

**Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

### Upcoming Events

#### [Research Data and Tissue Issues: Current IRB Perspectives](#) - 11/13

4:00-5:00pm, MGH Simches 3.110. Judith M. Scheer, SM, RN, Chair, Partners Human Research Committee. Please join Judy Scheer of the Partners IRB for a discussion of current IRB guidelines, policies, and ethical considerations pertaining to the research use of data and tissue. Time will be allotted for questions. This lecture is strongly recommended for new research fellows (both MD's and PhD's using human samples and data) and study coordinators, though all investigators and study staff, experienced or new will benefit, if you have not previously attended. [Registration](#) is required. Please contact [Suzanne Guerette](#) with any questions.

#### [HMS Postdoc Association DMS Alumni Networking Reception](#) - 11/13

Do you want to meet and network with Boston-area Harvard alumni currently pursuing science-based careers? Do you want to meet and network with postdocs from Harvard Academic Medical Centers? Then join us for a networking evening. RSVP to [pda@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:pda@hms.harvard.edu). 7-9pm, Modell Atrium, HMS.

#### [Networking Skills Workshop](#) - 11/15

Sponsored by [WEST](#), this four-hour, interactive workshop takes the mystery out of networking and teaches you concrete skills for reaching out to others. Workshop leader Sarah Cardozo Duncan is a career strategist with an established national and international client base. In this session you will learn how to build more effective professional relationships, what to do at a networking event, and how to approach someone you don't know well. The workshop includes refreshments and plenty of time to meet other WEST members. One Main Street, Cambridge, 9:00am-1:00pm. Pre-registration (until 6pm Thurs. Nov. 13th): \$100 WEST Members, \$150 Non-Members. At the door: \$25 more. REGISTER NOW at [www.westorg.org](http://www.westorg.org)

### Announcements

#### [Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health \(BIRCWH\) Program](#) – application deadline 11/14

BWH is the home site for a Harvard-wide training grant initiative called "Hormones and Genes in Women's Health: From Bench to Bedside." We are pleased to invite applications for a full-time or part-time faculty position for a MD or PhD/ScD to

develop an academic career in women's health. Scholars will be sponsored for 2-3 years of mentored research from Harvard faculty in basic, translational, or clinical aspects of women's health, and will combine, if applicable, clinical work in the Scholar's specialty. Applications from women and minorities are highly encouraged and desired. [Details and Application](#). Contact: Dr. Ursula Kaiser, Program Director, [BIRCWH@partners.org](mailto:BIRCWH@partners.org)

**[Open Enrollment Information Fairs Scheduled for This Week](#) - deadline 11/23**

Benefits staff will be on hand to answer questions during this week's QuickStops:

- Wed, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at One Brigham Circle, Room 4-002E.
- Wed, 3 to 4:30 p.m., at 850 Boylston St., Fishbowl Conference Room, Side B.
- Thurs, 11:30 a.m., to 1 p.m., at 101 Huntington Ave., third floor.

You can also attend a Benefair with representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield companies Thursday, 8 to 10 a.m., in Carrie Hall. For more information, call the Benefits Office at (617) 726-8133. BWPO physicians can call 617-582-1117. BWH physicians and professional staff can call 617-724-9357.

**[ESL Call for Applications](#) - deadline 12/18**

The [Office for Postdoctoral and Research Careers](#), [Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#), and the [Biomedical Research Institute](#) are pleased to offer English as a Scientific Language (ESL) Courses for Postdoctoral Fellows. Other BWH researchers may apply and will be accepted as space allows. This course is designed to improve the communication skills of postdoctoral research fellows whose first language is not English and to help integrate them into their English-speaking environment. It will include both scientific and everyday English. At the end of the course, the participants will be better able to participate in lab meetings, and present and discuss their research in formal and informal settings. Please see the [webpage](#) for complete details, eligibility requirements and application form. Payment must be included with application. Contact: [BWHOPRC@partners.org](mailto:BWHOPRC@partners.org)

**Did You Know?**

**[International Postdoc Survival Guide - from the National Postdoc Association](#)**

Being an international postdoc in the United States can be a daunting experience. There is the initial decision to move thousands of miles away from home; the possible language barrier, the culture shock, and the other challenges one may face on arrival; the acclimatizing to life as a scientist in the U.S. and the periodic visa difficulties that have to be negotiated when travelling in and out of the country. In order to help alleviate some of these stresses and better inform current and prospective international postdocs, the NPA International Postdoctoral Committee (IPC) has created an online resource, the *Survival Guide for International Postdocs*. The *Survival Guide* has been compiled by members of the IPC with the expert assistance of university international offices and postdoctoral offices, as well as an immigration attorney. It draws on the experiences of current and former postdocs who have travelled to the

U.S. to do their postdoctoral training. Read it [here](#).

### If You Missed It...

[Writing for Publication: The Clinician Teacher](#) - 11/6

[Now You're Talking! Bringing Scientific Presentations to Life](#) - 11/7

[Research Connection Live Lunch: Meet the Catalyst Research Navigators](#) - 11/17

[OPRC Peer Mentor Program and Open House](#) - 11/17 (*last session until Feb 2009*)

[Demystifying Your HMS CV: FIRST Streamlined and Simplified](#) - 11/20

[Case Studies Series: Authorship Questions](#)- 12/1

[Hot Topics for International Researchers](#) – 12/9

[Pick Our Brains: Sponsored by the BWH-BRI Neurosciences Research Center](#) –

Save the Date 12/10

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