



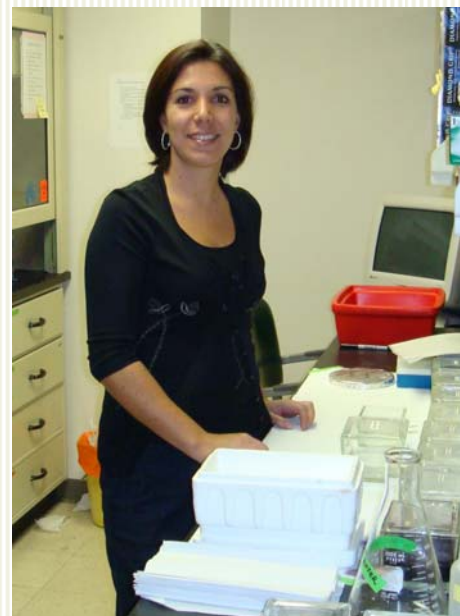
Vieira Lab Newsletter

Lab Meeting Schedule 403 Salk Hall

- April 11th, 2008**
 Heart Score Project
 Presenter: Adam Perl
- April 21st, 2009**
 Small Cleft Lip and Palate Patient Research Project in Latvia
 Presenter: Dr. Baiba Lace
- May 9th, 2008**
 Genetics of Clefts in Latvia
 Presenter: Inga Prane
- May 23rd, 2008**
 Salivary Levels of MUC5b and Helicobacter pylori infection
 Presenter: Renato Menezes

Lab News

In 2006, NIH announced its intent to give more than 50 awards in the Pathway to Independence Program, a five-year grant to foster transition to research independence. The first 24 awardees, as listed in the public NIH web-search tool CRISP, include two dental related projects, one related to palatogenesis from Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and the other related to cementum degradation from University California of San Francisco. The University of Pittsburgh Department of Neurology has received one award as well. This month Dr. Ariadne Letra, DDS, PhD, a postdoctoral associate at the Vieira lab, received the Pathway to Independence award and will be joining this very selective list of postdoctoral trainees that receive NIH support to transition to an independent position. Her project aims to explore the associations between metalloproteinase gene variants and cleft lip and palate. Dr. Vieira and Dr. Marazita are the mentors. NIH has received more than 1,200 applications for this program, and the selection of Dr. Letra's project is a clear demonstration of her qualities.



Dr. Ariadne Letra

Upcoming Events

- April 21st-24th, 2008**
 Phenotype Protocol Workshop
- May 14th, 2008**
 2008 Annual Spring Research Symposium

Nicholas Callahan (Class of 2010) was awarded the 2008 University of Pittsburgh Start Up Summer Research Award from the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI). This is the third consecutive summer award for Nick, who has previously received the School of Dental Medicine Dean's Summer Scholarship award in 2006, and the 2007 CTSI Start Up Summer Research award. Dr. Vieira has served as his mentor in all these occasions. Once again, Nick will be spending part of his summer in the Vieira Lab, this time working on genetics aspects of caries.

Recent Publications

Oakley M., Vieira AR. The endangered clinical teacher scholar: will this eliminate discovery from the dental school environment? J Dent Res. 2008 Mar;87(3):200-2.

Recruitment Summary

Subjects Recruited	806
Subjects Declined	93
Compliance Rate	89.7%

DRDR Update

Recruitment Location

Module 1	131	Emergency Care	56	UDHS	4
Module 2	400	Oral Surgery	14	Orthodontics	1
Module 3	50	Pediatric Dentistry	14	Other	35
Module 4	46	Implant Center	13		
Dental Hygiene	38	Prosthodontics	4		