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PREFACE

The year 2005 marks my 19th year as the Chair of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Jefferson Medical College. Looking back almost two decades, I have observed the expansion of the Department and the University, and I have been a witness to the extraordinary growth in academic enterprise. When I assumed the Chair in November 1986, the full-time faculty of the Department consisted of one lone full-time academician, Dr. Herbert A. Luscombe, my predecessor as the Chair for 28 years. In contrast, at the end of the Academic Year 2005, we currently have a full-time faculty of 24, comprising of 8 clinicians and 16 research faculty; the total number of trainees currently stands at 16, including 12 residents and 4 research fellows, and the total personnel of the department is about 78.

Our clinical enterprise continues to flourish noted by the increasing demand for our clinical services. However, the inability to offer equitable financial incentives to academic dermatologists...
looms over us and poses as a substantial threat to the solvency and overall financial health of the department.

Like many other departments at Jefferson, Dermatology continues to face the challenge of increasing costs and expenses. Cutbacks in the guise of reduced reimbursements, soaring of malpractice costs, reductions in the institutional support for growth and maintenance of the departmental infrastructure and a shrinking faculty, all pose serious threats to our continued ability to fulfill the Departmental mission in education, clinical care and research. Despite daunting circumstances, our department remains proud of its standing as one of the leading institutions nationwide in providing quality dermatologic care and performing state-of-the-art cutaneous biology research.

I am pleased to present this report on the clinical, teaching, and research activities of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Jefferson Medical College during the Academic year 2005.

**CLINICAL ACTIVITIES**

Our clinical enterprise, under the leadership and guidance of Young C. Kauh, MD, Professor and Senior Vice Chair of Departmental Development, and Guy F. Webster, MD, Ph.D., Professor and Clinical Vice Chair, has experienced continued growth. Patient demand for dermatology services continues while we seek to expand our clinical faculty so that we may accommodate this growing population. The remaining clinical faculty, comprised of Dr. Tanya Humphreys, Director of Cutaneous Surgery, Dr. Jason Lee, Director of Dermatopathology, Dr. Patrice Hyde, Chief of Pediatric Dermatology, Dr. Stacy Katchman, Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology; Dr.
Franziska Ringpfeil, Assistant Professor of Dermatology; and Dr. Barbara Vail, Instructor of Dermatology, have contributed much to our overall clinical practice success. During this academic year, our clinical faculty has valiantly tried to keep up with the workplace demands of an increasing patient load, despite our inability to recruit faculty to replace the attendings who left our full-time employment in 2004. We want to thank our present faculty for their long-term contributions and commitment to the Department's clinical activities.

Mr. Alan Strigga, the Departmental Business Manager, with the assistance of Ms. Karen Griffin, Director of Practice Operations, has been instrumental in maintaining the high quality of standards of our clinical operations. We thank them and the entire clinical office staff for their superb help and a job well done.

Specialty Services
In addition to general dermatology, a number of specialty services are available to our patients at our Center City offices.

The Cutaneous Surgery Unit, headed by Dr. Tanya Humphreys, offers a state-of-the-art array of surgical services, including Mohs micrographic surgery, laser surgery, and a number of cosmetic procedures.

The Division of Pediatric Dermatology, is directed by Dr. Patrice Hyde who, in addition to our center city office, practices at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children. Over the past several years, we have also expanded our pediatric dermatology services to Temple Children’s Hospital under the direction of Dr. Franziska Ringpfeil, Assistant Professor of Dermatology.
**Dermatopathology:**

The dermatopathology service of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology is directed by Dr. Jason Lee, Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology. Since joining us in 2002, his service has grown and provides an excellent source of teaching material for our residency training program. We have realigned our dermatopathology teaching with complementary services within the Department of Pathology that is responsible for hospital-based diagnostics. We expect our dermatopathology services to grow, and we look forward to a potential recruitment of an additional dermatopathologist in the near future.

