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ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANTS FOR PILOT PROJECTS (JUNE 2, 2003 DEADLINE)

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.

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. The deadline for abstracts will be September 15. There will be educational awards for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in Basic and Clinical Research. First place will be awarded in Translational Research.

The program and additional information will follow. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Heslop via email at hheslop@bcm.tmc.edu.

OTHER CANCER-RELATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Breast Cancer Research Program: Current funding opportunities include Center of Excellence Awards, Clinical Translational Research Awards and HBCU Collaborative Partnership Training Awards. **Invited full proposal deadline: August 7, 2003.** All other mechanism submission deadlines have passed for FY03.

Ovarian Cancer Research Program: Proposal submission deadline for the FY03 program has passed. Funding opportunities for FY04 will be announced when information is available.

Prostate Cancer Research Program: Current funding opportunities include HBCU Collaborative Partnership Awards and Physician Research Training Awards. **Full proposal deadline: June 18, 2003.** All other award mechanism submission deadlines have passed for FY03.

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

WEB-BASED TRACKING OF SUPPORT SERVICES/CORES

Lisa White (Microarray Core), Mike Mancini (Intergrated 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

Dr. Michael Lieberman has set 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. The Cancer Center had a successful Director's Initiative in Translational Research meeting on Wednesday, April 23 with about 40 attendees. He is encouraging all of you (whether basic scientists or clinicians) to attend these forums and hope that you will indicate your willingness to come to a session by emailing Shari Stark at sharir@bcm.tmc.edu. Please mark your calendar to attend.

June 9 @ 4 p.m. in Room 301A
September 15 @ 4 p.m. in Room 201A
October 20 @ 4 p.m. in Room 201A
November 17 @ 4 p.m. in Room 201A
December 8 @ 4 p.m. in Room 201A

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Dr. Janet Butel who has been appointed an Associate Editor for *Cancer Research*

Dr. Richard Elledge and The Breast Care Center for a grant award of \$193,050 from the Houston Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for facilitating treatment of the underserved and Ben Taub Clinic and for rebuilding the tumor bank

Dr. Scott Goode for a grant award of \$99,889 from the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation for his project entitled "Potent Suppressor of Tumorigenesis"

The Texas Children's Cancer Center and Dr. David Poplack for receiving an anonymous \$500,000 gift

CANCER CENTER MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting (Wednesdays)

- May 21 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A
- June 18 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A
- July 23 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A
- September 17 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A
- October 15 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A
- November 19 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A
- December 17 @ 5 p.m. in Room 256A

Core Directors' Meeting (Wednesdays)

- July 23 @ 3 p.m. in Room 256A
- September 9 @ 3 p.m. in Room 256A*
- November 12 @ 3 p.m. in Room 256A

(*please note new date for September)

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 horngwenh@hotmail.com.

Zaid Kazzaz, MHA has also joined the Cancer Center as a Program Specialist. He will be responsible for the Clinical Trials Information and Infrastructure.

UPCOMING CANCER-RELATED LECTURES

Baylor College of Medicine
Scott Department of Urology
Genitourinary Oncology Seminar Series

“Renal Cell Carcinoma: From Genomics to Proteomics to Mouse Models”

Speaker: Bin Tean Teh, M.D., Ph.D.
Senior Principal Investigator, Laboratory of Cancer Genetics, Van Andel Research Institute

Thursday, June 19, 2003
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Scurlock Tower, Large Conference Room, 21st Floor

Additional information contact: Susan Hahn 713-798-4640

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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