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ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANTS FOR PILOT PROJECTS

The BCM Cancer Center wishes to announce the availability of funding for Pilot Grants of \$15,000 per year for 2 years. The funds are designated to support the early stage (or an expansion) of a collaborative project between two (or more) laboratories. The project should relate to cancer research, and preference will be given to applications with a strong potential for translational research. Project descriptions are limited to 5 pages not including references, but should be in a standard NIH grant format. Funds are not intended to provide PI salary support or to purchase equipment. Faculty at all levels are eligible to apply. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2003. Funding is available July 1, 2003. Applications should be delivered to Shari Stark in Room T203.

For questions or additional information, please contact Shari Stark at the BCMCC, 713-798-1354 or via email sharir@bcm.tmc.edu.

TOWN MEETING

On February 13, 2003, the Cancer Center held a Town Meeting for full-time and voluntary faculty and staff to familiarize them with the BCMCC. About 125 people attended; Dr. Lieberman went through the program and facilities development and the P20 application, and opportunities for both clinicians and scientists to affiliate with the Center. He pointed out that the BCMCC will involve both members and clinical members; the latter category is designed to accommodate clinicians with heavy patient loads who may not wish to run clinical trials or carry-out translational research.

ANNUAL CANCER CENTER RETREAT AND SYMPOSIUM

Baylor College of Medicine, The Methodist Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital, Ben Taub and the VA invite you to THE CANCER CENTER RETREAT on November 7 & 8, 2003. The retreat will be held in the Texas Medical Center so that as many people as possible can attend. Dr. Helen Heslop (Cell and Gene Therapy Program) is organizing the retreat. We plan to have presentations from each of the program and core leaders. Abstracts will be solicited from all cancer center members in September for poster or oral presentation. The 5 top abstracts will be selected for oral presentation and there will be prizes for the best oral presentation and the best posters in basic and clinical science categories. The program and additional information will follow. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Heslop via email at hheslop@bcm.tmc.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Dr. Michael W. Lieberman who has been appointed an Associate Editor for *Cancer Research*

Dr. Brian J. Miles who was named the Distinguished Cullen Chair in Urology

Dr. C. Kent Osborne who was named the Dudley and Tina Sharp Chair for Cancer Research

Dr. Kevin Slawin who was named the Dan Duncan Chair in Prostate Disease

WEB-BASED TRACKING OF SUPPORT SERVICES/CORES

Lisa White (Microarray Core), Mike Mancini (Integrated Microscopy Core), and Franco DeMayo (Genetically Engineered Mouse Core) are developing a template for Web-Based order entry, status queries and billing of services provided by their cores. If other core leaders or users are interested in participating, please contact Lisa at 713-798-7607 or email lisaw@bcm.tmc.edu.

DIRECTOR'S INITIATIVE IN TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

An important consideration in the development of our Cancer Center is stimulation of translational research. It will certainly figure heavily into the review of our P30 application for our Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) and is also one of the major advantages of working in a Cancer Center.

Dr. Michael Lieberman is setting up a forum where investigators interested in translational research can meet to exchange ideas and network. Dr. Lieberman is planning a monthly meeting which he will lead that will serve as a focus for our efforts. He is inviting you to attend the first of these that will be held in Room 256A (Dept. of Pathology Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Cullen Building) at 4 p.m. on April 23. He is encouraging all of you (whether basic scientists or clinicians) to attend this forum and hope that you will indicate your willingness to come to a first session by emailing Shari Stark at sharir@bcm.tmc.edu by Tuesday, April 15.

OTHER CANCER-RELATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Defense (DOD) is offering the following funding opportunities:

- Breast Cancer Research Program
- Ovarian Cancer Research Program
- Prostate Cancer Research Program

Please visit the Office of Research Home Page for the DOD award mechanisms and submission requirements.

WELCOME...

Erica Hsieh, MBA has joined the Cancer Center as a Program Specialist. She will be working with our Shared Resources and Cores. She may be reached at (262) 783-1967 or email hornghwenh@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING CANCER-RELATED LECTURES

MOLECULAR GENETICS OF LUNG CANCER

Dr. Helmut Popper, Laboratory of Environmental and Respiratory Pathology, University of Graz Medical School, Graz, Austria, Visiting Professor in Pulmonary Pathology

“Adenocarcinomas of the Lung and Its Precursors: A Genetic Study”

Pathology Grand Rounds

University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Department of Pathology, UT-Houston Medical School Building, Room 2.135 (Green Section)

April 16, 2003, 8:00-9:00 AM

“The New Role of Pathology in Making Therapeutic (Oncologic) Decisions”

Ben Taub General Hospital, Second floor, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine, Class Room 1 # 71 011a-b.

April 17, 2003, 12:00-1:00 PM

SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

Thomas A. Sellers, Ph.D.

Professor, Division of Epidemiology, Deputy Director, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center

“Translational Genomic Research: The Role of Epidemiology”

Baylor College of Medicine Cancer Center

Room N311

May 8, 2003, 3:00-4:00 PM

Employment Opportunity

Associate Director for Administration Baylor College of Medicine Cancer Center

The Baylor College of Medicine Cancer Center seeks a qualified individual for the position of Associate Director for Administration. The position is the senior administrative position in the Cancer Center, and the successful applicant will report directly to the Center's Director, Michael W. Lieberman, M.D., Ph.D. The BCMCC is a matrix center composed of Baylor College of Medicine and its major teaching hospitals (Ben Taub General Hospital, Houston V.A. Medical Center, Texas Children's Hospital and The Methodist Hospital). It has more than \$50,000,000 in sponsored research directed towards cancer. The Center was formed in November 2002, and a P20 Planning Grant was submitted for the January 16, 2003 deadline. The successful individual must have substantial administrative/leadership experience in cancer research, preferably at an NCI-designated center. Preference will be given to applicants with strong planning, financial, and implementation skills. He/she will work with the heads of individual programs and shared resources/cores to ensure successful implementation of Center goals and the Center Director and Development to raise funds for the Center. Salary commensurate with experience. Baylor College of Medicine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Equal Access employer.

Please send a resume with potential references to:

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