**Molecular Diagnostics**

The clinical services are augmented by Molecular Diagnostics of Heritable Skin Diseases Clinic attended by myself and Dr. Gabriele Richard, Associate Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, a dermatologist, genetic counselor, and molecular geneticist, with extensive expertise and experience in clinical and molecular genetic studies of ichthyosis and other disorders of cornification. Dr. Richard's research has elucidated the molecular basis of numerous ichthyoses, palmar plantar keratodermas and erthyrokeradermias, and she is a recognized expert in research on connexins disorders. Dr. Richard also serves with me as the co-director of the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory located in our Department.

In summary, the clinical enterprise of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology continues to offer broad and diversified specialty services to our patients, and we look forward to continued expansion of these services. The clinical faculty deserves my congratulations for their outstanding work.
TEACHING

Residency Training Program

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dr. Jason Lee has been appointed as the Residency Training Program Director, effective July 1, 2005. A graduate of our own training program, Jason brings a unique perspective to this post. Our Dermatology Residency Training Program continues to be fully accredited towards the eligibility for certification by the American Board of Dermatology. The program currently has twelve residents in good standing. In June 2005, three of our residents completed their training: The Chief Resident, Dr. Christine Ambro entered a Cutaneous Surgery fellowship in Seattle, WA; Dr. Carmen Campanelli joined a private practice in Delaware as has Dr. John Wildemore who has remained in the Philadelphia area. I would also like to extend our thanks to our current chief resident, Dr. Gina Ang for doing an outstanding job.

Medical Student Teaching

The Department participates in the medical student training by giving lectures in dermatology for the second year students. These lectures have been extremely well received by the students as judged from the evaluation feedback. In addition, the Department offers dermatology electives to the medical students, primarily from Jefferson Medical College, but space permitting, also from other universities. Dr. Barbara Vail has assumed a leadership role by serving as a departmental liaison in coordinating the medical students’ educational activities. All the clinical work by the students is under direct supervision by the full-time clinical faculty.

In addition to medical students, our clinics have a number of rotating students, including House Staff members from other Jefferson Departments, as well as from other U.S. medical schools and
from abroad. During this academic year, we have had several international clinical fellows from Korea and Brazil join us for a four to eight week rotation.

RESEARCH

Research Faculty

Our research faculty has remained stable and has continued to be a successful in biomedical research. During the past year, Dr. Sonsoles Piera-Velasquez was appointed to the Faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the recent cuts in NIH funding which has resulted in several of our research faculty resigning and returning to private sector. Dr. Gabriele Richard, now Adjunct Associate Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology and Dr. Ellen Pfendner, Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology have left our faculty and are now employed at GeneDx situated in Bethesda, MD. NIH funding, which over the years has supported dermatology research here at Jefferson, has remained steady, but there has been no increases as in years during the doubling of NIH budgets in 1999-2003. While the extramural support to our research has remained stable and the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology has continued to successfully compete for grant support from the National Institutes of Health and other sources, the challenge to hold our ground is ever present. The Department has remained among the top five dermatology departments in the country in NIH ranking, having been no. 1 in 1998. In addition to NIH, Dr. Andrzej Fertala continues to receive grant support from NASA while Drs. Mý Mahoney, John Klement and Uli Rodeck have funding from the Department of Defense. Drs. Vitali Alexeev, Reza Ghohestani, Mý Mahoney, Fatima Rouan, Gabriele Richard and Franziska Ringpfeil have been recipients of Career Development Awards from a variety of sources, including the National Institutes of Health, Dermatology Foundation, and the American Skin Association. While
these Career Development Awards are reaching their end, the challenge is to obtain steady funding that will guarantee continued support to the research of these young investigators. I would like to express our thanks to Dr. Mon-Li Chu, Professor and Vice Chair of Research, for her contributions in support of further development of our departmental research enterprise.

**Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine**

The Institute continues to serve as an umbrella for broad inter-departmental and inter-disciplinary research at Jefferson with emphasis on matrix biology and pathology, cancer biology and human molecular genetics. The Institute provides core facilities that serve not only the Departmental researchers but also the entire Jefferson research community at large. The current cores include: Tissue culture core (Director: Dr. Ellen Pfendner); Morphology core (Director: Dr. David Birk; shared with the Department of Pathology); Transgenic animal facilities (Director: Dr. John F. Klement); and DNA syntheses and sequencing core (Director: Dr. Mon-Li Chu; shared with the Kimmel Cancer Center). Other functions of the Institute include organization of on-going seminar and science lecture series in coordination with Orthopedic Research and Rheumatology/Medicine as well as departmental research in progress series. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ulrich Rodeck, Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, has accepted the position as the Deputy Director of the Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine, primarily in charge of the long-term research planning.

**DebRA Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory**

This laboratory was established in 1996 as a global referral center for molecular diagnostics of epidermolysis bullosa (EB), a group of heritable blistering disorders. This laboratory, a partnership between the lay organization, the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of
America, and the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Jefferson Medical College, has continued to provide DNA diagnostics to the global network of EB patients. In fact, as of today, the Center has analyzed DNA from over a thousand families with different forms of EB. Dr. Ellen Pfendner, Assistant Professor of Dermatology, has served as the Manager of this increasingly busy laboratory. The laboratory has expanded its services to other heritable skin diseases, including various keratinization disorders; this effort has been spearheaded by Dr. Gabriele Richard, Co-Director of the laboratory. Over the past year, the laboratory has also partnered with PXE International, Inc., a patient advocacy organization supporting research on the causes and treatment of pseudoxanthoma elasticum, a group of disorders characterized by calcification of elastic structures in the skin, eyes, and cardiovascular system. As a result of this partnership, the laboratory has identified disease-causing mutations in a cohort of ~200 families with PXE and has participated in development of a diagnostic kit for these mutations.

JEFFERSON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DERMATOLOGY

Over the past two decades, Jefferson Dermatology has become increasingly recognized as a leader in international dermatology. These activities are concentrated under the umbrella of Jefferson Center for International Dermatology which was established in 1987 to promote the exchange of information and dermatological knowledge within the global network of international dermatology. Within this framework, Jefferson Dermatology has continued to host visiting residents, scholars, and scientists from a variety of countries.

Summary

The Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Jefferson Medical College continues to excel in academic enterprise, including clinical activities, research endeavors and teaching
programs. The quality of our research is attested to by our high ranking as one of the leaders in research in cutaneous biology and pathology. Our international relations continue to flourish and bring recognition not only to the Department but also to Jefferson Medical College at large. The Department is fully committed to further development of activities in the areas of research, education and patient care, to the maximum extent allowed by fiscal realities.

On behalf of the entire Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology at Jefferson, I would like to thank the President and the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University, the Dean of Jefferson Medical College, and the President of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, for their continued support to the programs of the Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology.

Jouni Uitto, MD, PhD
Professor and Chair
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology
Director, Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine
MON-LI CHU, PhD
Professor and Vice-Chair of Research
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS:


PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:

Invited speaker, “Fibulin-2 in Elastic Fiber Organization and Extracellular Matrix Remodeling”
Italian Telethon Scientific Convention, March 6-8, 2005. Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy.
MON-LI CHU, PH.D.
Professor and Vice-Chair of Research
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:
(continued)

Invited speaker, “Molecular Genetics of Collagen VI Muscular Dystrophies”
Co-Chair, “Extracellular Matrix, Intracellular Signaling and Mitochondria: Novel Insights into Muscle Disorders”

Vice President, Organizing Committee at Thomas Jefferson University

Invited speaker, “Lessons from Darwin: Heritable Disorders of Collagen Type VI”

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES:
Coordinator of "Science Lecture Series" and "Research in Progress"

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Association for the Advancement of Science
International Society for Matrix Biology
American Society for Matrix Biology
Alexander von Humboldt Association of America
ANDRZEJ FERTALA, PhD  
Associate Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS


PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS.


PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Member:  
American Society for Matrix Biology  
Protein Society
REZA F GHOSHESTANI, M.D., PhD
Resident, Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATION:


PRESENTATIONS:

12th International Symposium on Matrix Biology Philadelphia, June 2005

A. M Barria, AS Ghohestani, G. Zhang,, J Uitto, RF Ghohestani
DNA IMMUNIZATION WITH DESMOGLEIN-3, A CADHERIN TYPE CELL-CELL ADHESION MOLECULE, RECAPITULATES PEMPHIGUS VULGARIS

CLINICAL FEATURES OF PHOTODAMAGED HUMAN SKIN ARE ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCTION IN TYPE XVII COLLAGEN AND LAMININ-5, THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF HEMIDESMOSOME/ANCHORING FILAMENT COMPLEXES

C. M. Barria, A. Claudy*, B. Hudson**, J. Uitto, R.F. Ghohestani
THE 5 AND 6 CHAINS OF TYPE IV COLLAGEN ARE THE TARGET OF IgG AND IgA AUTOANTIBODIES IN A NOVEL AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE CHARACTERIZED BY CRESCENTIC GLOMERULONEPHRITIS AND SUB-EPIDERMAL BLISTERS.

HONORS:

Johnson Award in Basic Sciences Dermatology Research, College of Physicians of Philadelphia

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Editor, European Journal of Dermatology
Special Emphasis Panel Member and Grant Reviewer, NIH-NIDCR Rooster, Bethesda
Resident Delegate, Governing Council, Pennsylvania Medical Society, Hershey
Resident Delegate (PA) to the American Medical Association, Chicago June 2005
Council Member on Membership and Member Services Committee, Pennsylvania Medical Society, Hershey
DAVID J. HERRICK, PhD  
Research Associate  
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology  

PUBLICATIONS:  


PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS:  


OLGA IGOUCHEVA, PhD
Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS


Igoucheva, O, Alexeev, V., Scharer, O. and Yoon, K. Involvement of ERCC1/XPF and XPG in Oligodeoxynucleotide-Directed Gene Modification Oligonucleotides, 2005 (submitted)

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Matrix Biology Days, 2005
QIUJIE JIANG, MD, PhD
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS:


PRESENTATIONS:


JOHN F. KLEMENT, PhD
Research Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS:


UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Extracellular Matrix Visioning Committee

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society for Microbiology
American Association for the Advancement of Science
TORELLO M. LOTTI, MD
Professor of Dermatology
Director of the Operative Unit of Physiotherapeutic Dermatology
Department of Dermatological Sciences
University of Florence Medical School
Florence, Italy

PUBLICATIONS 2004-2005:

JOURNALS:


5. Ghersetich I, Buggiani G, Brazzini B, Lotti T. La vitiligine: cosa c’è di nuovo? G Ital Dermatol Venereol (registrato n° 3494, IN PRESS)


BOOK CHAPTERS:


ABSTRACTS:


4. A. Greco, S. Giorgini, S. Franchalanci, T. Lotti. Clinical relevance and contact allergy to gold sodium thiosulfate in Florence. 13th EADV Congress, Florence, Italy, 17-21 Nov 2004


TORELLO M. LOTTI, MD
Professor of Dermatology
University of Florence Medical School
Florence, Italy

VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS AND INVITED LECTURESHIPS:

Visiting Professor & Director, International Centre for Balneology, Cell Biology, and Physiotherapy Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia (PA, USA)
Visiting Professor of Dermatology, Charles University, Prague, republica Ceca
Visiting Professor of Dermatology, Bowman Gray University, Winston Salem (NC, USA)
Visiting Professor of Dermatology, University of Louisville, Louisville (KY, USA)
Visiting Professor of Dermatology, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston (SC, USA)

Visiting Professor of Dermatology, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
University Medal, Charles University, Czech Republic
Key Note Lecturer, Japanese Society of Cosmetic Dermatology
Chairman Centro Universitario di Dermatologia Biologica e Psicosomatica, Università di Firenze, Siena e Milano, Italy.

Full Professor of Dermatology, Dept of Dermatological Sciences, University of Florence, Italy.

