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MANY, MANY CONGRATULATIONS!

Watt-Watson wins Faculty Award of Excellence

Congratulations to Professor Judy Watt-Watson who has been chosen this year's recipient of the Faculty Award of Excellence from the University of Toronto in recognition of her excellence in teaching, research and professional endeavours. Dr. Watt-Watson will be presented the award at the Awards of Excellence/Northrop Frye Awards Ceremony on April 28th at Hart House.

Taddio awarded CIHR New Investigator Award

Congratulations as well to Dr. Anna Taddio from Hospital for Sick Children Department of Pharmacy who received a New Investigator Award from CIHR in the September 2002 competition, results of which were announced last week. Dr. Taddio's work is entitled "Effectiveness of sucrose analgesia in reducing pain responses in infants born to diabetic and non-diabetic mothers: a randomized controlled trial".

UTCSP Pain Week Curriculum Committee wins Citation Ribbon at APS

Congratulations also go out to members of the UTCSP Pain Week Curriculum Committee. The following poster was given a Citation ribbon at the American Pain Society Annual Meeting. It is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the Committee to pain education.

UNDERGRADUATE INTERPROFESSIONAL PAIN EDUCATION: A MODEL FOR SIX HEALTH SCIENCE FACULTIES. J. Watt-Watson, J. Hunter, P. Pennefather, L. Librach, L. Lax, L. Raman-Wilms, M. Schreiber, J. Stinson, T. Dao, A. Gordon, D. Mock. American Pain Society Annual Meeting, March 20-23, 2003 Chicago #724 p.32 APS 2003 Poster Citation

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

MUPPUT Rounds – (Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto)

April 24, 2002 – Dr. Miriam Grushka – Room 3227, Medical Sciences Building

MUPPUT is part of the education section of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Bi-monthly meetings are held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For further information, please contact Dr. Lucy Gagliese at lucia.gagliese@uhn.on.ca

Palliative Care Grand Rounds

Presented by The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and the Hospice Palliative Care Network Project (HPCNet), and the University Health Network

“Latest Advances in Palliative Care Nursing”

April 29, 2003

Presented by **Professor Linda Kristjanson**, Chair in Palliative Care, Edith Cowan University, Churchlands Campus, Faculty of Communications, Health and Science, Department of Nursing Public Health, Churchlands, West Austria

Palliative Care Grand Rounds are held at the University Health Network, Toronto General Site, Eaton North, 1st Floor, Room 429. For further information, please contact Kate Castonguay at 416-586-4800 x 6777 or by e-mail at kate.castonguay@tlcpc.org

Jeffrey Posluns Lecture 2003

Sponsored by the Posluns Family, Wasser Pain Management Centre,
and University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain

“Inadequate Pain Treatment: A Silent Epidemic”

presented by **Manon Choiniere, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal; Clinician Scientist, Montreal Heart Institute

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2003

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: 15th Floor Classroom, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue

Pain Plasticity Symposium

Supported by the Neuroscience Network and the Pain Research from Molecules to Community Collaborative National Training Program

Date: **Thursday, May 22, 2003**

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: **University of Toronto**
Medical Sciences Building
1 King's College Circle, Room 2172
Toronto, Ontario

1:00 **OPENING REMARKS/Introduction**, Dr. Michael Salter, Director, University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain, Toronto, ON.

1:10 Dr. RuRong Ji, Department of Anesthesia & Critical Med. Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard, Mass.

"MAP Kinase, Spinal Cord Plasticity, and Pain"

2:00 Dr. Yves De Koninck, Ctr Res ULRG, Universite Laval, Quebec City, PQ.

"Novel Substrates of Plasticity in Spinal Lamina I; Switching Firing Mode or Postsynaptic Inhibition."

