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Congratulations to Carrie Johnston, who was selected as a recipient of the Research Assistance for Primary Parents (RAPP) Award of the Mastercard Diversity-Mentorship Collaborative at WCM.
Appointments and Transitions

Congratulations to **Priya Kodiyanplakkal**, who joined the American Society of Transplantation (AST) committee. ([Link](#))

Farewell and Congratulations to **Anna Mertelsmann**, who will be leaving WCM and moving to Switzerland where she will start as a clinical I.D. fellow.

Farewell and Congratulations to **Wesley Rogers**, who will be leaving WCM and going to NYU as Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Tisch Hospital.
Congratulations to Jennifer Downs, who successfully competed for an NIH K24 grant entitled: “Schistosomiasis and Women’s Reproductive Health.”

Congratulations to Mike Satlin, who successfully competed for an NIH R21 grant entitled: “Screening for Fluoroquinolone-Resistant Viridans Group Streptococci to Individualize Infection Prevention Strategies in Neutropenic Patients”.
On June 27th, Trip Gulick presented the “Annual State of the I.D. Division” talk followed by our annual celebration of the end of the academic year. PowerPoint presentation attached.
Additional pictures of the End of Year Party:
Cornell Clinical Trials Unit (CCTU) had a gathering to say farewell to Tim Wilkin.
I.D. Fellowship Graduation Dinner was on June 27th.
Medical Student Infectious Diseases Interest Group meeting was on June 4th.
Welcome to the new fellows:

Catherine Cai: cwc9006@nyp.org

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Tony Li-Geng: xjr9003@nyp.org
• Plenary Speaker: **David Calfee**
  - Keeping Control and Preventing Infections: Hospital Epidemiology and Microbiology Col-LAB-oration ([Link](#))

• Session Speakers: **Karen Acker, Rebecca Rolon**
  - Crossing Paths: Microscopy Across Clinical Laboratories for the Unified Diagnosis of Infection ([Link](#))
  - Keeping Our Kids Safe: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Childhood Infections ([Link](#))

• Organizing Committee: **Lars Westblade**
Ruta Petraityene, Vidmantas Petraitis, Ethan Naing, Andrew Garcia, Povilas Kavaliauskas, Aurija Kalasauskiene, Joseph M. Wiley, Mark Resnick, Natalia Gorlatova, GianFranco Fornasini, Thomas J. Walsh, presented a poster at the 34th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID 2024) in Barcelona, Spain:

"Novel liposomal formulations of amphotericin B (LFAMB) were effective in murine models of experimental mycotic keratitis caused by Candida albicans (CA), Aspergillus fumigatus (AF), and Fusarium solani complex (FS)"
Lee Gottesdiener presented a poster at ECCMID.
Below are some pictures from The American Transplant Congress (ATC 2024).
Khanh Pham was featured in the WCM Newsroom:

“2024 Business Plan Challenge Pitch Competition Supports Innovation for Health Care Challenges”.

The company, StewardGuard, was founded by Khanh Pham. This is a runner-up in the pitch competition and received an investment from various industry/VC members to further develop the product and company.


Important Dates

Independence Day
(WCM Holiday)

International AIDS Society Meeting
2024 in Munich, Germany

Next I.D. Faculty Meeting
8/5 postponed to 9/9
12PM to 1PM
(Zoom Link)