PARTICIPATION TO SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

2004 Chair, 62nd Annual Meeting American Academy of Dermatology.
Symposium: Itch. Washington D.C., USA, 6-11 September


2004 Chair, Dolore e Medicina Psicosomatica. Tavola Rotonda: Dolore e Psicosomatica: dall’epistemologia alla clinica. Firenze, Italy. 2 Oct.

2004 Chair and Invited Speaker 6° Congresso Internazionale di Medicina Estetica. Sessione 3: la cura della pelle e delle irregolarità cutanee La Vitiligine: Nuovi Concetti e Nuove Terapie. Milano, Italy. 8-10 Oct.

2004 Chair and Invited Speaker XLII Congresso Nazionale A.D.O.I. Vitiligine: Cosa non si deve fare. Rimini, Italy. 13-16 Ott.
TORELLO M. LOTTI, MD
University of Florence Medical School
Florence, Italy

2004 Invited Speaker  Patologo e Clinico a Confronto: Vulva e Corpo Uterino – Corso teorico pratico per il ginecologo, il dermatologo ed il patologo. Discromie Cutanee: Vitiligo. Firenze, Italy. 22-23 Ott.


2005 Chair and Invited Speaker  21° Congresso Nazionale SIMG Cute e sistema endocrino  Firenze, Italy, 25-27 November

2005 Chair and Invited Lecturer  8° Congresso Internazionale SIES “Novità e aggiornamenti in tema di Medicina e Chirurgia Estetica”  Bologna, Italia, 11-13 Febbraio

2005 Chair and Invited Speaker  V Corso di Aggiornamento “Dermatologia Estetica” Ipomelanosi: eziopatogenesi Ipomelanosi: possibili trattamenti  Montecatini Terme, Italy, 7-11 March

2005 Chair and Invited Speaker  Associazione Dermatologica Ionica International Congress  Aspetti Immunologici della vitiligine  Giardini Naxos Taormina, Italy, 21-24 April

2005 Invited Speaker  15th World Congress of Aesthetic Medicine Lecture – Hypomelanotic skin disorders: problems and aesthetic solutions.  Rome, Italy, 5-8 May

2005 Chair and Invited Speaker  3rd EADV Spring Symposium – Sofia, Bulgaria, 19-22 May

2005 Honorary Membership  Association of Dermatovenereologists of Serbia and Montenegro


MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES:
European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV)
Società Italiana di Dermatologia e Venereologia (SIDEV)
Società Italiana per lo Studio della Emostasi e della Trombosi (ISD)
European Society for Dermatologic Research (ESDR)
TORELLO M. LOTTI, MD
Professor of Dermatology
University of Florence Medical School
Florence, Italy

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES:
International Society of Dermatology (ISD)
American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)
Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID)
Society for Cutaneous Ultrastructure Research (SCUR)
Società Italiana per la Riparazione Tissutale (SIRT)
European Wound Management Association (EWMA)
College of Physicians of Philadelphia

HONORS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:
Honorary member : Czech Society of Dermatology
Honorary member: Polish Society of Dermatology
Honorary member: American Dermatological Association
Honorary member: Bulgarian Society of Dermatology
Honorary member: French Society of Dermatology
Honorary member Rumanian Society of Dermatology
Honorary member: Argentine Society of Dermatology
Honorary member: Association of Dermatovenereologists of Serbia
and Montenegro

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES 2004-2005:
2. Editorial Board: Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, 1993-.
3. Editor: Il Dermatologo. Periodico Mensile. CIC Edizioni Internazionali, Italy. since 2003
4. Editor: European Handbook of Dermatological Treatments. Springer 2004
5. Editor: Vitiligo: Problems and Solutions. Marcel Dekker 2004
7. Editor: Ulcerazione e Cicatrizzazione Cutanea: nuovi concetti e nuove terapie. UTET 2005
8. Editor: Dermatologia Pratica per Immagini 2° Edizione. UTET 2005

