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## **SPRING INDY DERM MEETING A SUCCESS**



Drs. Lewis, Salasche & Moores

The Spring Meeting of the Indiana Dermatological Society was held on May 12, 2004. To feature the Regenstrief Dermatology Clinics and the Charles Lewis Professorship, the patient viewing was held at the Regenstrief Clinic. A nice assortment of interesting cases were presented. Dr. Jeffrey Travers gave a short talk to commemorate the specialty of the day, entitled, "Regenstrief Dermatology and Dr. Lewis: A tale of two institutions". Dr. Lewis gave a short address in which he thanked the generosity of the dermatology community for this amazing honor of having a professorship named after him. He also introduced the Moores' Lecturer, Dr. Stuart Salasche, Professor of Dermatology, University of Arizona. Dr. Salasche, who trained under Dr. Lewis as a resident, and served under him as a faculty member as the first army Mohs surgeon, gave a lecture on "Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer and Organ Transplantation Patients". The lecture and the patient discussions were well-received by all.

The Business Meeting of the IDS was held at the University Place Conference Center over lunch that day. New IDS President Alan Gilbert was installed to replace outgoing President Dr. Joseph Fruland. Amongst the business items was the donation of \$5000 from the IDS to support the Lewis Professorship. As President of the IDS, Dr. Gilbert will start writing a short column in the quarterly Hackney-Norins Newsletters (see the first in this issue). Thanks to all, especially the dermatology residents and Regenstrief staff, for making the Spring Meeting such a success!

## **DRS. MORRIS AND GICK MATCH**

Though there was considerable talent in the resident match again this year, it seems the best talent was in our own backyard. The Department was thrilled to match Drs. Mindi Morris and Carrie Gick, who are finishing their medical school here at Indiana University. Drs. Gick and Morris will begin their internship in the Department of Internal Medicine in July, 2004 to begin their residency in dermatology in July, 2005. Congratulations and Welcome aboard to Drs. Morris and Gick!

## **NEW RESIDENCY POSITION ADDED**

Due to the added needs of both the Department and the State of Indiana, the Department has added an extra residency position this year. Dr. Christopher Bohyer, a pediatrician from the Boston area, was selected to join the Department in this new residency position. Dr. Bohyer will start on July 1, 2004, with finishing interns Drs. Neda Ashourian and Ernest Lee. Welcome to Indiana, Dr. Bohyer!



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## STATE SENATOR DILLON JOINS DEPARTMENT



It is with great excitement that we announce that Gary Dillon, M.D., State Senator representing the Fort Wayne area, has joined the Department as a part-time Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology. Dr. Dillon supervises dermatology resident clinics at Regenstrief. In the words of Dr. Dillon, who is paradoxically our most junior but one of our more senior faculty, "I am enjoying myself". Congratulations, and Thanks!

## IU WELL-REPRESENTED AT RECENT SID MEETING

Indiana University Department of Dermatology was well-represented at the recent Society for Investigative Dermatology Meeting, held in Providence, R.I. **Dr. Gary Bellus** gave an invited lecture *Update in Growth Factors and Signal Transduction*, in the Growth Factors and Signal Transduction Symposium. **Dr. Jeffrey Travers** gave a lecture entitled *Bacterial Toxins and the Epidermis* in the Residents and Fellows Symposium. Four abstracts from IU were chosen for oral presentation. **Dr. Nico Mousdicas** presented *Staphylococcal Lipoteichoic Acid Inhibits Delayed Type Hypersensitivity Reactions via the Platelet-activating Factor Receptor: A Novel Mechanism by which Staphylococcal Infections can Worsen Atopic Dermatitis*. **Dr. Qiwei Zhang** presented *Epidermal Peroxisome Proliferator-activated Receptor Gamma as a Target for UVB Radiation*. **Todd Gocken** from Dr. John Foley's laboratory gave an oral presentation *Defining the Hedgehog-PTHrP Signaling Axis in the Skin*. **Dr. Foley's** laboratory gave two other poster presentations. **Dr. Steven Billings** gave a poster presentation outlining his recent discovery that the novel protein PC cell-derived growth factor is found in high amounts in melanomas versus small levels in benign melanocytic nevi. **Dr. Dan Spandau's** laboratory submitted four abstracts for poster presentation. Dr. Spandau experienced the very unique honor of being asked to present his exciting data regarding the role of the insulin growth factor receptor in non-melanoma skin cancer in an oral presentation. In scientific circles this is known as "an upgrade". Congratulations to IU Skin Scientists!



## KUDOS TO:

**Dr. Carrie Gick** for being chosen for the Dr. Marcus Ravdon Award, which is given to the graduating medical student at IU with the highest scholastic achievement. Congrat's on being Number One!

