

Nephrology Division Newsletter

November – December 2009



Announcements

- ❖ **Chi and Sandy Hsu** would like to invite you to the **Division of Nephrology Holiday Party** to be held December 6th from 5:00-8:00pm at the UCSF Faculty Alumni House. You should have received an E-vite by now where you can RSVP. If you did not receive one, please contact Debbie (dgilman@medicine.ucsf.edu).
- ❖ The **Division office will be closed** on the following dates, which are University holidays:
November 26-27, Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24-25, Winter Holiday
December 31-January 1, New Year's Holiday



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **Drs. Ruth Dubin and Kirsten Johansen** have received funding from the UCSF Academic Senate (in the New Directions category) <http://senate.ucsf.edu/0-funding/iig.html>. This will help fund the echocardiogram costs in Ruth's fellowship project.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. David Pearce** has been invited to give a talk at the Experimental Biology meeting in April 2010 in a symposium entitled: "Molecular basis of hypertension."
- ❖ **Dr. Mike Humphreys** has been invited to co-organize the A. Clifford Barger Memorial Symposium at Experimental Biology 2010 in Anaheim, California. The symposium is titled "New Insights into the Relationship between Sodium Metabolism and Blood Pressure Regulation." Among the speakers will be our own **Dr. Curtis Morris**.
- ❖ **Dr. Alan Verkman** was recently awarded a two-year American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Challenge Grant from the NIDDK, entitled "CFTR inhibitors for therapy of polycystic kidney disease." Dr. Verkman also received an ARRA supplement award to expand the Pilot & Feasibility Studies component of his P30 program project, "Novel small-molecule therapies for CF."
- ❖ **Dr. Andy Choi** was recently awarded a R03 titled "Kidney Disease, Antiretroviral Therapy and Cardiovascular Events in HIV-Infection" from National Institute on Aging (2009-2011).
- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** has been awarded a K23 Career Development Award titled "Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Kidney Function Decline: Genes or Environment?" from National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (2009-2014).
- ❖ **Drs. Chi-yuan Hsu and Kathleen Liu** (multiple PI mechanism) have been awarded an U01 titled "Validation of Novel CKD Biomarkers in CRIC" from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (2009-2014).

Congratulations to all of our award-winning faculty, fellows and staff.