REVIEWER FOR:
Annals of Medical Science
Acta Dermato Venereologica
British Journal of Dermatology
Journal of Investigative Dermatology
Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
International Angiology
International Journal of Dermatology
PARTICIPATION TO CONGRESS ORGANIZATION 2004-2005:

2004   Congress President – 6th International Congress of Aesthetic Medicine. Milan, Italy. 8-10 October
2004   Congress President – 13th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology – Florence, Italy, 17-21 November
LAWRENCE CHARLES PARISH, MD
Clinical Professor
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS:


BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

BOOK REVIEWS:


LAY PAPERS:


SPECIAL ISSUES – EDITOR:


EXHIBITS:


LAWRENCE CHARLES PARISH, MD
Clinical Professor
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PRESENTATIONS:

The terminology of balneology, mineral water, and spas. European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 19, 2005

Integrative dermatology and the clinician. American Academy of Dermatology, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 18, 2005

Integrative medicine and cosmetic dermatology. European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Florence, Italy, November 20, 2004

The basics of balneology, mineral water, and spas. European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Florence, Italy, November 19, 2004

SEMINARS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED:

History of Dermatology. History of Dermatology Society, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 19, 2005

History of Dermatology. History of Dermatology Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 17, 2005

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

3rd Spring Symposium. European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 19-22, 2005

65th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 18-22, 2005

13th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Florence, Italy, November 17-20, 2004

HONORS/SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Appointed Visiting Professor of Dermatology and Venereology, Sofia Medical University, Sofia, Bulgaria
LAWRENCE CHARLES PARISH, MD
Clinical Professor
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

MEMBER OR FELLOW:
American Association for the History of Medicine, American College of Physicians, American Dermatological Association, American Academy of Dermatology, Canadian Dermatology Association, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, College of Physicians of Philadelphia (Section on the History of Medicine of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Section on Dermatology of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia), European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, European Society for the History of Dermatology and Venereology, French Society for the History of Dermatology and Venereology, History of Dermatology Society (president), International Academy of Cosmetic Dermatology (president), Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology, Philadelphia Dermatological Society

HONORARY MEMBER OR FELLOW:
American College of Veterinary Dermatology, Bulgarian Society of Dermatology, Florida Society of Dermatology, Italian Society of Dermatology and Venereology, Polish Academy of Dermatology, Venezuelan Society of Dermatology,

CORRESPONDING MEMBER OR FELLOW:
British Association of Dermatologists, French Society of Dermatology and Syphilology, Israeli Society of Dermatology
ELLEN G. PFENDNER, PhD
Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS


SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:


MEMBERSHIP:

Society of Investigative Dermatology
SONSOLES PIERA-VELAZQUEZ, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

**PUBLICATIONS:**


**ABSTRACTS:**


**MEETING PARTICIPATION:**


9th World Congress of the OARSI. Chicago, IL. December 2-5, 2004.

SONSOLES PIERA-VELAZQUEZ, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PRESENTATIONS:


PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Membership, OARSI (Osteoarthritis Research Society International).
GABRIELE RICHARD, MD  
Associate Professor  
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology  

PUBLICATIONS:


\textbf{Invited Reviews}


\textbf{Other Publications and Editorials}

GABRIELE RICHARD, MD  
*Associate Professor*  
*Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology*

**Book Chapters**


**Participation in Scientific/Clinical Meetings and Presentations.**

**Oral presentations**

5. Philadelphia Genetics Group, January 18, 2005. Skin calcification disorders-The genetics of FTC. D. Shurman, O. Topaz, E. Sprecher, **G. Richard**  
GABRIELE RICHARD, MD
Associate Professor
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology


Abstracts and poster presentations


GABRIELE RICHARD, MD
Associate Professor
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

Departmental Committees

Co-Director, Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory

Member of the Organizing Committee for the 12th International Symposium on Basement Membranes, Philadelphia, June 15 - 18, 2005

Professional organizations.

