Spring has finally arrived! Hopefully the temperature will start reflecting the season. The following information is to update everyone on a number of committee items.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lectures**

Monday, May 23, 2011, 10:30 – 11:50 AM, GCIS W401  
Russ Altman, M.D., Ph.D., Stanford University  
“Informatics tools for pharmacogenomics: the PharmGKB and whole genome annotation”

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 10:30 – 11:50 AM, GCIS W401  
Mary Relling, Pharm.D., St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital  
“Clinical Implementation of Pharmacogenomics”

Friday, May 27, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, KCBD 1103  
Caryn Lerman, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania  
“Translational Research in Nicotine Dependence Medication Development”

**2011 Leon I. Goldberg Memorial Lecture**

Mark you calendars! This year’s lecture has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, F-117. We are honored to have as our nominated speaker Nancy Brown, M.D. from Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She is Chair of the Department of Medicine and Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology and has received national recognition and numerous awards for her research on blood pressure regulation.

**MEMBER NEWS**

**Retirement**

Alan Leff, M.D. will be retiring this May. He has been an important part of this committee since 1983. He has served on the Fellowship Selection and Leon I. Goldberg Memorial Lecture sub-committees as well as mentored and advised many trainees throughout the years. We will miss Alan’s dedication to our program and wish him well.

**Accolades**

M. Eileen Dolan, Ph.D. was awarded the 2011 Purdue University Distinguished Women Scholars Award this past March. This award honors alumnae who earned a Purdue doctorate and have made significant scholarly contributions to their respective academic communities.

Mark Ratain, M.D. will be awarded the 2011 ASCO Translational Research Professorship this June. This award is given to individuals who are dedicated to mentoring and to bringing advances in basic sciences into the clinical arena. This is a special honor since this year the award is being given in memory of Merrill J. Egorin, MD, who passed away at age 62 of multiple myeloma and was the 2009 recipient. Mark will also be awarded the 2011 recipient of an Honorary Fellow Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacology which will be given to him in September. This award recognizes his substantive and innovative contributions to the field of clinical pharmacology.

**TRAINEE NEWS**

**New Trainees**

Michael Eadon, M.D. began his CCPP training in March. Mike received his B.A. in Biochemistry from Northwestern University and his M.D. from Rush University. He will be completing his fellowship training with the Section of Nephrology concurrently with our program. Mike’s research interests include nephrotoxicity as it pertains to acute kidney injury.

Arun Panigrahi, M.D. will begin his training in June. Arun received a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Illinois and his M.D. from the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine. He is also completing his fellowship training in the Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology concurrently with our program. Arun’s research interest includes the pharmacogenomic determinants of fetal hemoglobin induction in pediatric sickle cell disease.

**Accolades**

Tara Gangadhar, M.D. has been awarded the 2011 Young Investigator Awards from ASCO. This award provides funding to promising investigators to encourage and promote quality clinical or translational research in oncology.

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Training Grant and Positions**

We are continuing to interview for one 2011 training slot. This opening does not have citizenship restrictions. Please contact Michelle Domecki if you have anyone you think might be interested in our program. Currently we have four applicants being reviewed so you might be contacted to participate in interviewing. As always, your participation and input is much appreciated.

The administrative office has moved!  
As most of you know Michelle Domecki and the administrative office has moved to the Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery (KCBD) room 6121. She is in the process of updating all of our committee material including our website. The committee will also continue to occupy the space in the Abbott building.

Thanks again for your support and contributions to our program,  
Eileen Dolan, Ph.D., Chair