

# LIVER DIGEST

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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](mailto:singha16@upmc.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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### Next PLRC Virtual Seminar

The next PLRC Virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, December 7 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. Dr. Juliane Beier**, PLRC member and Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of Pittsburgh, will be presenting a talk, entitled, “**Environmental chemicals as**

**risk modifiers for liver disease; vinyl chloride as the canary in the coal mine.”**

[Zoom: https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94996033342](https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94996033342)

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### **PLRC K Club**

The PLRC K-Club is an early career resource with the objective of providing a support forum for junior faculty in a social setting. The K-Club will meet 3-4 times during the academic year with the goal to provide information on opportunities within the PLRC, such as cores, services, and programs. Other aspects of the K-Club are to create collaborations, and to obtain feedback on any needs and open questions. The leaders of K-Club are [Dr. Juliane Beier](#) and [Dr. Amanda Clark](#).

A meeting for junior faculty will be held on December 8 at 12:30pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Drs. Juliane Beier and Amanda Clark, or [click here](#).

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### **Dr. Reben Raeman and Dr. Michael Oertel awarded R01 MPI Grant**

PLRC Members, [Dr. Reben Raeman](#) and [Dr. Michael Oertel](#) received a R01 for their grant, entitled, "Blocking hepatocyte senescence as a novel therapeutic strategy for chronic liver diseases."

[Click here for the Abstract](#)

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## **Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen publishes article in Hepatology Communications**

**Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen** publishes a paper in Hepatology Communications, titled, "WNT7B Regulates Cholangiocyte Proliferation and Function During Murine Cholestasis." PLRC members, **Dr. Gavin Arteel**, **Dr. Zachary Freyberg**, **Dr. Silvia Liu** contributed to this manuscript.

**[Click here to read the full article](#)**

Kosar K, Cornuet P, Singh S, Lee E, Liu S, Gayden J, Sato T, Freyberg Z, Arteel G, Nejak-Bowen K. WNT7B Regulates Cholangiocyte Proliferation and Function During Murine Cholestasis. Hepatol Commun. 2021 Aug 25. doi: 10.1002/hep4.1784. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34558852.

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## **Liver Development, Metabolism, Disease & Cancer Conference - CSH Asia**

**The Cold Spring Harbor Asia conference on Liver Development, Metabolism, Disease & Cancer** will be held in Suzhou, China, and through stream (info TBD). The conference will include eight oral sessions and one poster session covering the latest findings across many topics in the study of Liver and metabolism. Many talks will be selected from the openly submitted abstracts on the basis of scientific merit and relevance. Social events throughout the conference provide ample opportunity for informal interactions.

**[Click Here to see the Flyer](#)**

*Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Suzhou, China on Dec 6 - Dec 10. Abstract Deadline is this Friday, Nov 5.*

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**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." **Friday, December 10, 2021 - 8:00 am - Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 1:00 pm**  
**To Learn more and to apply, Click Here**

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: **NIH Guide: 2021**

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- **December 3**
- **November 26**

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