

**Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

### Upcoming Events

#### **[HMS PDA Postdoc Pub Tour](#) - 4/8 *TONIGHT!***

Join fellow postdocs for the latest [Postdoc Pub Night](#) at [The Plough & Stars](#), 912 Mass. Ave., Cambridge at 8:30pm. Check out the Postdoc Pub Tour's Page on [Facebook!](#)

#### **[Free U.S. Citizenship classes for BWH Employees](#) – info session 4/14**

BWH hosts an informational session for employees interested in participating in free U.S. Citizenship classes, April 14th at 5:30 pm in the at the Center for Life Science Boston Building, 3 Blackfan Circle. Classes are expected to start later this spring and to be eligible you need to be: a permanent resident for a minimum of five years; moderately proficient in English and participants should be able to meet the financial requirements and be committed to attending all classes. For more information, or if you cannot attend the information session see the [webpage](#) or contact [Irasema Ramirez](#), or call 617-713-3738.

#### **[DF/HCC Pipelines in Oncology](#) - next presentation 4/30**

Upcoming 2009 schedule - April 30: AstraZeneca, May 21: Amgen, June 18: Millennium/The Takeda Group, September 17: Novartis, October 15: Pfizer, November 5: Abraxis Biosciences, and November 19: BristolMyers. Contact: [Petra Loesch](#)

#### **[Registration is open for the inaugural HMS Dean's Symposium on Clinical and Translational Research](#) - 4/30 & 5/1**

The inaugural Harvard Medical School Dean's Symposium on Clinical and Translational Research is now open for registration. The symposium will bring the Harvard community together to celebrate clinical and translational research. The two-day event is organized into three thematic sessions, each taking place at a different location.

#### **[Survival Training for Junior Scientists](#) - 4/30**

Though curiosity about nature and the romance of discovery are what draw us to a research career, landing a permanent position also requires hard-headed self-analysis and a realistic approach to the scientific marketplace. Peter Feibelman, Senior Scientist at Sandia National Laboratories, and author of the book, "A PhD is Not Enough," will focus on ways to establish a scientific identity and generally to persuade the research community it wants you as a permanent member. TMEC

Auditorium, HMS. [Sponsored by Harvard Office for Faculty Development and Diversity.](#)

## Announcements

[Call For Abstracts - Spring 2009 Research Excellence Awards](#) – 4/27 through 5/1 only

The [BWH Biomedical Research Institute](#) received a philanthropic gift intended to foster the research of promising junior investigators and trainees. This year, the BRI will be able to distribute up to ten \$1000 awards to be used for travel to a scientific meeting or for research expenses. Applications will be accepted from April 27th through May 1st ONLY. Early applications will not be considered. Eligibility will be limited to the first 50 applications and accepted in the order in which they are received. Please see [application guidelines and materials](#). All applications must be complete and sent via e-mail to [bwhbri@partners.org](mailto:bwhbri@partners.org). If you are unable to access the BWH research intranet and would like to receive an application form and the instructions by email, please send a request indicating this to [bwhbri@partners.org](mailto:bwhbri@partners.org). Award recipients will be chosen and announced at two poster sessions; one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

## Did You Know?

### [What's In It For Me?](#)

Postdocs may often ask themselves this question when asked to volunteer or participate in activities outside their lab or away from the bench. Here are a few reasons!

- § Soft skills
- § Leadership skills
- § Meeting new people (professionally, socially)
- § Getting involved in the larger community
- § Learn how to serve on a committee (how it works)
- § Learn more about how an institution works
- § Learn the “politics”
- § Exposure to things/ideas/people which may lead to a new career path

So, don't forget the next [Peer Mentor Lunch](#) is on May 4th! Find out more about how you can get involved. Contact: [BWHOPRC@partners.org](mailto:BWHOPRC@partners.org)

## If You Missed It...

[RC LIVE Lunch - Partners Innovation Fund presents Tips for Starting a Business](#) - 4/20

[Designing Reliable On-screen Presentations](#) - 4/22

[Upcoming WEST Events](#) - 4/28

[HMS Office for Diversity and Community Partnership 2009 Leadership and Faculty Development Conference](#) - 5/5 through 5/8

[Advanced Biostatistics: Problem-Based Biostatistics Seminar for Medical Researchers - April & May dates](#)  
[HMS Office of Work and Family - spring work-life seminar schedule](#)

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