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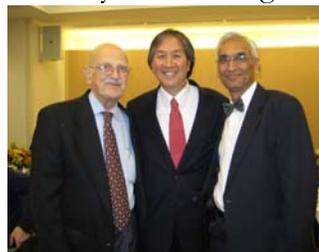
Dear Colleagues:



It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of 2010. The time certainly flew by! As we look to the end of the year and the beginning of 2011 we reflect on all that happened over these past 12 months and think about how we might make 2011 an even better year. For BU Dermatology, there were many causes for celebration in 2010 tempered by one major loss and profound sorrow. We are all still in shock over the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Marie-France Demierre, and welcomed the opportunity to come to together early last month to celebrate her wonderful life. The Hiebert Lounge at Boston University School of Medicine was overflowing with friends and family members who shared their memories and paid tribute to this truly one-of-a-kind person. There were several wonderful speeches during the evening, and several poignant moments including a song by Marie-France's family. Following the celebration, a dinner was held for Marie-France's family and out-of-town guests. It was very special to be able to share our memories of Marie-France with her mother, Winny, and to hear funny stories about Marie-France's childhood. We were delighted that Dr. Howard Koh was able to join us for the celebration and also provide a wonderful speech at the inaugural Howard Koh Visiting Professor Lecture which took place earlier in the day. Howard told us of his path to The White House and the wonderful collaborations and friendships he developed along the way. It was great to have Howard's wife,



daughter, and mother join us for this truly special lecture which was given to an overflowing crowd, that included many of Howard's close BU friends and colleagues, in Keefer Auditorium. In early December we were delighted to welcome Dr.



Howard Green as the inaugural Barbara A. Gilchrest Visiting Professor lecturer. Dr. Green provided us with a wonderful overview of how he came to develop a culturing technique for human keratinocytes and how that early work was ultimately able to be translated into improved therapies for wound healing and burns. Dr. Green joined our faculty for a lovely dinner celebration to honor Dr. Gilchrest and her tremendous contributions to our specialty, BU Dermatology, and beyond. This was truly a special evening to formally recognize two formidable leaders in Dermatology whose contributions have significantly altered our understanding of skin diseases and their treatments. A few days after Dr. Green's lecture we were again busy with the first BU Dermatology hosting of the New England Dermatologic Society clinical meeting in 27 years! It was a wonderful day as our residents, faculty, and staff came together to develop a truly spectacular meeting. The cases, discussions, and venue were all first-rate and we look forward to hosting future meetings in our new clinical space at the Shapiro Outpatient Center which is expected to open in March 2011. A special thanks goes out to Drs. Tania Philips and Emmy Graber as well as our residents who worked tremendously hard to bring together such a spectacular event. After settling down from the excitement of our NEDS meeting, we were quickly met with our annual holiday celebration which was held in the Trustees Ballroom at the Boston University School of Management. The evening featured all members of the department in "festive" attire (those who were not suitably festive were given supplemental accessories) who were treated to a delicious meal and terrific music. The highlight of the evening was the late-night karaoke which featured our many talented trainees, faculty, and staff. Although four hours of partying seemed like plenty of time for such an event, it is clear that the karaoke was just warming up by the time our DJ was closing things down. Given the tremendous enthusiasm, we expect to



book future holiday parties for an additional hour for our “party” crew.

As we reflect on the past year, it seems that we have accomplished much. With the recruitment of 7 new faculty members, the renovation of our 609 Albany Street building and our Commonwealth Avenue Practice, the preparation for our DOB clinic move to the new Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center, the initiation of THREE new Visiting Professor Lectureships, and bringing the New England Dermatologic Society clinical meeting back to BU after 27 years, the launch of a new Alumni Association and this newsletter to keep everyone up-to-speed on departmental activities, we are proud of what has been achieved. 2011 should be even more fulfilling with the recruitment of several additional new faculty members, the opening of our new clinic space in the Shapiro Building, the initiation of several collaborative research programs, and the initiation of additional clinical programs within the department. We look forward to working with you on these important initiatives and welcome your participation in our various departmental activities. Wishing you and your families all the best during this Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Boston University Dermatology Alumni Association (BUDAA)

We are very much looking forward to catching up with everyone at the upcoming Boston University Dermatology Alumni Reunion in New Orleans during the AAD Meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Grand Salon 21 & 24.

Comm Ave Updates

Emmy Graber, M.D.

The Cosmetic and Laser Center continues to be busy but new referrals are always welcome! In addition to Dr. Mansur offering evening hours, Dr. Graber will now also be seeing patients on some evenings. Feel free to check out our website for the latest Cosmetic and Laser Center news: www.bucosmeticcenter.com

International Graduate Training Program (IGPD) Updates

Thomas Ruenger, M.D.

A few months ago, we updated and revised the website of IGPD (<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/derm/training-programs-overview/>). The deadline for applications for the next academic year starting July 1, 2011 was on November 15, 2010. We received 22 applications from nine different countries (Barbados, India, Jordan, Libya, Nigeria, Saudi-Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad, and United Arab Emirates) to all four of our programs (Masters, Doctorate, Diploma, and Certificate Programs). The admissions committee has been meeting starting December 16, and we expect to mail out acceptance letters in January.

