investigations. Dr. Michael Fishbein kindly satisfied their requests for accurate autopsy information.

The day ended with a lecture by Dr. Mary Woo from the Nursing Department on the effects of non-traumatic brain injury.

A great debt of gratitude is owed to these six eloquent speakers for their outstanding lectures. Their generous offer to participate in the fall seminar programming is an example of what makes UCLA a remarkable institution. Their time and expertise was provided in appreciation for the teamwork employees provide to patients throughout the year.

First Clinical Immunohematologist Scientist Graduate
by Elsa Tsukahara, MT(ASCP)SBB
Senior Supervising CLS, Transfusion Medicine

Last year, the Division of Transfusion Medicine ventured into new territory by accepting its first apprentice into the division’s newly accredited State of California Clinical Immunohematologist Scientist Training program.

With the realization that in the next five years there will be a shortage of Clinical Laboratory Scientists, the goal of the program is to provide an opportunity for qualified applicants to study in this very specialized area and provide needed “new blood” for the future.

Jowin Rioveros completed his one-year apprenticeship on October 7, 2011, and became the first graduate of the UCLA Clinical Immunohematologist Scientist Apprentice program.

During his apprenticeship, Jowin rotated through all sections of the division, from the Blood and Platelet Center to the Component Processing Lab to the Hemapheresis Unit to the Transfusion Service, as well as having an opportunity to team up with our Quality Assurance and Medical teams.

Congratulations to Jowin as he starts off his career as the newest member of the UCLA Transfusion Medicine team.

The division will also be welcoming the class of 2011-2012 as our second Clinical Immunohematologist Scientist Apprentice will be joining the department in the next few weeks.
REFLECTIONS ON REFLECTIONS:
Have You Seen the Pathology Department’s Hallway Beautification Project Recently?

As a UCLA cellular immunogeneticist since 2002, Yael Korin normally focuses on the study of T and B lymphocytes in transplantation and the development of new assays for Immune Monitoring of patients. At other times, this Associate Researcher with the UCLA Immunogenetics Center finds her focus through a variety of digital camera lenses.

A neighbor’s gift of a pre-World War II camera in middle school was the impetus for her photographic career, a vocation which began long before her scientific career. She initially captured photos of people, but was subsequently moved by the pure beauty of nature. Her photos are inspired by the reflections of shapes, shadows and the colors of the environment, primarily reflections found on water from either natural or urban settings. While the majority of her photographs include images from locations within California, she has taken photographs from places as exotic as the Galiano Island in British Columbia, Canada.

She hopes her art fosters an appreciation of the way lights play with shadow and how water changes this dynamic. Yael confides, “I enjoy watching people trying to figure out what they are seeing.” She encourages others who are interested in tapping into their creative side to go with their inspiration and follow the mood. Her sound advice seems to be quite successful. Enjoy a small exhibit of her work on the first floor of the Center for Health Sciences (corridor 3) as part of the Pathology Department’s Hallway Beautification project. For more information, visit http://www.yaelkorin.net

UPDATE: Hallway Beautification Project in the CHS 1-3 Corridor

Thanks so much to:

Eric Rosen
Anthony Verity, MD
Yael Korin
Linda Robertson

for submitting their artwork!

It has truly made the space come alive with color, and your talented efforts and creativity are greatly appreciated.

The next artwork rotation is coming soon, don’t miss your chance to display your talent!

Display your creativity

Your art can be featured in the display cases located in the CHS 1-3 corridor.

This is an opportunity to share what is meaningful to you as an individual, to showcase the richness and meaning of the work we do, and provide a glimpse beyond into the multi-dimensionality of our richly diverse and talented community members.

Any acceptable form of artistic expression or hobby is eligible:

- ANYONE affiliated with the department can participate: staff, faculty, students, volunteers, emeritus, retirees
- Pieces will be rotated and each artist featured in the newsletter.

Click here for more information, or contact pathopsmgrasst@mednet.ucla.edu

Attention all artists!
This is a new kind of point-of-contact ("just in time", in-hospital) mobile learning resource for medical students on surgical clerkships and for general surgery residents. It is unusual for several other reasons. Besides the compact print version, it is also available as an iPhone program and as an Android mobile devices program. It was the first "in-house" iPhone application program (app) release, and it was the first Android product from famous international biomedical publisher Elsevier.

