

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 it's 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.

The PLRC is thrilled to host **Dr. Anantha Shekhar**, Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences and John and Gertrude Peterson Dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Shekhar joined the University of Pittsburgh in June 2020 and is a nationally recognized educator, basic and clinical researcher and entrepreneur, leading all Pitt health sciences schools with an educational initiative, modeled, "impact through translation."

A detailed agenda for our in-person PLRC Retreat is forthcoming. RSVP will be sent out shortly.

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The Next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be Tuesday, August 10 at Noon

The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, August 10 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani**, Associate Professor of Pathology and PLRC member, will be presenting a talk entitled, "**Directed Morphogenesis of Multilineage Human Liver Organoids from Pluripotency.**"

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

PLRC Seminar attendance records are kept to help address levels of engagement of our members, a criteria deemed critical by NIH.

Director's Award in New Direction and Innovation

We are delighted to announce PLRC member and junior investigator Dr. Rodrigo Machado Florentino, has been selected as recipient of the PLRC-DANDI! The award period is June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022.

[Click here to learn more about the funded grant](#), "Generation of a biobank of human induced pluripotent stem cells carrying liver disease related genetic variants"

AASLD Summer Webinar Series



Summer Webinar Series (Register online):

All times in ET

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

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.

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[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.

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[Kiani Lab website](#)

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