New England Dermatology Society Meeting

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the New England Dermatologic Society Meeting! Many patients came and prompted a great discussion after the viewing. The day went well and we have received a lot of positive feedback. Thank you especially to the residents for their hard work!

-Drs. Graber and Phillips

Departmental Kudos

We would like to congratulate two of our third year residents in obtaining Mohs fellowship positions! **Dr. Kavitha Reddy** will be doing a fellowship in NYC with Dr. Roy Geronemus and **Dr. Gary Mendese** will be doing a fellowship in Stoneham, MA with Dr. Donald Grande. We are so proud of them and wish them the best of luck!

-Drs. Graber and Garg

Publications

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DOB Featured Staff Member

Bianca Clouden



Bianca, or “B”, joined the Department of Dermatology at Boston Medical Center on December 27, 2007 as a Practice Assistant. In addition to raising her 5 year old son, Zaki, she is currently taking evening classes to pursue a nursing degree. Bianca also enjoys R&B music.

Brockton Featured Staff Member

Clarisse Mendes



Clarisse joined our medical records department in Brockton two and a half years ago, shortly after graduating from Lincoln Tech. Her program of study was billing and coding. In addition to her medical records responsibilities, she helps at the front desk when needed and also sends out our welcome packet to new patients. Her family moved from Cape Verde to the United States and she has been here since she was four-years old. Clarisse has two children, Jalik, 6 and Dominique, 5. She’s part of a large family and gatherings are “often a house full between 40 or 50 people.” She loves dancing and enjoys music. “As

long as the words make sense and it sounds good, I love it! I find music soothing and often work and do cleaning with music in the background.” Clarisse likes things organized and it is reflected in her work. The group at Brockton has been enjoying a pot-luck luncheon that she organizes each November. She likes traveling and has been to Canada, Georgia, New York, New Hampshire, and Maine. Clarisse is a Patriots and Celtics fan. She’s been to Celtics’ games and hopes to get to the Gillette Stadium for a Patriots game. Information about Clarisse would not be complete without mentioning that she loves being at BU Derm and her favorite color is ORANGE! Clarisse is always smiling and believes laughter is the best medicine!

Comm Ave Featured Staff Member

Kristin Cordes



Kristin Cordes is the Team Leader at the Boston University Laser & Cosmetic Center. She has been on staff for five years. Kristin gained experience working in the cosmetic industry with laser, IPL, and aesthetic treatments under the supervision of a cosmetic surgeon at Union Hospital. Prior to joining our staff at Boston University Dermatology she assisted in managing a laser spa in the Boston area. Kristin continues to be a key asset to the Cosmetic & Laser Center.

609 Albany Street Featured Staff Member

Nicholas Bullins



Nick Bullins joined the Department of Dermatology this past August as administrative assistant. He attended Salem State College studying education, but decided teaching wasn’t his thing. Nick grew up in Rhoda Island and currently lives in Danvers. He loves to travel and tries to get away a couple times each year to various countries and has previously traveled to Mexico, England, and Spain. His next trip will be especially special as he will be getting married in Paris over the holiday break. CONGRATULATIONS! Nick is a huge sports fan, especially the Red Sox, so feel free to donate any unwanted tickets his way!

Notes:

If you know of anyone who is not receiving these newsletters and should be, please send an e-mail to Jacy Bernal at jlondon@bu.edu. We realize some e-mail addresses we have may be outdated.

I hope you enjoyed this latest edition of Dermatology Updates.

Please keep me posted on your news and feel free to send your suggestions for future topics and features to budermnewsletter@hotmail.com.

Don't forget to also visit us on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boston-MA/Boston-University-and-Boston-Medical-Center-Dermatology/243883552117>

Best regards,



Rhoda

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011

GRAND ROUNDS

PLACE: DOCTORS OFFICE BUILDING, 9TH FLOOR
DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 8:00-11:15 AM
LECTURE: "WOUND UPDATE" BY DR. TANIA PHILLIPS, L-110

FACULTY MEETING

PLACE: 609 ALBANY STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

GRAND ROUNDS

PLACE: DOCTORS OFFICE BUILDING, 9TH FLOOR
DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 8:00-11:15 AM
LECTURE: TITLE TBD BY DR. KLAUS BUSAM

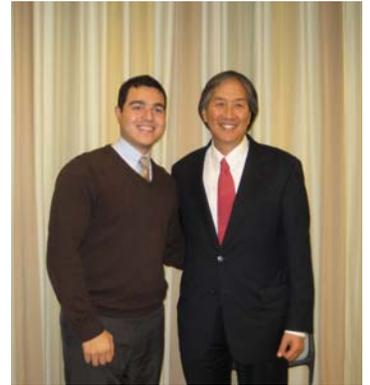
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BU DERMATOLOGY ALUMNI REUNION

PLACE: HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL, GRAND SALON 21 & 24, NEW ORLEANS, LA,
DATE/TIME: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Koh Lecture – November 1



Gilchrest Lecture – December 1



NEDS Meeting – December 4



Holiday Party – December 17

