Patricia Clark, a graduate student in the Roberson lab recently was accepted into the Endocrine Society Trainee Day Program held annually at the Endocrine Society meeting. This highly competitive program emphasizes career development for postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows and graduate students and provides the opportunity to interact with recognized experts in the endocrine community.

In addition, Patty will receive a $500 Travel Scholarship based upon her abstract entitled:

Regulation of matrix metalloproteinase-9 (MMP-9) gene transcription in placental cells: Analysis of a possible link to the genetic mechanism(s) underlying pre-eclampsia.

This abstract will be presented as a poster and is coauthored by Li Han, Ashley Woods, Robin Davisson and Mark Roberson. This year the Endocrine Society meetings will be held in Washington DC from June 10th-13th.

In addition, Dr. Mark Roberson’s Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr. Amy Navratil, was awarded a National Research Service Award (NRSA) from the NIH to fund her postdoctoral research. The title of the NRSA is:

The Role of ERKs in Pituitary Organogenesis.

Congratulations to Amy!!!


Reduced rates for VMIT data storage on VMIT servers!

Beginning April 1, 2009, VMIT has reduced rates for server use for data storage as outlined below. These reduced costs include data backup and administration of data storage space. This storage service is billed monthly. The hope is to increase use of the VMIT servers that have safe offsite backup.

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Congratulations!

Xia Xu, a graduate student in the Weiss lab, passed her B-exam on March 5, 2009, successfully defending a thesis entitled

Molecular Mechanisms of Mutagenesis and Lung Tumorigenesis Caused by Ribonucleotide Reductase Deregulation.

Welcome!

A new postdoctoral associate, Dr. Amy Lyndaker, has joined the Weiss laboratory. Amy recently received a PhD in Biochemistry, Molecular and Cell Biology from Cornell University for research on homologous recombinational repair in budding yeast in the laboratory of Dr. Eric Alani. Amy will be studying mammalian DNA damage checkpoint mechanisms and their roles in testicular germ cell tumor development.

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 April 9, 2009 from 12-1pm in the Hagan Room.
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Questions or Suggestions regarding this Newsletter?

Seminar Series - Spring 2009
Department of Biomedical Sciences

April 7
DR. ZHAO-WEN WANG
University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT
"Genetic and electrophysiological analyses of BK channel function in C. elegans"
Hosted by Dean Michael Kotlikoff, 253-3771, mik7@cornell.edu

April 14
DR. HANNO STEEN
Harvard Medical School/Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
"Cell Cycle Meets Proteomics"
Hosted by Dr. Klaus Beyenbach, 253-3482, kwb1@cornell.edu

April 21
DR. YANMING WANG
Penn State University, University Park, PA
"Covalent histone modifications in the regulation of p53 target genes"
Hosted by Dr. Scott Coonrod, 256-5657, sac269@cornell.edu

April 28
DR. WAYNE FRANKEL
The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME
"New and Old Genetic Models of Epilepsy in Mice: Progress, Prospects and Challenges"
Hosted by Dr. John Schimenti, 253-3636, jcs92@cornell.edu

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Honors in Physiology Poster Presentations
Thursday April 30th, 3-5 PM
Veterinary School Atrium

Spring showers gettin' you down?

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