American Society of Human Genetics
Society of Investigative Dermatology
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
German Society of Dermatology
Society of Pediatric Dermatology
Philadelphia Dermatological Society
Medical Advisory Board, FIRST
FRANZISKA RINGPFEIL, MD
Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

Publications

Book Chapters

Abstracts
2. LaRusso J, Fuchsel L, Uitto J, Ringpfeil F. Improved mutation screening in pseudoxanthoma elasticum based on ethnicity. Society for Investigative Dermatology, St Louis, MO, May 4-7, 2005

Grant Support
NIH, R01: Biochemistry and Morphology of Connective Tissue; Co-Investigator

Participation in Scientific/ Clinical Meetings and Presentations
1. Ringpfeil F. Molecular Basis of Pseudoxanthoma Elasticum. Grand Rounds of the Department of Dermatology, Ludwig Maximillians University, Munich, Germany, June 2nd, 2004 (invited speaker)
2. Society for Pediatric Dermatology, 17th Annual Pre-AAD Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 17, 2005
FRANZISKA RINGPFEIL, MD
Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

University Committees
   JUP Advisory Council

Membership in Professional Organizations
   • American Academy of Dermatology
   • Dermatology Foundation, Vice Chair, Pennsylvania
   • Society for Investigative Dermatology
   • Society for Pediatric Dermatology
   • Philadelphia Dermatological Society
   • Medical Advisory Board, NAPE (National Association for Pseudoxanthoma elasticum)
   • Airline Ambassadors International
ULRICH RODECK, MD, PhD  
Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology  

PUBLICATIONS  


ULRICH RODECK, MD, PhD
Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology


Scientific meetings
Inaugural meeting “RTK systems Biology”, Yokohama, Japan
Presentation: ‘Integration of signaling pathways in complex environments’ U. Rodeck

Honors/Special Recognitions
Founding member “RTK Systems Biology”. February 2005

Departmental Committees
Departmental Review Committee, Dept. of Dermatology & Cutaneous Biology

University Committees
Chairman, Library Committee, Thomas Jefferson University (2004-05)
Member, Ad Hoc Cancer Center Review Committee, Thomas Jefferson University (Summer 2004)
Member, Task force ‘Bone and Extracellular Matrix Biology’ (2005)
Member, Task Force ‘Cancer Biology and Research’ (2005)
Member, Committee on Research (2005)
Ad hoc member, Strategic Research Oversight Committee (2005)
ULRICH RODECK, MD, PhD
Professor of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

Professional Organizations

Memberships in Professional and Scientific Societies:

- American Association of Cancer Research (1988-)
- Tellers Committee of the AACR (1994-95)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (1989-)
- German Society of Dermatology (1990-)
- German Society of Immunology (1991-)
- German Society of Hematology and Oncology (1991-)
- Philadelphia Cancer Research Association (1993-)
ARADHNA SAXENA, M.D.
Resident, Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS:


PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC/CLINICAL MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Saxena A. Lichen Sclerosis et Atrophicus – like Graft versus Host Disease. Oral Presentation at the Gross & Microscopic Symposium, American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting 2/19/05

Saxena A. Mohs Micrographic Surgery for Squamous Cell Carcinoma associated with Epidermolysis Bullosa. Oral Presentation for the College of Physicians Section on Dermatology Meeting, 4/13/05.

HONORS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Stelwagon Award Winner, 3/05: achievement in clinically-oriented research
The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Section on Dermatology

ASDS Dermatologic Surgery Preceptorship Program Recipient –2005

ASDS Resident Scholarship Program award
ARADHNA SAXENA, M.D.
Resident, Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Women’s Dermatologic Society (WDS): 2004-present
Group/Table Facilitator at WDS Networking Reception 2/05

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): 2003-present

American Society for Mohs Surgery: 2005-present

American Academy of Dermatology: 2003-present
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Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Publications

Year 2004


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PUBLICATIONS:
Peer Reviewed Publications
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Year 2005


PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Publications

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SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS:

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SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS:
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CHAPTERS IN BOOKS, REVIEW ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS

Year 2004


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VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS AND INVITED LECTURESHIPS:

Year 2004

Grand Round Speaker, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, June 9, 2004.

