

## Updates from the Chair

June, 2010

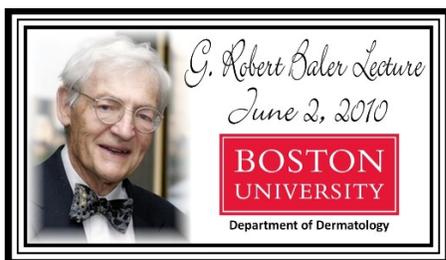
**Rhoda M. Alani, MD**

*Herbert Mescon Professor and Chair*



Dear Colleagues:

It is hard to believe that the month of June is winding down and we will be welcoming our new residents and fellows tomorrow. June started off with a festive celebration as we sponsored our first annual G. Robert Baler Visiting Professor Lecture with the inaugural lecturer being Dr. Baler, himself. It was wonderful to meet Dr. Baler's family and friends and learn more about the history of our department and the exciting adventures Bob has taken over the year's with his partner-in-crime (and life!), Nancy. This event was truly a collaborative effort with many faculty and staff pitching in to ensure a memorable occasion for all. Special thanks to Jacy Bernal for arranging so many wonderful details including the "Bob Baler Candy Bar" which was a particular hit with Bob's grandson. We look forward to the next Baler Lecture which will take place in Spring '11.



Other activities in the department include the start of renovations at both our Commonwealth Avenue

practice and our administrative/research space at 609 Albany Street. The work is going slowly but hopefully we will be able to see some notable changes by the end of the summer.

Finally, as we welcome our new trainees, we also bid a fond farewell to our Class of 2010 and wish them all the best of success in their future endeavors. Please keep in touch!

### Incoming International Trainees

*Thomas Ruenger, MD*

Starting July 1 we will be joined by four new international trainees from Thailand: Drs. Chandrapa Chandrangsu, Voraphat Dejsuphong, Napaporn Detchairungrueang, and Chidchon Sakjirapapong. A fifth student, Peter Chipeta from Tanzania, will hopefully be able to join us mid-July. Together with the second year trainee Palinee Rattanasrivilai and Passaratep Anurukpaiboon, who will stay for two more years for the DSc degree, we will have a total of seven international trainees in the upcoming academic year.

**Dr. Chandrangsu** earned her MD from the Mahidol University, Faculty of Medicine, Bangkok in 2008. Since then she has completed an internship at the Pranangkloa Hospital, and an international diploma course in dermatology and dermatosurgery at the Institute of Dermatology in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Dr. Dejsuphong** earned her MD from the Mahidol University, Faculty of Medicine, Bangkok in 2001. She also completed a certificate in dermatology from the Suphannahong Dermatology Institute. For the past few months, Dr. Dejsuphong has been studying dermatology at the Harvard Medical School International Scholars program. Prior to that, she was living in Kyoto, Japan with her husband who has been there working on his Ph.D.

**Dr. Detchairungrueang** graduated from the Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Medicine,

Bangkok, Thailand in 2007. Since 2008, she has been working as an attending physician at both the Dermacare Clinic in Bangkok and the Ruk-khun Skincare Clinic, also in Bangkok.

**Dr. Sakjirapong** graduated from Mahidol University, Faculty of Medicine, Bangkok in 2005. Since 2007, he has been a general practitioner in the outpatient department at the Kasemrad Prachachuen Hospital. In 2009, he earned a diploma in dermatology from the Institute of Dermatology. Dr. Sakjirapong has also completed observerships in both Copenhagen and Los Angeles. This is a return visit to the U.S., as during high school, he lived in Dallas, Texas.

**Dr. Chipeta** is originally from Tanzania, but earned his MD from St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada in 2002. While in medical school, he completed clinical rotations in the UK. Since then he has been a medical resident at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Bermuda.

### Incoming Residents

*Amit Garg, MD*

To me, this is one of the more exciting times of the academic year. As we reflect upon the accomplishments of our most recent graduates, at the same time, there is a renewed vitality intrinsic to the arrival of a new class of residents. This year, the Boston Medical Center Program welcomes 5 new residents.

Having graduated from the BUSM Class of 2008, **Cindy Bae** and **Emily Wise** are already familiar to almost all of us.

**Cindy (Yoon-Soo)** spent a year as a CURTIS research fellow with Alexa Kimball prior to completing an internship in General Surgery at the Weil Cornell NY Presbyterian Hospital. While in medical school, Cindy also worked on a research project on CTCL with the late Dr. Demierre.



**Emily** has remained close to home while completing a transitional year at Carney Caritas Hospital. While at BUSM, she and Alan studied educational and training outcomes of primary care

residents related to the skin cancer evaluation. Emily also spent time in the lab with Mark, Mina and Barbara studying the role of T-oligo in the apoptotic pathway of the MM-AN cell line.



**Kathryn Kent** is a New Jersey native who attended UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She has done a research fellowship at the Harvard Skin Disease Research Center working studying stem cell trafficking with Howard Sackstein.



**Lana Kashlan** is a Midwest native who attended the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine and who completed her internship at a Northwestern affiliate. Some of her past research efforts include a comparative analysis of the proteomic profiles of healing and non-healing human wounds obtained from MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry. With Larry Chan, she investigated the role of Langerhans cells in atopic dermatitis mouse model and developed a technique to visualize Langerhans cells using immunofluorescence and flow cytometry.



Born in Michigan, **Laurel Miannecki Morton** also adds to our program's Midwest contingency. She attended the University of Michigan Medical School and completed her internship at Georgetown University Hospital. Laurel has investigated the expression of stromal cell-derived factor-1, a chemokine secreted by fibroblasts, in basal cell carcinoma using laser capture microdissection-coupled quantitative real-time RT-PCR. She also investigated the relationship between spectroscopic and colorimetric characteristics of acanthosis nigricans and serum insulin levels in Type II Diabetes with Iltefat Hamzavi.



Please join us in welcoming to the Department the Class of 2013!

I hope you enjoyed this latest edition of Dermatology Updates.

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Best regards,



Rhoda

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY/AUGUST 2010

#### GRAND ROUNDS

PLACE: DOCTORS OFFICE BUILDING, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 8:30 – 11:45 AM

LECTURE: "ANDROGENETIC ALOPECIA AND ALOPECIA AREATA"  
BY DR. LYNNE GOLDBERG

#### FACULTY MEETING

PLACE: 609 ALBANY STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

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PLACE: DOCTORS OFFICE BUILDING, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 8:30-11:45 AM

LECTURE: TITLE TBD BY DR. DAVID FISHER

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