Vieira Lab Newsletter

Upcoming Events

When: October 26, 2006, 1-2 p.m.
What: Grand Rounds
Where: Salk 458
Topic: New Insight on the Most Common Infectious Diseases in the U.S.
Guest Speaker: Alex Vieira, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D

When: November 2, 2006, 1-2 p.m.
What: Grand Rounds
Where: Salk 458
Topic: Periodontitis: a Genetic or Environmental Disease?
Guest Speaker: Jasim M. Albandar, D.D.S., D.M.D., Ph.D

When: November 16, 2006, 1-2 p.m.
What: Grand Rounds
Where: 458 Salk Hall
Topic: Control of Biofilms in the Prevention of Oral Disease
Guest Speaker: Adriana Modesto, D.D.S., M.S., PhD.

Lab News

The Vieira Lab was among the many participants who presented posters at Science 2006 Feel the Power. Science 2006 Feel the power is the University of Pittsburgh’s broad-based regional celebration of local science and technology.

Dr. Vieira noticed a remarkably large attendance of first year dental school students. These students were motivated to attend the festival by a class assignment and were rewarded with free pizza and ice cream. Dr. Vieira overheard positive comments from the dental school students as they made their way to the posters realizing the amount of research the dental school is conducting. Overall this was a great showing of research conducted by Dr. Vieira’s office to both students in the dental school as well as general graduate students in attendance. Dr. Vieira hopes this event will continue to spark interest in research, especially in the oral biology field.

Dental Registry and DNA Repository News

The Dental Registry and DNA Repository (Dental Registry and DNA Repository) featured a poster in the University of Pittsburgh’s sixth annual festival of scientific discovery, a poster session also known as, “Science 2006, Feel the Power.” Additionally, the project displayed a poster pertaining to dental diseases and conditions specific to geriatric individuals at the university’s “Research on Aging” event which was held on October 17th. An informative newspaper article and television interview may also be in the DRDR’s future in order to help spread the word about this innovative, unique project.

Currently in its sixth week of active recruitment, the DRDR continues to successfully recruit subjects, having had a total of 109 participants. Practical guidelines for recruitment including a basic script to use when approaching potential participants, the Module 2 protocol on recruitment and instructions on how to obtain the saliva sample can now be found at: http://www.dental.pitt.edu/vieira_lab/modules.php

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