

VCHRI TRAINEE NEWS

Welcome to **VCHRI Trainee News**, a newsletter brought to you by the Research Education Program of VCHRI. The newsletter is designed to help VCHRI trainees stay connected to each other and to the programs and services of the VCH Research Institute. The newsletter will cover a variety of topics such as celebrating trainee achievements, upcoming funding competitions, and trainee educational opportunities. We welcome information from trainees and supervisors including announcements for the 'kudos' section such as published papers, defended theses, talks given or prizes won at meetings. Please submit items to Kerri Abramson for review at kerri.abramson@vch.ca.

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Getting your First Operating Grant Funded!

Event: [Getting Your First Operating Grant Funded!](#)

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Location: New Lecture Theatre, Conference Centre, St. Paul's Hospital

Registration deadline: email events@hli.ubc.ca by Monday, November 16th

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Trainee Kudos

September 2009 Winner: Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo
Charities Fund Trainee Travel Grant

Congratulations to Dr. Dirk Lange, the September 2009 winner in the Ajaib (Jab) and Nirmal (Munni) Sidhoo Charities Fund Trainee Travel Grant competition, which began in the fall of 2008. Dirk is a Post-Doctoral Fellow with Dr. Ben Chew, member of the Stone Centre, located in the Jack Bell Research Centre and the UBC Department of Urologic Sciences. The grant supported Dirk's presentation at the World Congress of Endourology in Munich, Germany, in October 2009. His presentation was titled "Identification of Conditioning Film Components on Indwelling Ureteral Stents and Their Role in Bacterial Adhesion."



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UBC Four Year Fellowships

The UBC Faculty of Graduate Studies would like to ensure that all UBC Faculty, staff and students – both graduate and undergraduate – are aware of this new guaranteed minimum funding package which will be awarded to a significant percentage of incoming doctoral students. Please follow the links below for more information on the 4YF program.

UBC Faculty of Graduate Studies 4YF information: <http://www.grad.ubc.ca/phd-scholarships.htm>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr-rzH3SPOc>

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VCHRI Postdoc Association

Hello VCHRI Postdocs,

While there is a formal PDA at the UBC and CFHRI, and there is a grad student/PDF group at the BCCA, I've found that being a PDF at the VCHRI campus has been a little isolating and sometimes left out of the loop. I'm hoping that a VCHRI-PDA of sorts will be a starting point for making contacts with other VCHRI trainees. This group can be a network with which we can contact other PDFs regarding postdoctoral issues, research/scientific questions or any other issues.



Personally, I'm interested in simply just meeting other postdocs and knowing who's out there. I've set-up a Google groups page for interested postdocs and trainees to sign-in and start discussions and/or post messages:

<http://groups.google.com/group/vchri-pda>

And if the response is favorable, maybe a more formal organization can be, well, organized.

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Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Exploring Biotech Series: "Practical Advice for Networking" with [Dr. Jennifer Gardy](#)

Date: November 19, 2009 (Thursday)

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Rm 2108 at the [Child and Family Research Institute, 950 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver](#)

Excellent networking skills are essential for accessing the hidden job market, but beyond this, networking is invaluable for many other aspects of career development. This workshop gives students an opportunity to learn and practice effective networking skills with professionals from the BC life sciences sector. Practical advice concerning the who, what, where, when, why, and how of networking will prepare attendees for the open networking session to follow, and a panel discussion with mentors will explore how networking has shaped their career paths.

Register now at www.thesbn.ca, space is limited!

For queries and comments please contact info@thesbn.ca

SAVE THE DATES: Understanding Statistics in Medicine: A series of workshops

Module 1: Basic Statistical Concepts – Fri January 8, 2010

Module 2: Randomized trials: comparing two groups – Fri February 5, 2010

Module 3: Observational Studies – Fri March 5, 2010

Module 4: Meta-analysis of RCTs – Fri April 9, 2010

Instructor: Dr. Penny Brasher

You can sign up for one or more of the workshops. However, Module 1 is a pre-requisite for all other modules. The series instructor is Dr. Penny Brasher.

Fee: \$100; per workshop. Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, clinical residents and clinical fellows are eligible for a reduced fee of \$50.00 per workshop.

Location: room 700, VGH Research Pavilion, 828 West 10th Ave.

Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm

For more information: <http://c2e2.vchri.ca/s/Education.asp>

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German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) announces Research Internships in Science and Engineering

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is pleased to announce that for summer 2010 we will again offer three internship programs: RISE (Research Internships in Science and Engineering), RISE professional and RISE in North America. RISE has established itself as an outstanding opportunity to combine serious research with a rewarding study-abroad experience. All three programs are targeted to students from the fields of engineering, physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences (geology) and related disciplines.

RISE undergrads have the opportunity to work on cutting edge research projects at top research institutions (e.g., Max-Planck-Institutes) and universities in Germany. Students are paired with German PhD students in a unique mentoring partnership to ensure immediate integration into hands on lab work and built-in social network with an excellent opportunity to develop new technical skills. RISE participants receive a scholarship to cover living expenses. Online registration and the internship database for RISE both open on December 7th.

RISE professional is designed for recent graduates, Master's and PhD students, and alumni of the RISE program who are matched with a well-known German company, where they gain insight into the professional applications of science and engineering and develop practical skills. Internships can last from 1.5 to 6 months. Similar to RISE, this new program features a scholarship to cover living expenses. Online registration is currently available and students will receive all necessary information by the end of October, enabling them to access the internship offers submitted by German companies.

To learn more about RISE, please visit: (English information) <http://www.daad.de/rise/en/11638/index.html> or www.daad.de/rise or email: rise@daad.de The application deadline for both programs is January 31, 2010.

Additionally, we are looking for research groups in the U.S. and Canada to host participants of RISE in North America. These German interns receive a DAAD scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs. Participating researchers receive invaluable assistance with their own work - they profit both professionally and personally from contact with the intern, getting a chance to deepen their knowledge of the culture, lifestyle and higher education system in Germany. PhD students are especially encouraged to participate because they, in particular, can benefit by learning how to guide and serve as a mentor to younger students. The program also offers an excellent opportunity to establish academic partnerships with universities in Germany or to intensify already existing transatlantic networks.

Research groups interested in hosting a German research assistant in the summer of 2010 are invited to participate in RISE in North America and to submit project proposals at: www.daad.de/rise-northamerica. The time frame for the submission of project proposals is November 9th, 2009 to January 11th, 2010.
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