Project REACH

Project REACH is a series of workshops for tenured women faculty at Ohio State who are interested in finding new ways for their work to have real-world impact. Joanne Turner, CMIB Associate Director of Programming, has been involved in this initiative on campus.

Project REACH is part of the NSF-funded project, Comprehensive Equity at Ohio State (CEOS), that is aimed at exploring the reasons behind why women underperform in just about every measure of entrepreneurial activity in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Joan Herbers serves as PI of the study.

The workshops offered cover the topics of entrepreneurship, intellectual property and trademarks, business plans and the patenting process.

Project REACH and the groundwork it is laying was recently featured in On Campus.

The full article can be found here: http://oncampus.osu.edu/2010/04/project-reach/

Grants

Lauren Bakaletz (PI)
“Determinants of H. influenzae Virulence in Otitis Media”
Agency: NIH/NIDCD
Period 12/1/09 – 11/30/14
Total Costs: $2,498,540

Dan Wozniak (PI)
“Host and microbial determinants of Pseudomonas aeruginosa mucoid conversion”
Agency: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Period: 4/01/10-3/31/12
Total Costs: $194,400

Evelyn Guirado (PI), Larry Schlesinger (Mentor)
“Emerging drug targets in tuberculosis: biosynthetic enzymes for cell envelope mannose-containing lipoglycans”
Agency: American Lung Association
Period: 07/01/2010 – 06/30/2011
Award: $32,500


Norris Turner A, Feldblum PJ, Hoke TH. Baseline infection with a sexually transmitted disease is highly predictive of reinfection during follow-up in Malagasy sex workers (in press, Sex Transm Dis).


2010 CMIB Retreat

The 2010 CMIB Retreat took place on March 18—19, 2010. The Retreat featured a keynote address given by William A. Petri, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., from the University of Virginia Health System. This year there were over 160 registrants and 69 abstracts were submitted. Nine short talks were selected from the abstracts for oral presentations.

If you have any feedback or suggestions on how we can improve the CMIB retreat in future years, please submit any comments to Heather Link: heather.link@osumc.edu.

2010 CMIB Retreat Award Winners

Undergraduate Poster  Mia Tazi (PI: Sam King)

Technician Poster  Shilpa Soni (PI: John Gunn)

Graduate Student Poster  
   1st Carolyn Marion (PI: Sam King)  
   2nd Stephanie Cush (PI: Emilio Flano)  
   3rd Kyle Caution (PI: Amal Amer)

Post Doc/Research Scientist Poster  
   1st Nrusingh Mohapatra (PI: John Gunn)  
   2nd Abul Azad (PI: Larry Schlesinger)

Short Talk Presentation  
   Josh Cyktor (PI: Joanne Turner) Graduate Student  
   Glen McGillivary (PI: Lauren Bakaletz) Post Doc
The Center for Microbial Interface Biology

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Awards

Molly Bain (PI: Dan Wozniak) – Selected for the Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund Award

Brian Bullard (PI: John Gunn) - Medical School Research Day Poster award, postdoctoral category

Jessica Edwards (PI: Chad Rappleye) - Presentation award at the 2010 ASM Dimorphic Fungal Pathogens Meeting

Nicholas Jarjour (PI: John Gunn) - Undergraduate student selected for Beckman Scholar Award

Arwa Abu Khweek (PI: Amal Amer) - Pulmonary Research Day Poster Award, postdoctoral category

Sheetal Kotrange (PI: Amal Amer) - Pulmonary Research Day Poster Award, research staff category

Catherine Leimbach (PI: Kevin Mason) - Recipient of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship (awarded to outstanding graduate program applicants who are Ohio residents) and was accepted to the Department of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry and Microbiology Ph.D. program at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Dominique Limoli (PI: Dan Wozniak) - Medical School Research Day Poster award, graduate student category

Carolyn Marion (PI: Sam King) - received the Ohio Branch ASM award for best oral presentation at the Ohio Branch ASM meeting on April 17th 2010

Abby Pfleiderer (PI: Dan Wozniak) - Selected for the Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund Award and SOLAR Fund Undergraduate Research Award

Susan Richards (PI: John Gunn) - Medical School Research Day Poster award, graduate student category

Mia Tazi (PI: Sam King) - Selected for the Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund Award

Dawn Walker (PI: Mark Drew) - selected to the first year's class of the HHMI Med into Grad Scholars program

Samantha Wallace (PI: Kevin Mason) - Best Poster Presentation Award by a Research Assistant. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital Annual Research Week, April 5-9, 2010.

Announcements


Lauren Bakaletz was invited to give the following lectures:

“Role of the type IV pilus of nontypeable H. influenzae in the pathogenesis of otitis media and prospects for vaccine-mediated prevention”. Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics, University of Kentucky, March 9, 2010.


“Role of the type IV pilus of nontypeable H. influenzae in the pathogenesis of otitis media and prospects for vaccine-mediated prevention”. Seattle Children’s Research Institute, October 14, 2009.