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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

Calendar Week of Oct. 30 - Nov. 6

5 Dr. George M. Stancel, professor, Department of Integrative Biology, Pharmacology and Physiology and candidate for GSBS Dean, speaks on "Estrogen & Progesterin Control of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Expression in Uterine and Breast Cancer Cells," 4 - 5 p.m., M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's Robert Hickey Auditorium, the Clark Clinic Bldg., Rm. 11.1400. Reception following.

5 Fields Lecturer Dr. Sid Gilman, University of Michigan, "Multiple System Atrophy," 12 noon, 3.001.

5, 6 Grant Writing Seminar: Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m. - noon, 2.135; Nov. 6, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., JFB, G.738. For information, 500-3075.

RPR-IDX APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline has been extended to noon Friday, **Nov. 6**, 1998, to apply for the 10 positions open in the reorganized business operation resulting from the RPR-IDX Implementation Project. The jobs for two directors and eight managers are posted on the PeopleWorks Jobs Website <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/admin_fin/hr/index.html>. The job descriptions are available on the RPR website <http://anes3.med.uth.tmc.edu/RPR_Project/Public_html/JOB_DESCRIP.html>. Interested and qualified employees can contact **Debbie Drew**, 500-3141, for an application and should forward their resume to PeopleWorks, UCT 150 or FAX to (713) 500-3138.

EVENTS TO KNOW:

► **Annual Sam and Elizabeth Nixon Lectureship in Family Medicine, Dr. Nancy Dickey**, President of the American Medical Association, "The Challenges of Academic Medicine: Advocacy and Accountability," Wed., **Nov. 11**, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., 3.100.

► **Dean's Lecturer, Dr. Joan A. Steitz**, Yale University School of Medicine, "The Nucleolar Machine: RNAs Acting on Other RNAs," Wed., **Nov. 11**, 4 - 5 p.m., 3.001.



U.S. SURGEON GENERAL TO SPEAK SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Dr. David Satcher, the 16th Surgeon General of the United States, will be the keynote speaker at 1 p.m., **Saturday, Nov. 7**, for the Student National Medical Association's 37th Annual Regional Conference held in the Cullen Auditorium at Baylor College of Medicine. Satcher also is the first black male Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services. "Creating Physicians of Excellence: from Imhotep to SNMA" is the theme for the 1998 event. **LeCresha Blanks**, a UT-Houston 4th year medical student on the planning committee, will give the welcome. Other UT students helping to plan the event are **Charnette Page** and **Stephanie Sneed**, both MS IIIs. Satcher's talk is open to the public. For conference information and registration call **Blanks**, (713) 665-8108, or **Shemeka Banger**, (713) 796-8909.

MURAD AND ADAY ELECTED TO INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Ferid Murad, chairman of the Department of Integrative Biology, Pharmacology, and Physiology, was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) on **October 12**, the same day he was notified he won the Nobel Prize. Also elected to membership was **Dr. Lu Ann Aday**, professor of Behavioral Sciences at the School of Public Health. Election to the IOM is considered a distinct honor and an obligation to devote volunteer time on committees engaged in a broad range of national studies on health policy. With his formal membership taking effect in October, 1999, Dr. Murad now joins **Drs. Irma Gili, Ernst Knobil, and James T. Willerson** as Medical School-affiliated members of the Institute. "I'm honored and look forward to contributing my time and energy to the important and broad range of health policy studies the Institute of Medicine conducts," noted Murad. Active membership in the IOM now numbers 574.



Dr. Ferid Murad

HCPC FACULTY ADDRESS MENTAL ILLNESS TREATMENTS

The Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC) will sponsor a free community education program entitled "The Role of Culture in the Treatment of Mental Illnesses," 7 - 8:30 p.m., **Tues., Nov. 10**, 2800 S. MacGregor Way. The program will explore the manner in which mental illnesses manifest themselves in different ethnic groups as well as the cultural factors that have an impact on the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders and conditions.

Dr. Pedro Ruiz, vice chair for clinical affairs in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and medical director of the Mental Sciences Institute, will speak. Also on the program will be **Drs. Kathy Scott-Gurnell** and **Nurun Shah**, both HCPC psychiatrists. "Given the current multicultural and pluralistic population of the United States, it is essential that the role of culture in the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders and conditions be recognized and incorporated as a useful clinical tool," Ruiz commented. For more information or to register, call 713-741-7878.



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100 UT-HHSC Employees Participate In SACS Reaccreditation Process

The UT-Houston Health Science Center reaccreditation process is under way including the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) self-study looking at interdisciplinary learning experiences and their potential for development (see *Scoop* 9/18/98 and *Monday Morning*, 9/21/98). More than a hundred employees from the Health Science Center's six schools have begun to meet with various committees including a project-wide kick-off event held in September that involved senior administration. The self-study will be completed in August 1999.

Members of SACS committees can look for a second newsletter update in the near future from the Office of Planning regarding committee activities. In addition, it's not too soon for committee members to mark their calendars for **January 28, 1999**, when **Dr. DeWitt C. Baldwin**, a scholar-in-residence at the American Medical Association, will be at *The Houstonian* to address SACS team members. A former medical school department head and dean, Dr. Baldwin has written extensively on interdisciplinary health-care teams. Tentative time for his presentation is 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Scoop* will update readers as that event nears.

Summer Research Forum Exhibitors Speak Out

As a follow-up to the UT-Houston Summer Research Program (See *Scoop* 8/14/98 for story), exhibits were viewed by 150 people in the Leather Lounge at noon on Wednesday, **Oct. 28**. (See *Scoop* next week for photos). Among the MS IIs discussing their work were **Elizabeth A. Keeler** on *The Correlation of Nutritional Knowledge and Overweight Among Adolescents Age 11-19 Years*. Remarked Keeler on her study of 108 area teenagers, "Overweight kids know what kinds of food will keep them healthy, but they don't eat those foods." **Clayton Blehm**, *Adult Attachment Style and Self-Reported Health Status*, discovered during his 18-month study of 180 area subjects that of the four attachment styles -- secure, fearful, preoccupied, and dismissing -- the latter group racked up the largest number of office visits. "They don't relate to others very well; they tend to be loners. They have a good self-image but don't vent their problems and therefore may end up using the doctor's office to fill some of those needs," he commented.

W. M. Keck Center Fest

A celebration for the establishment of The W. M. Keck Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory was held in room 7.046 on **October 27**. Attending were **Dr. John Byrne**, director of the center, **President M. David Low**, Development Board Chair **Peggy Barnett**, and Vice President for Development **William Taylor**. According to President Low's remarks, it's a great honor to be singled out by the Keck Foundation, the major contributor (\$1,275,000). Following the unveiling, guests were given tours of the center's research labs.