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Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day Holiday Observed

Friday, September 3, 1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

EVENTS TO KNOW:

► **UT-H Mini-Medical School on Women's Health**, Tuesdays, **Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Museum of Health & Medical Science. Call 713-500-6394. (See related events, "Stay Healthy, Start Now" story on back page).

► **Hans J. Müller-Eberhard, M.D., Memorial Lecture**, Tues., **Sept. 14**, 4 p.m., lecturer **Dr. Robert Schreiber**, MSB 3.100. (See story on back page).

► **Seminar in Reproductive Biology, Dr. T. Rajendra Kumar**, Baylor, "Redesigning the Mouse Reproductive Axis: A Transgenic Approach," Tues., **Sept. 14**, noon - 1 p.m., MSB 3.301.

► **Employee Appreciation Day**, Wed., **Sept. 15**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., music, lunch with I.D. badge, Webber Plaza.

UTmost Interest

Ms. Elisa Konofagou, a Ph.D. student, Radiology Ultrasonics Laboratory, recently returned

from Denmark where her paper, "Estimation and Imaging of the Normal and Shear Strain Components in Elastography" won the RWB Stephens Student Award at the Ultrasonics International '99 Symposium...**Dr. Barbara Foorman**, a faculty member in pediatrics and director of UT-Houston's Center for Academic and Reading Skills (CARS) is featured in the September 1999 special issue of *Texas Monthly* as one of 20 Texans to know. Foorman is well-recognized for her work that guides educators throughout Texas in identifying children sooner than later regarding reading difficulties and intervening to make a life-long difference. (See *Scoop* 11/14/97 and 2/5/99).



UCSC SPRING WORKSHOP 2000

The University Classified Staff Council says "We need you!!!" Call **Sheila Donnell**, x5650. The first meeting is Thursday, **September 9**, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., MSB 3.028

CANCELLED - The Dean's Lecture scheduled for Wed., **Sept. 15**, has been CANCELLED.

DR. STARCK TO WELCOME MINI-MED AUDIENCE SEPT. 7



Dr. Patricia Starck

Dr. Patricia Starck, Dean of the UT-Houston School of Nursing (SON), will welcome the audience at 6 p.m., Tuesday, **September 7**, at the first event of the *Living Well* Mini-Medical School series being held at the Museum of Health & Medical Science. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. The presenters and topics will be **Sherry Wilson**, Director, Employee Assistance Programs, UT-Houston HSC, "Stress Busters;" and **Dr. Linda Allen-Holmes**, gerontology nurse practitioner, UT SON, "Rules for Aging Gracefully." Presented by the UT-Houston Office of Women's Health, the other events will be **September 14, 21** and **28**. Call 713-500-6394 for reservations or more information.

RAY AND ROBERT KROCK LECTURESHIP SEPT. 20

The Ray A. and Robert L. Krock Lectureship this year will be given by **Dr. C. Thomas Caskey, Sr.** VP, Human Genetics and Vaccines Discovery, Merck Research Laboratories, on Monday, **September 20**, 4 p.m. It will take place in the Clark Clinic Bldg., Hickey Auditorium, 11th floor, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Caskey's talk, co-sponsored by UT-Houston, and UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, will be "Genome Strategy for Cancer Drug Target Identification."

"LIGHT THE NIGHT" LEUKEMIA WALK SEPT. 25

The 50th anniversary celebration of the Leukemia Society of America (LSA) will kick off later this month with a "Light the Night" Leukemia Walk, a nation-wide walk funding research to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Leukemia causes more deaths in children under 15 than any other disease in the U.S. The two-to-three mile casual walk is for anyone, children, adults, and seniors, and will take place at Sam Houston Race Park, Saturday, **September 25**. Registration is 7 p.m. The walk, starting at 8 p.m., will have participants raising \$25 or more carrying illuminated red balloons. Cancer survivors will lead with illuminated white balloons. For information call **Dana Zakin**, 713-680-8088, or access <www.lightthenight.org>.

DR. YEH LECTURES ON UBIQUITIN AND CELL REGULATION

Dr. Edward T. H. Yeh, professor, vice-chair, Division of Cardiology and director, Division of Molecular Medicine, and director, Research Center for Cardiovascular Diseases at the Institute of Molecular Medicine, was a featured speaker at a recent summer conference on ubiquitin and intracellular protein degradation held in Vermont from August 1-5. Ubiquitin is a small protein modifier that plays a crucial role in cell regulation.



Dr. Edward Yeh

Three years ago, Dr. Yeh and his colleagues discovered two novel ubiquitin-like proteins, Sentrin and NEDD8, which define unusual protein modification pathways distinct from ubiquitination. Both Sentrin and NEDD8-modification pathways have been shown to play critical roles in the regulation of inflammation, in the pathogenesis of leukemia, and in the development of vascular and renal tumors. The importance of these two new research fields is evidenced by recent approval of two NIH grants submitted by Dr. Yeh's group. In fact, his recent RO1 application was considered the most meritorious of the Hematology II study section and rated at the top one percentile.

