

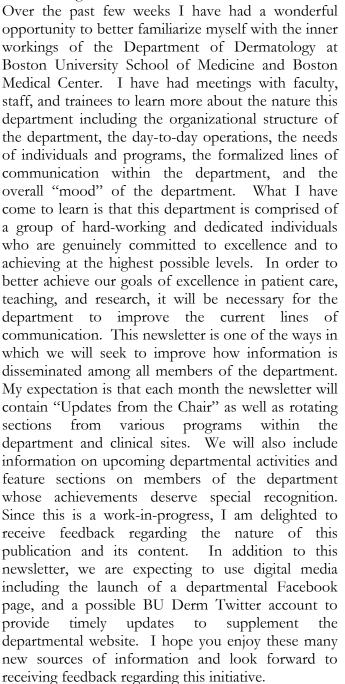
# Updates from the Chair

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### Dear Colleagues:



Faculty Recruitment: One of the major goals for our department is the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty and staff committed to excellence on all levels. Currently, our most critical needs include the hiring of additional clinical faculty to develop clinically-oriented academic programs and serve our ever-increasing patient population. Over the past month I have had the pleasure to review several excellent candidates for these positions and I expect many of you will be meeting with these applicants over the next few months. Hopefully we will have several of these applicants on-board as new faculty by this summer. We will also be looking to recruit new laboratory-based research faculty in the coming months and will keep you updated on progress in this area.

<u>Residency Training Program:</u> I expect that this topic will become a regular feature of the BU Dermatology Newsletter (BUDN) and will leave future updates to Dr. Garg. For now, I will provide brief comments about the recruitment activities of the past month. I was delighted to be able to participate in our residency recruitment process for residents who would begin their training at BU in July 2011 and was amazed by the incredibly talented pool of applicants we were able to attract to our program. It seems that each year the applicants get better and better and this year was no exception. We expect to be able to attract many of our top candidates to BU and will provide the results of our "Match" in March. I wanted to give special thanks to Cindy Yee-Lin, Daniella Adrien, and Amit Garg for their hard work in developing such an outstanding recruitment program and to the residents and selection committee for their hard work. I have heard back from many of the interviewees who specifically mentioned the excellent organization of their trip to BU Dermatology and their appreciation for the wonderful pre-application dinner.

Department Expansion and Renovations: As we anticipate the recruitment of new faculty, we are also looking to expand on multiple fronts.

Discussions are ongoing with BMC-affiliated community health centers to expand dermatology care to these facilities and we are hopeful to develop active clinical care programs within the upcoming months. We are also eagerly awaiting the opening of the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center in early 2011 and, by the looks of the current construction, it appears that the slated date for opening is on target. For those of you with an interest in reviewing the plans for our new dermatology clinic space in the Shapiro Building a website will be forthcoming. We are also working on the renovations for the 609 Albany Street facility. So far, we have had several visits from design and construction staff at BU as well as facilities management. We anticipate that these renovations will add significantly to the comfort and appeal of our administrative and research facilities and are anticipating that work will be initiated within the next few months.

Department Alumni: Over the past half-century, many trainees have come through the Department of Dermatology at BU/BMC including students, residents, international students, clinical and research fellows, and faculty. It would be nice to have continued interactions with our departmental alumni to ensure their active engagement in the department following their tenure. Over the next several months, I will be working to improve the lines of communication with our former trainees. A first attempt to engage our residency program trainees will at the upcoming BU Dermatology Residency Program Alumni Reunion at the American Academy of Dermatology meeting in Miami on March 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope that those of you that will be in attendance at the meeting with make an extra effort to participate in this alumni event which we are anticipating to be a very enjoyable evening. We also expect to establish a formalized BU Dermatology Alumni Association and hope to include former residency and international student program trainees in the leadership of this program. Additional means of continued contact with former trainees will include the use of an updated Facebook site specifically dedicated to alumni news and activities. Please feel free to provide additional suggestions for how to improve interactions with this important part of our departmental programs.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010

#### GRAND ROUNDS

PLACE: DOCTORS OFFICE BUILDING, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Date/time: Wednesday, February 3, 8:30-11:45 AM

#### FACULTY MEETING

PLACE: 609 ALBANY STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

DISEASE AND THERAPY COURSE Place: Keefer Auditorium Date: February 3-12

GRAND ROUNDS Place: Doctors Office Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Date/Time: Wednesday, March 3, 8:30-11:45 am

Faculty Meeting Place: 609 Albany Street,  $4^{\text{th}}$  Floor Conference Room Date/Time: Wednesday, March 3, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

AAD ANNUAL MEETING Place: Miami Convention Center Date: March 5-9

BU DERMATOLOGY ALUMNI REUNION Place: Bass Art Museum, Miami, FL Date/Time: Sunday, March 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

IN-SERVICE EXAM FOR TRAINEES Place: BU Medical School 80 East Concord Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Computer Lab Date/Time: Thursday, March 25, 9:00am-1:00pm

I hope you have enjoyed this inaugural issue of the BU Dermatology Newsletter. I look forward to improving the content and utility of this publication in the months ahead.

Please feel free to send your suggestions for future topics and features to Jacy Bernal at <u>ilondon@bu.edu</u>.

Best regards,

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