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The Research Education Office at the Child and Family Research Institute is pleased to offer this quarterly bulletin of news and events relating to research training on site. We hope this bulletin will keep you informed and involved in everything that CFRI has to offer. For more detailed information and profiles of our trainees, see our website.

Highlights

Celebrate Research Week – March 4-11

The University of British Columbia (UBC) will mark its sixth annual Celebrate Research Week from March 4 to 11 with a variety of lectures, seminars and symposia. This year's theme is "Our Place in the World." As part of the week's proceedings, CFRI will host a workshop on Subject-Centred Research – Understanding your Role in the Ethics Review Process on March 6 for details see below. Details on the other Celebrate Research Week events can be found on the UBC website http://www.research.ubc.ca/celebrate_research.aspx

 **Subject-Centred Research – Understanding your Role in the Ethics Review Process** - March 6, 2006. There has been increased interest in health and bio-medical research ethics. With changes to the ethical review process and a greater number of research projects on site, interest in practical ethics training has reached a critical mass. You won't want to miss this fully-loaded ½ day event. Check out the calendar for full details. www.bcriwh-training.bc.ca

Student Research Forum

In past years, CFRI hosted a number of other events during Celebrate Research Week, including a student poster session and an awards reception honouring outstanding achievement by trainees. This year, the institute will be shifting these events to mid-June, to allow students and faculty more time to prepare. The call for abstracts for the poster session and the call for nominations for outstanding achievement awards will be distributed by early March.

Clinical Trials in Drug Development presented by Dr. Bob Peterson & Dr. Bruce Carleton

- Review of Phases of Clinical Trials and How they are Regulated in Canada and in the U.S.
- Clinical Trial Design; Use of Placebo Groups; International Guidance for Selection of Subjects for Clinical Trials; Guidance on Research Involving Children.
- Ethics Review for Clinical Trials; How to Succeed the First Time; Translational Research.
- Advanced Clinical Trial Design – Adaptive Trial Design; Superfluous studies; How to Address Safety in Clinical Trials; How to Address Safety and Effectiveness in "The Real World"

Friday February 24, 2006 in the Chan Auditorium (CFRI)

This 4-module presentation is open to everyone – please RSVP by email at reseduc@cw.bc.ca

Popular workshops coming soon!

Tricia Yu from the Hamber Library will be leading a trio of workshops this winter and spring to help you polish your searching skills. You can sign up for all 3 or just 1 - **Advanced PubMed, Ref Works and Finding the Best Evidence for Clinicians**. For detailed course descriptions and dates please check out the Research Skills section of the training website:

www.bcricwh-training.bc.ca

Beginning this March “Get that paper written!” is being offered with Professor Iain Taylor guiding participants through the manuscript writing, the publishing process, and peer review. Course outline and information about course prerequisites are available in the Training/career development section of the training website: www.bcricwh-training.bc.ca

What happened last fall?

In October & November we hosted Mini Med VI, The Best of Mini Med, which brought back highlights from our previous 5 series. These lectures were very well attended, attracting participants from all over greater Vancouver and as far away as Surrey and Coquitlam! We received over 20 applications for summer studentship positions for summer 2006. The successful candidates will be announced this spring. Mini Med will run again in the fall of 2006.

Dr. Dawn McArthur & Ms. Meghan MacLeod, from the Research Development Office taught **Proposal Development Start to Finish**. Watch for this popular workshop series to run again in the fall of 2006.

Two of the Post-Doctoral Fellow Professional Development Series were held this past fall - : Negotiating Your First Academic Position (November) & Grantscrafting (January 2006). These workshops were very well attended by trainees from CFRI, UBC School of Medicine, Vancouver Coastal, and Providence Health. Check our training website Post Doc Development Series- Grantscrafting Jan 16th for Dr. Brett Finlay’s power point presentation on how to approach grant applications.

The most recent in this **Post-Doctoral Fellow Professional Development Series** was held, the subject was “*Lab Management*”.

Topics covered at this event include:

- A well-managed lab: A forty-year perspective
- Starting a lab from scratch: A four-year perspective
- Panel Discussion: Stories and tips from faculty based on their experiences of managing labs

The next in this series will be: **Mentoring and Supervising in a Research Environment**
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2006
Location: UBC campus (TBA)

Introduction to Ethics and Ethical Analysis

Held Tuesday, Feb 14, 2006.
What is ethics?

- How does one decide whether something is ethical or not?
 - Why is it important in research?
- This was an IWRH Seminar presented by Kim Tomasson MA
Philosophy - medical ethics

New Training Website

The new CFRI Training website will be launched later this spring. You will find the same great content and up to date information in a new look, designed to better reflect our growing community.

Trainee Social Activities

The first in our seasonal social events was scheduled for February 16th. Sixteen adventure seekers scaled the windy outcrop at Cypress Mountain for **Snowshoeing on Cypress Mountain: Starlite Adventure Tour.**



It was great fun, and we look forward to future social events. Please send your suggestions for future social outings to Sheril Gelmon at sgelmon@cw.bc.ca.

Yoga at CFRI has been a great success with 18 people registered – there is room for drop ins now. If you want to give it a try – come to the Shaughnessy Auditorium on Mondays from 5 – 6:15 pm. (drop in fees is \$13.00)



The class participants range from beginners to advanced so if you are new to yoga do not be discouraged. And if you are looking for a challenging work out Adrienne, our instructor, will provide suggestions to intensify the poses.

*News from the
Interdisciplinary
Women's Reproductive
Health Research
Training Program*



Welcome to Dr. Lori Brotto who is the newest mentor in the program. Dr. Brotto is an assistant professor in the UBC Reproductive and Developmental Science (Ob/Gyn) and is with the UBC Sexual Health Laboratory. She is a recipient of a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research award and a New Investigator for CIHR award. She received her PhD in clinical psychology from UBC. For more information about the UBC Sexual Health Laboratory see www.obstgyn.ca/brotto

Our application deadline was January 31, 2006 for graduate students. (Post-docs can apply year round).

Good luck to all applicants!

Congratulations to Ms. Luana Avila who will be heading to the Western Perinatal Conference in Banff, Alberta February 16 – 18

Our new IWRH website should be up and running soon. If you want a preview ask Kim Tomasson to send you the design (ktomasson@cw.bc.ca)