**Drs. Ginat Mirowski and Debra Fett**, who represented the Department at the recent IX International Congress of Dermatology in Beijing, China. Dr. Mirowski's lecture was entitled, *Mucocutaneous Manifestations of Graft-Versus-Host Disease in Patients Following Ablative and NonMyeloablative Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation*. Dr. Fett's lecture was entitled, *Contact Dermatitis: Patch Testing and Beyond*. Congratulations also to **Dr. Tsu-Yi Chuang**, who chaired the epidemiology symposium and gave a lecture on *The Epidemiology of Skin Cancer*. Thanks to you three, Indiana was well-represented!

## DR. TAMBURRO LEAVES DEPARTMENT

Joan E. Tamburro, D.O., part-time Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology will be leaving the Department to join the faculty in the Department of Dermatology at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio. A native of northern Ohio, Dr. Tamburro will be "going home". Please join me in congratulating her and thanking her for three years of outstanding service in the Department. You will be missed!



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# Spotlight



**Gary A. Bellus, M.D., Ph.D.**

*Written by Dr. Jeffrey Travers*

*Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual faculty member. This issue's spotlight is on Gary A. Bellus M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medical Genetics and Dermatology and Director of the Center for Genetic Skin Diseases.*

Dr. Bellus is the newest faculty member, and his coming to the Department has generated much excitement. Dr. Bellus is a pediatric geneticist who specializes in skin diseases. He comes to us from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver where he was Director of their Center for Genetic Skin Disorders. A native of Norwalk, Connecticut, Dr. Bellus received his B.A. in Biology from Columbia University in New York, then his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at the University of Connecticut Health Sciences Center, Farmington, CT. He then went to medical school and received his M.D. from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, CO. He completed his residency in Pediatrics at St. Louis Children's Hospital at Washington University, Saint Louis. He did fellowships in Medical Genetics (Johns Hopkins), research (Medical Genetics Branch, N.I.H.) and Immunodermatology (University of Colorado) before joining the faculty in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Colorado in 1998. Dr. Bellus' area of clinical expertise involves the diagnosis and management of patients (both children and adults) who have genetic disorders with cutaneous manifestations. He has been especially interested in treating the entire patient, to



help coordinate various aspects of care needed in these special individuals. Along those lines,

Dr. Bellus is a regular volunteer and organizer of the AAD-sponsored Camp Discovery for children with skin disorders. Dr. Bellus is also an NIH-funded scientist who is trying to unravel the role of the fibroblast growth factor receptors in keratinocyte function. His laboratory is in the Department of Genetics.

In addition to genetic skin diseases and fibroblast growth factor receptors, Dr. Bellus' other passions include playing guitar (he was in rock and jazz bands through high school and

college), woodworking, and of course his wife Dr. Jennifer Krupp, who is a pediatric anesthesiologist on the I.U. faculty.

To schedule a patient with a known or suspected genetic skin disease to see Dr. Bellus, please contact the I.U. Department of Dermatology at 317-274-7744, or contact him directly at pager 317-312-2551 or email [gbellus@iupui.edu](mailto:gbellus@iupui.edu).

Welcome to Indiana Dr. Bellus!

## **Indiana State Dermatology News**

*With this issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter begins a quarterly column to be written by the President of the Indiana Dermatological Society.*

I am the new president of the Society. Debra Armstrong, M.D., Ph.D. (Franklin) is the secretary-treasurer. Our organization has several goals: **1)** To join together as a group of dermatologists from across Indiana. **2)** Plan scientific meetings and social events. **3)** Act as an advisory group for our specialty to solve problems both clinically and in the business area. An example would be who to contact in the event of an insurance collection problem.

We presently have 95 paid members but would like more of our Indiana dermatology colleagues to join. Please contact me at 260-436-2584 or e-mail [Albarb04@comcast.net](mailto:Albarb04@comcast.net) for information on membership or office related problems. Please remember that the IDS is here to serve you.

Alan R. Gilbert, M.D.

### **NEXT IDS MEETING IN PLANNING STAGES**

Mark your calendars for Friday-Saturday October 15-16, 2004 for the Fall IDS Meeting. The clinical component will be at the usual venue of the Adult Outpatient Center in the IU Department of Dermatology, and will take place starting approximately 1 PM on Friday. A dinner at the Omni Hotel plus speaker are planned for Friday evening. Saturday morning will consist of lectures ranging from new treatments for psoriasis to coding sessions (please bring up to two office staff), and will be held at the Omni. For questions, please contact IDS President Dr. Gilbert.

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