

LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, manuscripts, other news) with us, as it relates to PLRC mission, so we can share with all members. Please visit [PLRC website here](#) for up to date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact AJ Singh (singha16@upmc.edu) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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PLRC Annual Retreat

The Pittsburgh Liver Research Center will be hosting its PLRC Annual Retreat this fall at the University Club. We are excited to share that our keynote speaker will be Dr. Sonya MacParland. [Dr. MacParland](#) is a Scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute, and

Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto in the Departments of Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology. She is also the Course Director of the UHN/U of T Training Program in Regenerative Medicine. Dr. MacParland has done seminal work in single cell mapping of the human liver with emphasis on immune cells. More information on the retreat will be forthcoming and an RSVP will be sent out via email.

[Click here for more information](#)

The Next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be Tuesday, July 27, at 12:00pm

The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, July 27 at 12:00 pm via Zoom**. Dr. Theo Heller, Section Chief of the Translational Hepatology Section and Senior Investigator of the Clinical Research Section, Liver Diseases Branch at the NIDDK, will be presenting. The title of talk will be, "**The dark side of the moon, exploring hepatitis C and liver disease.**"

This seminar has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]

Zoom Meeting: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94996033342>

Dr. Zachary Freyberg receives R01 Funding

PLRC Member [Dr. Zachary Freyberg](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Department of Cell Biology, awarded NIH funding for a grant, entitled, "**Novel dopaminergic mechanisms of islet hormone secretion and antipsychotic drug-induced metabolic disturbances.**"

The major focus of the award is to better understand how dopamine signaling via dopamine D2 and D3 receptors in α - and β -cells regulates islet insulin and glucagon secretion. We also

propose to better understand the intracellular mechanisms by which these receptors signal, and by which antipsychotic drugs alter intracellular signaling pathways to induce dysglycemia.

AASLD Summer Webinar Series



Summer Webinar Series (Register online):

All times in ET

Tuesday, July 13 at 1-2PM

Gaps in Advance Care Planning at Transplant Centers: Call for Action

Tuesday, July 27 at 1-2PM

Genetics of NAFLD

Wednesday, August 11 at 11am-12pm

Cardiovascular Disease in NASH Patients

Thursday, August 26 at 12pm-1pm

The Use of Quantitative HBSAG in Clinical Practice

Frontiers in Stem Cells in Cancer

FriSC² is an annual advanced training course that trains 16 promising trainees from predominantly under-represented communities in sophisticated technologies for clinically relevant discoveries in cancer. The purpose of the training course is to provide comprehensive training in research strategies and state-of-the-art methods on cellular, molecular, and genetic approaches for advancing cancer research. It is a dynamic course that offers a series of daily lectures on merging concepts, followed by discussions and laboratory research over a week period. Our intention is to give trainees the knowledge of 'hands-on' laboratory techniques, career mentoring, and the ethical-legal-societal impact of cancer and stem cell research to greatly enhance their careers in this field. FriSC² has been created for promising **graduate students, post-docs, physician-scientists and other scientists**.

[Click here for the full Agenda](#)

Please download the applications for the courses at www.pdc.magee.edu or email at frontiers@mwri.magee.edu with any questions. **Course tuition will be waived for all applicants.**

AASLD Masterclass 2021 for Early Career Investigators

"The **2021 AASLD/EASL Masterclass**, provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical, basic, and translational scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, individual meetings with tutors, abstract presentations and a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD,

PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology. This year's program is hosted by AASLD and will be held in the U.S.A."

[To Learn more and to apply, Click Here](#)

2021 Gordon Research Seminars on Alcohol-Induced End Organ Diseases

"The 2021 Gordon Research Seminar on Alcohol-Induced End Organ Diseases is an excellent opportunity for trainees in labs studying alcohol-associated injury spanning in experience from early graduate students to senior post-docs to meet and build a future network of peers."

[Click here for the flyer and additional information](#)

Post-Doc Positions available

The laboratory of Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Ebrahimkhani Lab website](#)

The laboratory of Dr. Samira Kiani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Kiani Lab website](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: [NIH Guide: 2021](#)

Or click below:

- [July 23](#)
- [July 16](#)

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