

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; Full Program Announced, see Agenda linked below. September 28, 11am-8pm

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."

[*Retreat will be held in Ballroom B of the University Club.](#)

[*Masks are required during scientific sessions at the retreat.](#)

[Click here for the PLRC Retreat Agenda](#)

[Click here for more information](#)

PLRC Virtual Seminar on October 5th, PLRC Retreat on Tuesday 9/28/21

Regularly scheduled PLRC Virtual Seminar will take place in two weeks, on [Tuesday, October 5 at 12:00 pm via Zoom](#). Dr. Frederic Lemaigre, Full Professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain and Head of Research Group, Institut de Duve, Brussels, Belgium, will be presenting. More information will be provided next week.

Dr. Marlies Meisel awarded R01

PLRC Member **Dr. Marlies Meisel**, Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology, received NIH funding for their proposal aimed at dissecting the underlying mechanisms of how the host (Tc1-cells) and the liver microbiota (*Lactobacillus reuteri*) affects autoimmune hepatitis (AIH) and will assess the efficacy of therapeutic interventions (tryptophan diet, blocking aryl hydrocarbon receptor) to alleviate this debilitating disease. The proposal will have a significant positive impact on human health because it will advance our understanding of the pathophysiology of AIH and assess rational therapeutic interventions for patients with AIH.

[Click here to read the grant Summary](#)

Cell Symposia Online Virtual Event

Cell-NCI Symposium: Beyond Cancer Genomics Toward Precision Oncology

ONLINE – LIVE & ON DEMAND

October 4–6, 2021

As the future situation regarding international travel remains uncertain, we have made the decision to switch the **Cell-NCI Symposium: Beyond Cancer Genomics Toward Precision Oncology** to our fully interactive online conference platform.

To facilitate presentation of the latest research and the opportunity for you to meet with your community we are pleased to host a 3-day online event from October 4–6, 2021. The Cell-NCI Symposium: Beyond Cancer Genomics Toward Precision Oncology online programme will include access to the same great content planned for our in-person event with presentations from our invited speakers together with contributed talks and ePosters, all available on-demand for 6 months after the event. You can stream this interactive conference experience live from your desktop or mobile device and connect during the event with speakers and other attendees.

[Click here to see the full program](#)
[To Register, click here](#)

DOM's Annual Internal Medicine Course held virtually on October 21 & 22

DOM's annual Internal Medicine course will be held virtually on October 21 & 22. Drs. McGrath & PLRC member [Dr. Jaideep Behari](#) are on course faculty.

- Registration is **free** for fellows & trainees, as well as all physicians, APP's, and nurses who are *within their first year of practice*. Contact domuim@upmc.edu for the discount code.
- Costs for all other physicians/medical professionals are \$245/\$145 through 9/9/21, or \$270/\$170 after 9/9/21.

To view the agenda & register, visit > <https://cce.upmc.com/update-internal-medicine-2021#group-tabs-node-course-default1>. Questions? > domuim@upmc.edu

3rd Annual Virtual Liver Cancer CME Conference

The Community Liver Alliance is collaborating with the University of Pittsburgh Liver Research Center and the Allegheny Health Network Cancer Center to host the 3rd Annual Liver Cancer Conference. This virtual Conference will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:00 – 2:00 pm EST.

[Click here to see the Flyer](#)

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](#)

Next Generation Sequencing Workshops

The University of Pittsburgh's Center for Research Computing will be hosting fall 2021 workshops for Next Gen Seq. A variety of workshops will be held from Sep 14th through Nov 11. PLRC member and Manager of GSBC, Dr. Silvia Liu will be presenting Chip-Seq and ATAC-seq data analysis and WES/WGS variant calling on Tuesday Oct. 26 and Tuesday Nov. 9th, respectively. Participants should have/procure an account in HTC Cluster and be on a Pitt network or VPN. [Click here for more information and to see all available workshops](#)

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](#)

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Children's Liver Disease Foundation

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