Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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Awards and Honors

Congratulations to Thomas Walsh on receiving the Hellene of the Year Award, AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association), for leadership in research and patient care against the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration with physicians and scientists in Greece, 2021.
Welcome and congratulations to **Xavier Andres Jimenez**, our newest faculty member. He will provide inpatient coverage for the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division, as well as the Division of Infectious Diseases on the consult service.

Farewell and congratulations to **Elliot DeHaan** on his new role as a member of the vaccine development group with Pfizer. The division recognized Elliot’s 4 years on the ID faculty in an outdoor reception on 9/17/21.
Appointments and Transitions

Congratulations to Grant Ellsworth for assuming the role of Weill Cornell Site Principal Investigator for the AIDS Malignancy Consortium and the ANCHOR trial.

Congratulations to Miguel de Mulder Rougvie on his transfer to Genetic Medicine. He will maintain a secondary appointment with the ID division as Assistant Professor of Research.
Grants

Congratulations to Marina Caskey and Brad Jones on receiving a $27M award for a Martin Delaney Collaboratory for HIV Cure grant from the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases for a project entitled, "REACH: Research Enterprise to Advance a Cure for HIV."

Congratulations to Michael Corley on being awarded an R01 award entitled: “Investigating Cellular Immunometabolic Mechanisms Underlying HIV-Related Cardiovascular Disease Risk”.
Congratulations on being awarded a supplement to his K01 award entitled: “Inequities in the epidemiology and treatment of HCV and other injection-related infections in a national sample of Medicaid enrollees”.

Congratulations to Lish Ndhlovu on being awarded a U01 award entitled: “Integrative Single Cell isoform and chromatin accessibility Mapping of Chronic Opioid Exposure in Cognitive Brain Areas in HIV”

Congratulations to Kyu Y. Rhee, co-PI on a Tuberculosis Research Unit grant, entitled: ”Metabolic determinants of Mtb virulence, vulnerability and variation”, on receiving $12.7 million.
Congratulations to Khanh Pham, whose abstract was accepted by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's 70th Annual Meeting, entitled: "Effects of Schistosoma mansoni and Praziquantel Treatment on the Gastrointestinal Mucosa: A Cohort Study in Rural Tanzania" It will be presented in November 2021.

A patient and their family commented: “….we thank our lucky stars to have been treated here. The Infectious Disease docs were amazing. Particularly Dr. Anna Mertelsmann.”
Newsroom Updates

Carrie D Johnston, Eugenia Siegler, Marshall Glesby, and Heather Derry celebrate National HIV and Aging Awareness Day (Link)

On September 22nd, Teresa Evering, Trip Gulick, Kristen Marks, and Matt McCarthy presented at Medical Grand Rounds “COVID-19 Update: Treatment and Prevention”.
David P. Calfee was featured in the following articles:

On September 2\textsuperscript{nd}, Fortune- “Hospitals faced a surge in non-COVID infections in 2020”.

On September 2\textsuperscript{nd}, Medscape- “Healthcare-Associated Infections Spiked in 2020 in US Hospitals”.

On September 7\textsuperscript{th}, USATODAY- “COVID-19 threatens patient safety progress”.

On September 15\textsuperscript{th}, Grant Ellsworth was featured in the following article: “How to Reduce Anal Cancers in People With HIV”. (Link)

On August 28\textsuperscript{th}, Teresa Evering was featured on the Healio: Monoclonal antibody combination reduces COVID-19 hospitalizations, deaths by nearly 80%. (Link)
On September 22\textsuperscript{nd}, Marshall Glesby spoke on the Northeast/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center webinar. He talked about:
- The current epidemiology of COVID-19, including viral variants.
- The emerging data on COVID-19 vaccines.
- The potential role of monoclonal antibodies for post-exposure prophylaxis or treatment of outpatients.

Trip Gulick was featured in the following:

On September 14\textsuperscript{th}, presented at the Global Health Grand Rounds, where he gave updates on COVID-19.

On September 23\textsuperscript{rd}, talked about COVID-19 vaccine booster shots and answered frequently asked questions for the Cornell Chronicle. ([Link](#))
On August 21st, **Jean W. Pape** was featured on PBS News: “Haiti Reels From Latest Setback As Hurricane Relief Efforts Continue”. (Link)

On September 3rd, **Kyu Y. Rhee** was featured in the following article: WCM Newsroom: “Weill Cornell Advances TB Research with Support from NIH”. (Link)
Divisional Publications


IDWeek 2021: September 29th through October 3rd.

Next Faculty Meeting-
8:30AM to 9:30AM

Save the date:
Department of Medicine Sixth Annual Research Retreat