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SEPTEMBER'S "STAY HEALTHY, START NOW" SERIES

"Stay Healthy, Start Now," the Medical School's community health education program is under way for the month of September. All events are FREE and open to the public. Reservations are required. Call 1-888-4UT-DOCS or visit the web site <www.UTdocs.com> to RSVP. Free family and individual screenings for many health conditions are available at the UT-Houston Neighborhood Health Centers, ranging from skin and prostate cancer and hearing to diabetes, cholesterol and hypertension. Call 1-888-4UT-DOCS to schedule an appointment.

Participating sites and types of screening at each site are:

- ◆ Park Plaza - **cardiology, cholesterol and blood pressure**
- ◆ Sugar Land - **hearing screenings plus glucose, cholesterol, prostate cancer and blood pressure**
- ◆ Memorial City/West Houston - **cholesterol, glucose, skin cancer and blood pressure**
- ◆ Galleria - **cholesterol, hypertension, skin cancer and diabetes**
- ◆ Greenbriar - **glucose and blood pressure**
- ◆ St. Joseph's Medical Building - **hearing.**



Special presentations during the month include:

Dr. Becky McGraw-Wall, Otolaryngology, "The Latest Options in Facial Rejuvenation," 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., **Sept. 15**, in the Galleria area at the UT-West Loop Health Center, 1776 Yorktown, Suite 150;

Dr. K. Lance Gould, Cardiology, will discuss and autograph his book, *Heal Your Heart: Preventing and Reversing Heart Disease*, 12:30 – 2 p.m., **Sept. 18**, Barnes & Noble, 3003 W. Holcombe Blvd., and at 1 – 2:30 p.m., **Sept. 25**, Barnes & Noble, 12850 Memorial Drive.

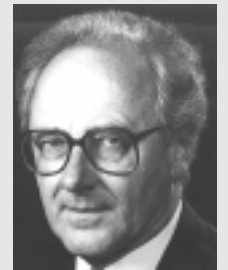
Two special lectures on aging will be presented together. **Dr. James A. Ferrendelli**, Neurology chair, will discuss "Age and the Brain," and **Dr. Gailen D. Marshall**, Internal Medicine, will discuss "Age and the Immune System," 7 – 8:30 p.m., **Sept. 27**, West University Community Center, 6104 Auden, and 12 noon – 1:30 p.m., **Sept. 28**, Westside YMCA, 1006 Voss at I-10.

A *Calendar of Events* for the month of September is available in the Medical School's Leather Lounge just outside the Office of Community Affairs, G.004, and so is the new "52 Healthy Facts" booklet produced by University Care Plus (UCP) with Medical School faculty advisors. **Dr. Carlos Moreno**, Family Practice chair, was the medical director for the project. For detailed information on the "Stay Healthy, Start Now" schedule for September, check out the web site at <www.UTdocs.com>.

UT - HOUSTON'S IMM LAUNCHES MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP - SEPT. 14

On Tuesday, **September 14**, at 4 p.m., in MSB 3.100, a new memorial lecture will take place. It was created to honor the late **Hans J. Müller-Eberhard, M.D.**, the first director of UT-Houston's Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases (IMM).

Müller-Eberhard, who passed away in March 1998, was an internationally known molecular immunologist. The first lecturer will be **Robert Schreiber, Ph.D.**, Alumni Endowed Professor of Pathology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis. Schreiber is a former student of Dr. Müller-Eberhard. His lecture is entitled "IFN-g Receptor Signaling, Signaling Dysfunction and Cancer." Afterwards, a commissioned portrait of Dr. Müller-Eberhard will be unveiled, with a reception to follow. The portrait will be permanently displayed at the IMM.



Dr. Hans Müller-Eberhard

PEW SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Monday, **September 13** is the deadline for persons interested in competing for the opportunity to be nominated for the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences. The program is intended to support young investigators of outstanding promise in basic and clinical sciences relevant to the advancement of human health. Each scholar will receive \$50,000 in support each year for four years. Candidates must, as of November 1, 1999, hold full-time appointments at the rank of assistant professor, or independent researcher and as of July 1, 2000 they shall not have been members of the full-time faculty of that or any institution for more than three years. Contact the Office of Research Services at 713-500-3075 or e-mail <research@admin4.hsc.uth.tmc.edu> for guidelines and application materials.



BRIDGING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Investigators (full-time Medical School faculty) with a renewal grant application (an ROI or the equivalent) that has not been funded in the past nine months by a Federal agency and is within the top 35th percentile may submit a proposal by **Wednesday, Sept. 15** for up to \$30,000 to maintain their program for up to one year. The principal investigator's chair should send a letter stating the amount and nature of the matching fund(s) or verifying their unavailability. Requests should be submitted to **Dr. John Byrne**, chair of the Medical School Research Committee (MSB 7.046). Submissions will include information on all other available research support and the dates covered by such support. Provide the original Summary Statement and Summary Budget, describing the last year of the previous grant, the reviewers' comments, the aspects of the research to be continued, and any new results (one page).