Invited Speaker, the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School – University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey, October 27, 2004.

Invited Speaker, Symposium Organizer and Plenary Session Chair, The 13th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology – The Renaissance of Dermatology – Florence, Italy, November 17-21, 2004

Year 2005


Procter & Gamble Scientific Lecturer and Grand Round Speaker, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 9-10, 2005.

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VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS AND INVITED LECTURESHIPS:
Year 2005
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Visiting Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Dermatology, University of Texas – San Antonio, Texas, March 22 & 23, 2005.

Visiting Professor, Department of Dermatology, The University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine, Dallas, Texas, April 25-27, 2005.

Invited Speaker, Department of Medicine, University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, California, December 15, 2004.

Visiting Professor and Arnold W. Gurevitch Memorial Grand Round Speaker, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, California, December 16-17, 2004.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

2005

President and Chair of the Organizing Committee, The 12th International Symposium on Basement Membranes, to be held at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 16-19, 2005 (appointed in the 11th Symposium, Japan, March 6-9, 2003).

The 19th James N. Gilliam Lecturer, Department of Dermatology, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, and Dallas Dermatological Society, and Fort Worth Dermatological Society, Dallas, Texas, April 26, 2005.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

Jefferson Medical College Admissions Committee
GUY WEBSTER, MD, PhD  
Professor  
Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

PUBLICATIONS:

GF Webster, Mechanism-Based Treatment of Acne Vulgaris: The Value of Combination Therapy, Journal of Drugs in Dermatology, 2005 in press

GF Webster, G Zimmerman, M Corvest, U Mrowietz, Under-served patients with moderate or severe psoriasis: insights and management considerations. In MS Torok HM, Webster G, Dunlap FE, Egan N, Jarratt M, Stewart D. Combination sodium sulfacetamide 10% and sulfur 5% cream with sunscreens versus metronidazole 0.75% cream for rosacea. Cutis 2005, 75:357-363.

GF Webster, Acne and Rosacea, Conn’s Current Therapy 2006. in press

GF Webster, Rosacea, in Dermatology, J. Bolognia, J. Jorizzo, R. Rapini eds, 2007, in manuscript

INVITED TALKS:

Visiting Professor, University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, 2004

Acne and Rosacea, Pennsylvania Academy of Family Practice, Hershey, PA 2004

Psoriasis Therapy, Update on Biologicals, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA2004

Update on Acne, Treatment of Rosacea, Winter Clinical Dermatology, Kona, HI, 2005.

Visiting Professor, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, 2005

Visiting Professor, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda CA, 2005

Visiting Professor, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2005

Visiting Professor, University of South Florida/West Coast Dermatological Soc, Tampa, FL, 2005

Acne Poster Session Moderator, AAD Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2005
GUY WEBSTER, MD, PhD  
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INVITED TALKS:  
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What’s Coming in Acne and Rosacea, AAD Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2005

Update on Acne, Sacramento Valley Derm. Soc., Squaw Valley, CA, 2005

Topical Anti-inflammatory Therapy, Sacramento Valley Derm. Soc., Squaw Valley, CA, 2005

Visiting Professor, University of Missouri Dept. Dermatology, Columbia, MO, 2005


Visiting Professor, Baylor School of Medicine Dept Dermatology, Houston, TX, 2005

Overview of Acne Therapy; HIV related skin diseases, Valley of the Sun Symposium, Phoenix, AZ 2005

Acne and its Treatment, Plenary Session, AANP Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 2005

Pathogenesis of acne, AAD ’05, Chicago, IL, 2005

What’s New in Acne, North Carolina Dermatology Asse, Summer Beach, NC, 2005


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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

American Society of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Biology
American Association of Advanced Science
Society of Investigative Dermatology
NIH study section, ad hoc reviewer of the Gene Therapy and Inborn Errors Study section (2005)
NIH study section, ad hoc reviewer of the Innovative Technologies for the molecular analysis of cancer (2005)