I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is beginning to look forward to the fall. Before you know it the holiday season will be upon us! I would like to share some important items with you.

MEMBER NEWS

New Committee Appointments
Welcome Drs. Suzanne Conzen, Gini Fleming, Mani Sharma and Yusuke Nakamura from the Department of Medicine, Section of Hematology/Oncology. Drs. Conzen and Fleming are making plans to co-mentor one of our new trainees Dr. Erica Stringer. Dr. Nakamura will research mentor Dr. Hua Fang another new trainee, and Dr. Sharma who completed our training program this past June will participate in Dr. Maitland’s course, Advanced Clinical Pharmacology I. We are very happy to welcome our new faculty and look forward to working with them.

There are no pending new appointments at this time.

TRAINEE NEWS

Dr. Mani Sharma graduated the program in 2012 and was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Section of Hematology/Oncology and as stated above holds a secondary appointment with the committee. All involved with Mani’s training would agree he had a successful training experience and we all look forward to working with him in the future.

New Fellow Appointments
We have five new trainees who either have been appointed or will be shortly. This includes Drs. Sumi Bhatta, Hua Fang, Joe Maranville, Michael Seminerio, and Erica Stringer.

Dr. Bhatta began our program in July. She is completing a dual fellowship with our program and the Section of Hematology/Oncology. She is our first industry trainee and is currently being research mentored by Dr. Michael Maitland. Dr. Hua Fang began our program in August and will be research mentored by Dr. Yusuke Nakamura. Dr. Joe Maranville will begin our program in October and has plans to work with Drs. Anna DiRienzo and Stephen Hanauer. Dr. Michael Seminerio began our program in June and is being research mentored by Dr. Mark Ratain. Lastly, Dr. Erica Stringer will begin our program in January 2013 while she is also completing a fellowship in the Section of Hematology/Oncology. She will be working with Drs. Suzanne Conzen and Gini Fleming. We want to welcome all our new trainees and assure them the committee is here to support their training experience.

GENERAL NEWS

**NEW** 3 Training Tracks Offered
We have realigned our training program into three specific tracks. Track I is our central Clinical Therapeutics training. Track II is Clinical Therapeutics in Oncology training that combines our training program with fellowship training in the Section of Hematology/Oncology; and lastly Track III is our Clinical Therapeutics in Industry training where the trainee will focus on academic work the first year followed by a year of training in an industry setting. More information can be found on our website at http://ccpp.bsd.uchicago.edu/training.shtml

**NEW** Clinical Therapeutics Seminar Series
A memo was previously sent to all committee faculty detailing our new seminar series. The series should begin late October and will be held every Tuesday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in KCBD room 1101. I urge everyone’s participation if possible. This is a great way for our trainees to be introduced to all our faculty and the superb research and expertise they have to offer.

4 Trainee Slots Available
One slot is currently available for the pediatric clinical pharmacology position and three slots are available for training starting July 2013; one NIH position, a BSD sponsored position and one industry position. We have four applicants that will be scheduled this fall to interview. If anyone knows of possible trainees please feel free to contact Michelle Domecki or me.

2012 Leon I. Goldberg Memorial Lecture
We had a great turnout for both the lecture and the luncheon to honor Dr. Caryn Lerman from the University of Pennsylvania who was our honored speaker. She lectured on “Translational Research in Nicotine Dependence”. If you were able to attend the lecture you might have noticed she referenced Dr. Goldberg in her talk and was very grateful for receiving this award. Thanks to everyone for another successful year. We are already thinking ahead to the 2013 lecture so if you would like to nominate someone for this award please forward their name to Michelle Domecki.

UPCOMING LECTURES

November 29, 2012, 3:30 PM; Room H-300
Sharyn D. Baker, Pharm.D., Ph.D., Associate Member, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital will be presenting, “Conduct of Pharmacokinetics Studies”

November 30, 2012, Noon; Room KCBD 1103
Alex Sparreboom, Ph.D. Associate Member, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital will be presenting “SLC22A Transporters and Platinum Toxicity”
Dr. Sparreboom’s visit is being co-sponsored with the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center

As always, thanks again for all your support and contributions to our program.

M. Eileen Dolan, Ph.D., Chair