- 2:50 Dr. Graham Pitcher, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON.
"The DREAM Gene and Pain Modulation"
- 3:10 Break/Refreshments
- 3:30 Dr. Fernando Cervero, Anesthesia Research Unit, McGill University, Montreal.
"A Mechanistic View of Secondary Hyperalgesia: Role of Presynaptic Inhibition"
- 4:10 Dr. Makoto Tsuda, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON.
"Role of Ionotropic ATP Receptors P2XRs in Pain Signaling"
- 4:30 Dr. Cathy Cahill, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
"Functional Implications of Delta Opioid Receptor Targeting"

For further information and to register (free) please contact:

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"Pain: The Silent Epidemic" – 2003 Conference of the Canadian Pain Society

Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

May 22-24, 2003

For further information and on-line registration, visit the Conference website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/toronto2003/>

Smi's 4th Annual Conference – Pain Therapeutics

June 11-12, 2003

The Hatton

London, United Kingdom

For further information and on-line registration, visit the Conference website at:

<http://www.smi-online.co.uk/events/overview.asp?is=4&id=814>

International Pelvic Pain Society - 10th Scientific Meeting on Chronic Pain

Fairmont Banff Springs

Banff, Alberta

August 14-16, 2003

For further information, visit the website at: <http://www.pelvicpain.org>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Industrial Postdoctorate Position

NoAb BioDiscoveries is a research-based biotechnology company engaged in developing therapeutic drug candidates and novel tools for accelerating the drug discovery process. NoAb also provides a broad suite of drug discovery services and products to pharmaceutical and biotechnology clients. NoAb BioDiscoveries leverages its in-house drug discovery culture, experience and capabilities in its own drug discovery program for the treatment of chronic and neuropathic pain. Its strategy is to add value to such early discovery projects by generating optimized drug candidates for pre-clinical and clinical development.

NoAb BioDiscoveries is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to participate in its in-house drug discovery program for the treatment of chronic and neuropathic pain.

- The ideal candidate will have with a background in the neurosciences, preferably in the molecular pharmacology of chronic and neuropathic pain.
- Responsibilities will include the design, optimization and validation of screening assays for the identification of active compounds
- Development and/or implementation of secondary screening assays for profiling compound selectivity
- Participate in the evaluation of pharmacokinetic properties of active compounds
- Participate in the selection of promising lead candidates
- Interact with academic collaborators for *in vivo* testing of lead candidates
- Must be able to work as a member of a team as well as independently
- Knowledge and expertise of G-protein coupled receptor pharmacology is an asset
- Candidate must be eligible for an NSERC Industrial Research Fellowship (a recent Ph.D. candidate who has never been employed in Canadian industry at the postdoctoral level)

Interested applicants should fax or e-mail their CVs to:

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GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

James F. Crothers Family Fellowships in Peripheral Nerve Damage

The Office of the Associate Dean, Inter-Faculty & Graduate Affairs would like to announce the 2003-2004 competition for the James F. Crothers Family Fellowships in Peripheral Nerve Damage. This competition is open to U of T

Graduate students who are Ontario Residents (Canadian citizens or Landed Immigrants resident in Ontario at the time of the award). The conditions are as follow: To be awarded to graduate level students in the Faculty of Medicine on the basis of financial need and academic excellence.

Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an involvement in basic research into the causes and treatment of peripheral nerve damage, repair and regeneration.

In addition to their academic record, applicants will be expected to submit the following materials for consideration by the Committee:

1. Completed application form (APPLICATION FOR AWARD ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN, GRADUATE AND INTER-FACULTY AFFAIRS - 2003-04), (attached; also available from Rm 2113, MSB)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Research project summary (maximum 1000 words)
4. Two letters of reference, including a letter of support from the applicant's research supervisor
5. OSOTF Financial Needs Assessment Form, (attached; also available from Rm 2113, MSB).

The Needs Assessment

statement should provide details for income and expenses during the 2003-2004 academic year.

Interviews may be required at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

The award is renewable for a maximum of 3 years.

The deadline for the competition is **15 May 2003**.

Questions may be directed to Sheila Wolfe: sheila.wolfe@utoronto.ca

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