



Vieira Lab Newsletter

Lab Meeting Schedule 403 Salk Hall

- March 17th, 2008**
 Children of the Americas
 Mission Trip: Guatemala
 Presenter: Steve Tropp
- April 4th, 2008**
 Heart Score Program
 Presenter: Adam Perl
- April 18th, 2008**
 AXIN2 is associated with oral
 clefts in families presenting
 high incidence of cancer
 Presenter:
 Dr. Renato Menezes

Lab News

Dr. Maria Tassopoulou-Fishell received a \$15,000 award to develop the project entitled "Candidate Gene Studies of Mandibular Prognathism Using DNA Samples Acquired from Patient's Saliva" from the American Association of Orthodontists. The 2008 Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award, of which Dr. Vieira is the mentor, aims to support the professional development of junior orthodontics faculty. Dr. Tassopoulou-Fishell is involved in the SDM Research Scholar Program, which is designed to foster intellectual interactions among faculty and provide mentoring to develop clinical research projects. In her project, she aims to better understand the reasons why some individuals grow to develop a Class III of Angle. Her plans involve the use of samples from the Dental Registry and DNA Repository.



Jay Leno and his marked mandibular prognathism.

Upcoming Events

Spring 2008

Journal Club Supported by the Student Research Group (SRG)

The Journal Club will be conducted as an independent study under the direct supervision and guidance of Dr. Modesto.

Meetings are held in 363 Salk Hall (Pediatric Dental Conference) at 12:00pm

- March 24th**
 Survival Rate of Dental Implants
 Presenters: Nate Fowler, Sean Quigley
- April 7th**
 Digital Radiography
 Presenters: Chris Dindal, Jon Misner, Zach Pitcher

DRDR Update

Subjects Recruited	776
Subjects Declined	91
Compliance Rate	89.5%

With only 91 individuals declining to become research volunteers in the DRDR, the recruitment compliance rate remains very encouraging with an 89.5% acceptance rate. The DRDR recently featured a comprehensive poster presentation on the reasons behind these declines entitled, "Education as an Essential Means to Increase Awareness of the Importance of Genetic Research," at the 14th annual Council of Graduate Students in Education Conference on March 5th

If you would like to become involved with the DRDR either as a research participant or as a volunteer, please contact Jill Schaefer at (412) 383-5944 or at jss73@dent.pitt.edu

Recruitment Location

Module 1	126
Module 2	392
Module 3	47
Module 4	43
Dental Hygiene	36
Emergency Care	52
Oral Surgery	14
Pediatric Dentistry	9
Implant Center	13
Prosthodontics	4
UDHS	4
Orthodontics	1
Other	35

