

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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Next PLRC Virtual Seminar - Scientist-Clinician Roundtable

The next PLRC Seminar will be a Scientist-Clinician Roundtable held on **Thursday, April 19 at 12:00pm**. [Dr. Jerry Vockley](#), Cleveland Family Professor of Pediatric Research, and [Dr. Rodrigo Machado-Florentino](#), Post-Doctoral Associate Professor of Pathology, will be presenting a talk on their respective topics, "Metabolic liver diseases from a clinical perspective," and "Modeling metabolic liver diseases in iPSCs." This seminar will be held online and in-person.

The next K-Club junior faculty representatives meeting will be on June 2nd

If you are interested in joining upcoming meetings, please RSVP with Amanda Bytzura (bytzuraam@upmc.edu)

Dr. Edward Prochownik awarded The Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research

[Dr. Edward Prochownik](#), The Paul C. Gaffney Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics receives The Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research for their grant, entitled: A Common Set of Genes that Mediate Transformation in Pediatric Liver Cancer.

Community Liver Alliance HCC Liver Journal Club

The Community Liver Alliance will be hosting an HCC Liver Journal Club today, Thursday, April 14 at 6:00pm EST on 'The role of immunotherapy as first line treatment for patients with primary liver malignancies.' **Dr. Samer Tohme**, Assistant Professor of Medicine will be serving as Course Director.

[Click here to register](#) - free

The Liver Biology Conference: Fundamental Mechanisms and Translational Applications

Announcing the 2022 Liver Biology FASEB Meeting in person! The program, conference and registration information can be found at **<https://faseb.org/liverbio22>**

- Abstract deadline May 16, 2022
- Early registration deadline May 26, 2022
- Housing deadline June 12, 2022
- Registration closing deadline June 22, 2022



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Federation of American Societies
for Experimental Biology

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Harvard Digestive Diseases Center Spring Symposium

HDDC Spring Symposium: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 from 8:30AM - 4:30PM (EDT). This conference will take place at Boston Children's Hospital, Enders Building - Folkman Auditorium. [See the flyer here](#)

Register for this event

**Attendees not up-to-date on their vaccine series must remain masked and eat 6 ft away from others*

Virtual Attendance:
https://bostonchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LpdW9eoYQOaFMcmRzo6Xlw

For additional information, contact: aqlaia.polyzou@childrens.harvard.edu or

Visit the HDDC Website at:
<https://hddc.hms.harvard.edu/event/hddcspringsymposium2022>

Reverse ECM accumulation in NASH with novel models



Accumulation of ECM is a hallmark of NASH. Interfering with this process may represent a pragmatic approach to stop fibrosis. In this context, we invite you to answer the following question: [Click here if interested](#)

"We invites you to submit proposals with ideas for in vitro assay systems or in vivo models that allow the identification and validation of therapeutic targets to enhance ECM degradation, thereby attenuating liver fibrosis. This can include ideas based on, but not limited to using screening assays like CRISPR/Cas9-based screens or in vivo screens using an in vivo model for ECM turnover. The right answer may come from any scientific discipline in relation to life sciences. We plan to fund selected proposals with up to 200,000 euros each. [Learn more...](#)"

A panel of Boehringer Ingelheim scientists will review all incoming answers after the final submission date. Successful ideas will be explored in collaboration with the winning proposals.

Submissions for collaborations can only be accepted if they arrive no later than June 2, 2022 11:59 pm PST

MSCBMP 2860 - Microscopy

Dear _____ students,
Please see the attached flyer for the Multiparametric Microscopic Imaging Summer Course

MSCBMP2860, (sponsored by Cell Biology) 3 credits
May 12-July 21, 2022, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11:30am
Course directors: Drs. Donna Stolz and Claudette St Croix

This is an introduction to optical and electron-based imaging modalities commonly used in biomedical research. Students will learn the science behind light and electron microscopy techniques, as well as tissue and cell processing for each technology. More specific imaging techniques such as live cell and whole animal imaging are also covered as are a number of standard and novel probes for live and fixed-cell imaging. Imaging processing, quantitation, and ethics will also be covered.

If you have any questions, please contact Shanning Wan (shw126@pitt.edu).

Post-Doc Position Available - Dr. Donghun Shin Lab

Donghun Shin Lab is currently seeking a qualified candidate for a post-doc position. See attached flyer for more information.

[Shin Lab Postdoc Position Apr2022](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: **[NIH Guide: 2022](#)**

Or click below:

- **[April 15](#)**
- **[April 8](#)**

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