



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., Ph.D.

Lab Meeting

When: October 31, 2006, 12:00

Where: Dr. Vieira's Office

Topic: ASHG Highlights

Presenter: ASHG Attendees

When: November 14, 12:30

Where 403 Salk

Topic: ASHG Highlights

Presenter: ASHG Attendees

November 28, 12:30

Where: 403 Salk

Topic: ASHG Highlights



Jill Schaefer with her poster at Feel the Power

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 (DRDR) 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