As the only current Elsevier author who is also a mobile apps developer, I wrote not only the book's clinical anatomy content, but separate versions of the host hyperdocument reader apps for both iPhone (iOS) and for Android. A third mobile devices app version of the book is now available on Barnes and Noble's Nook Color reader (Android tablet). As part of my publications contract, UCLA medical students, residents and faculty also now have free access to this book's content from a server on the School of Medicine's private network (VPN).

A bit more background involving the School of Medicine and Dean's Office in this book/ebook project: I was a founding member of the Instructional Design and Technology Unit (IDTU) in 1996, a unit of the Dean's Office which has been responsible for all web-based support of the entire medical school curriculum, as well as for developing new learning resources and technology. I continue to be the Associate Director of IDTU.

Netter's Surgical Anatomy Review PRN developed out of my early expertise in PDAs and involvement in IDTU, in establishing our legacy 2001 PDA Requirement for 3rd and 4th year medical students (to support their clinical clerkship rotations). I set out to create a clinical anatomy learning resource that students could carry with them on their surgical clerkship rotations, with content based on the most common surgery-treated clinical conditions and diseases they encountered, as reflected in the patient contact data provided by our Patient Data Logs (part of the PDA Requirement Support).

However, I anticipated the decline of PDAs and their eventual replacement by new smartphones, so content programming began in an iPhone-compatible format. When I first started working with Elsevier editors on this proposed project (2007), the iPhone had just been announced, and no stand-alone applications were intended by Apple at that time. Of course, Steve Jobs changed his mind about apps, and the rest is runaway sales history. Up until mid-2010, Elsevier had no well-defined plan to publish on all major ebook platforms. Subsequent development of the Android and B&N Nook Color products was thus a logical follow-up to a successful iOS product.

Not incidentally, much of the iOS product testing was also carried out on an early iPad. Significantly, the iPad is evolving into a particularly useful mobile platform for hospital and clinical settings, due to its security features and suitability for new electronic health (medical) record systems, particularly the Epic EMR system currently being customized and adopted as UCLA's Health CareConnect. With many major academic hospital systems adopting Epic EMR systems and transitioning to iPads as preferred EMR access devices, medical references and learning resources like Netter's Surgical Anatomy review can be readily mobilized for in-hospital use by medical/surgical residents, students, and staff.

I feel very privileged to have worked with one of the biggest medical publishers on new products that broke ground in the now-booming field of ebooks and mobile apps. We have all learned new things about publishing from our experiences. Even more than that, I am privileged to be a new author using the artwork of famed medical illustrator Dr. Frank Netter, and my little opus has been referred to as the sought-after "baby Netter's" long requested by medical students. The products are selling well nationally and internationally.

I am also grateful for the continuing encouragement for the development of this project by Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Chair Dr. Jon Braun and by Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education Dr. LuAnn Wilkerson.

More new mobile learning resources products have been planned, including iPad-specific titles, content on cardio-thoracic anatomy and a book/ebook on OB-GYN anatomy.
The UCLA Immunogenetics Center Pumpkin Carving contest was started in 1994 by the DNA supervisor, Richard Tonai, as a friendly competition among his ten employees. It was his way to encourage his area to decorate the hallway for the Trick-or-Treaters that were visiting from the UCLA Intervention Program on the second floor. Seventeen years later, the contestants have included the doctors, technicians and supporting staff from the rest of the laboratory. One year the contest had a record forty-five entries, which was 50% of the laboratory personnel.

Winners are chosen by ballot. Voters include not only the UCLA Immunogenetics Center faculty and staff but also the staff and patients from the UCLA Intervention Program, the MS Achievement Center, the Cytogenetics Laboratory, and the Rehabilitation Center—as well as anyone else who happens to pass by. After the voting, the pumpkins are displayed in the hallway for the Trick-or-Treaters and their families, and the winners announced. All who stop by are delighted to see the creativity and imagination on display.

The carving committee would like to thank all the people who participated in this event through the years. It is you who make this event enjoyable for all, especially for the children of the UCLA Intervention Program.
Clarifications & Corrections

Please note that, in last issue’s article on Ida Sutton, she has served on the California State Board of Directors for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

The editors apologize that they forgot to credit Ralph J. Zabala, the photographer of last issue’s cover. He voluntarily gave his time to take all the pictures at Ralph Bowman’s retirement party. Thank you for a job well done!

Send us your suggestions of topics for future newsletters. Email mconn@mednet.ucla.edu

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*as an additional donor gift while supplies last

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