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# LIVER DIGEST

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[here](#) for up-to-date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact Aaron Bell ([bellaaro@pitt.edu](mailto:bellaaro@pitt.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

**\*\* NOTE: the PLRC Newsletter will now be published every 2 weeks. \*\***

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"SAVE THE DATE"

PLRC Annual Retreat

"October 18th, 2022"

University Club Ballroom A

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**"SAVE THE DATE":**

**PLRC Reception at the annual AASLD**

**Meeting Washington DC**

**Saturday Nov. 5th 7:00-10:00PM,**

**more info to come...**

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**PLRC Seminar Series:**  
**“Liver zonation in health and disease”**

**Dr. Shalev Itzkovitz** *via Zoom*

**Sep 20th: 12:00pm – 1:00pm**



**Shalev Itzkovitz, PhD**

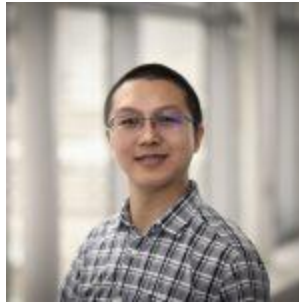
Professor of Molecular Cell Biology  
Weizmann Institute of Science  
Rehovot, Israel

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**PLRC Seminar Series:**  
**“Circadian Control of Genes and Metabolism in liver”**

**Dr. Dongyin Guan** in S120 BST South & *via Zoom*

**Sep 27th: 12:00pm – 1:00pm**



**Dongyin Guan, PhD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine and Molecular & Cellular Biology  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, TX

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**2022 PLRC Annual Retreat  
2:00-8:00pm  
Tuesday, October 18  
Ballroom A at the University Club.**

**RETREAT PROGRAM:**

- **1:30 PM:** Onsite badge pick up and registration
- **2:00-3:00 pm-** 2022 Pilot & Feasibility grant awardees presentations (Moderator, Gavin Arteel, Director P&F program)
- **3:00-4:00 pm-** Inter institute/center collaborations and opportunities (Microbiome, Drug Discovery, AI, Aging) (Moderator, Paul Monga)
- **4:00-5:00 pm-** Keynote Presentation by Dr. Gyongyi Szabo, the Mitchell T. Rabkin, M.D. Chair, Professor of Medicine, Faculty Dean for Academic Affairs, & Chief Academic Officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA (Moderator, Kari Nejak-Bowen)

- **5:00-7:00 pm**- Drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- **5:30-6:00 pm**; 6:15-6:45 pm- Abstract-driven flash presentations
- **7:00-8:00 pm**- Dinner
- **7:30-8:00 pm**- PLRC Open-Forum (Opportunities-missed and new) (Moderator, Paul Monga)

Please follow this link to RSVP for the Retreat by Monday, October 3:

[https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a2wgAeCfVKqCma2](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2wgAeCfVKqCma2)

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PLRC Pilot & Feasibility grants.  
LOIs currently under review:  
Approved proposals will be notified soon.

Approved proposals must submit completed applications [by October 7th, 2022.](#)

*[For Eligibility info and application click here.](#)*



Registration is now open for "THE LIVER MEETING! " held in Washington  
D.C. [For more info and to register click HERE.](#)

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## Liver Cancer Conference



**The Community Liver Alliance** in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center: **Pittsburgh Liver Research Center** and the Allegheny Health Network: Cancer Center will host the **4th Annual Liver Cancer Conference.**

Local and national experts will present up to date information in a one-day program with general sessions and case presentations.

**This virtual conference will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022**  
**9:45 am – 3:00 pm EST.**

**Registration required and available at [this link.](#)**

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## **Call for Papers: Tissue Fibrosis and Repair special collection by Scientific Reports**

Submissions are now being accepted for a special collection sponsored by Scientific Reports on the subject of Tissue Fibrosis and Repair. The scope of the collection is as follows:

"Fibrosis is a process of excess extracellular matrix deposition in response to injury that occurs where normal wound-healing processes have become dysregulated. This pathological deposition of tissue is due to an aberrant release of growth factors and cytokines and may lead to organ remodeling and dysfunction, contributing to chronic disease and organ failure. Though fibrosis occurs in tissues throughout the body, it is most commonly associated with severe disease when it occurs in the lungs, heart, liver and kidneys and is often not identified until organ function has been compromised. This Collection aims to present manuscripts that increase our understanding of the mechanisms of tissue repair and causes of dysregulation or that present potential treatments that may slow disease progression."

If you are interested in submitting a peer-reviewed manuscript for inclusion in this collection, when submitting your manuscript to Scientific Reports select "any other article type" instead of regular manuscript. Then select "guest edited collection" and when promoted for the name of the collection, select Tissue Fibrosis and Repair.

**[More detailed information about the collection can be found here](#)**

Submissions will be open until October 31, 2022.

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Bridge Award**

National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF)

**new Junior Faculty Development Grants**



**American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)**

**Targeting senescence in chronic liver disease**

**opnMe** (Boehringer-Ingelheim-collaboration)

**new Research Grants in Burkitt lymphoma, Ewing sarcoma, rhabdoid tumors (liver), childhood glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), and atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor (ATRT)** St. Baldrick's Foundation (SBF)

To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: **NIH Guide: 2022**

Or click below:

- **Sept 9**
- **Sept 2**
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