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WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Sibghat Lari (Res. Assoc. Postdoc, Bennett Lab)
Tyler Norby (graduate student, Jepson Lab)

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Barbara Palermo (NPIC)
Robert Killin (Simonich Lab)
Oraphin Krissanakriangkrai (Anderson Lab)

DALE W. MOSBAUGH MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM ON GENETIC TOXICOLOGY AND DNA REPAIR

On February 17, 2004, Professor Dale W. Mosbaugh of the Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology at Oregon State University passed away in the prime of his life. This symposium is being held in his memory. The research topics are those to which he dedicated his life's work, and the speakers are but a few of his many colleagues and friends from Oregon State University and elsewhere whose professional efforts were of great interest to Professor Mosbaugh throughout his career as a researcher and educator. **October 11-12, 2004 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** LaSells Stewart Center. For Registration information please contact lisa.parker@oregonstate.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS/SAVE THESE DATES FOR:

- Join the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry ([SETAC](#)) as they celebrate our 25th anniversary during the Fourth SETAC World Congress and 25th Annual Meeting in North America at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon, 14-18 November 2004.




PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL EVENTS - JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2004



EMT Graduate Students Impressive at Annual Toxicology Meeting
By: Dr. Robert Tanguay


The annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Association of Toxicology






(PANWAT) was held at the beautiful Mt. Bachelor Village Resort and Conference Center in Bend, Oregon, September 17-19, 2004. The theme of the meeting was "Toxicology in Third World Settings". Numerous invited speakers introduced pressing problems facing millions of people in less economically developed countries, and challenged young toxicologist to use their talents to make a positive impact in the world. Maintaining the tradition of the PANWAT meeting, there was an emphasis placed on encouraging graduate students to present their current work. Four cash awards were available to the participating students, and our department faired extremely well in winning three of them. **Stephanie Smith-Roe** (Buermeyer laboratory) won the best oral presentation award for her talk entitled "Mlh1-deficient mice are hypersensitive to PhIP-induced mutation and aberrant crypt foci: Evidence for differential processing of PhIP adduct mispairs by the mismatch repair pathway". **Fred Tilton** (Tanguay laboratory) won the best poster award for his presentation "The mechanism of dithiocarbamate and isothiocyanate developmental toxicity in the zebrafish early developmental model" and **Susan Tilton** (William lab) received the second best poster presentation for her poster "Evidence of aflatoxin B1 hepatic tumor promotion by the dietary constituent 3,3'-

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| | <p>diindolymethane: tumor incidence and gene expression profiles. This impressive showing is a testament to the quality of our students and our toxicology program. Let's aim for next year to get even more of our students and postdoctoral scientists to showcase the exciting original research emanating from our department.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Cynthia Bower, formerly a Research Associate in the Phil Whanger laboratory in Weniger Hall, has accepted a position as Research Food Technologist with the the USDA, Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Fairbanks, Alaska. She begins her new position on October 4th.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Kim Hageman (Simonich Lab) had her Ph.D. dissertation selected as one of two outstanding Ph.D. dissertation for the 2004 Universities Council on Water Resources dissertation competition. The award consisted of a certificate, cash award, and travel expenses and registration fee to the UCOWR annual meeting, which will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 20-22.</p> <p>Congratulations Kim!</p> |
|  | <p>In September, 2004, Daniel Sudakin, M.D., M.P.H. was elevated to Fellow of the American College of Medical Toxicology. Fellow status represents the highest category of membership in the American College of Medical Toxicology. Designation as a Fellow is based upon peer assessment of</p> |

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| | <p>contributions to the field of medical toxicology in clinical practice, teaching, research, public service, and service to the College.</p> |
|  | <p>Toby Primbs (Simonich Lab oratory) has been awarded an EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study. The STAR fellowship program was initiated in 1995. Approximately 1000 STAR fellowships have been awarded since the inception of the program. The purpose of the fellowship program is to encourage promising students to obtain advanced degrees and pursue careers in environmentally related fields. This goal is consistent with the immediate and long-term mission of EPA which is to protect public health and the environment. The STAR fellowship program has proven to be beneficial to both the public and private sectors by providing a steady stream of well-trained environmental specialists to our society to meet environmental challenges. It has also provided new environmental research in physical, biological and health sciences, engineering and social science.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Phil Whanger (Professor Emeritus) has received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Berry Alumni Association, Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia. This award is given for outstanding leadership within a local or national organization and for distinguished accomplishments within</p> |

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| | <p>an occupational field. Dr. Whanger received his B.S. in Biology and Agriculture from Berry College in 1959. Dr. Whanger is recognized internationally as an authority on the trace element selenium (Se) and its effects on human health. Congratulations!</p> |
|  | <p>Nita Birdsong (Anderson Lab), an undergraduate student in the BRR program (Toxicology emphasis), has had her proposal titled "Determination of Azinophosphate Metabolites on Apples from Hood River, Oregon" selected for a URSIC award.</p> |

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL EVENTS - JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2004

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|  | <p>David Spink (NPIC) and his wife JoAnne are the proud new parents of Theodore Ivan ("Teddy"). Teddy is two-years old and joined his new parents, from Russia, on August 25th, 2004. The new family couldn't be happier.</p> |
|   | <p>Amy Smoker (NPIC) and her husband Jason Smoker are the proud new parents of Jamie Nicole Smoker. Although originally due on October 4th, Jamie was born on August 27th. She now weighs 5 lbs 6 oz and is a happy, healthy baby girl. The new family is happy and settling into all their new routines nicely.</p> |
| | <p>Amy Skinner (Turker Lab, CROET)) and her husband Joe are the</p> |



proud new parents of a daughter, Rayleigh Suzanne Skinner. Rayleigh arrived on June 16, 2004, three weeks earlier than expected and weighed 6lbs 8 oz . Rayleigh is a healthy and happy baby and Amy and Joe are completely smitten with her.



Oraphin ("Kriss") Krissanakriangkrai (formerly of the Anderson Lab) and Gary Moore of Philomath, OR were married at 12:15 am on Friday, September 3rd, 2004 in Albany OR. JayLene Seeley officiated. The bride and groom exchanged vows (which they had written themselves) under a clear sky lit by a full moon. In attendance were a handful of friends and family. Congratulations Kriss and Gary!



The EMT Department's annual golf tournament was held on September 23rd and was by all accounts a great success, and for the first time in recorded history the students beat the professors.

To see more photos from the golf tourney [go here](#).

The EMT picnic was also held on the 23rd of September at Avery Park. We had a great turnout and lots of great food.

To see more photos of



the picnic [go here](#).

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