

<p>Meeting with Dean Jameson and Dr. Rex Chisholm re: CMRC Internal Advisory Group – Dr. Mary Hendrix</p>	<p>Dr. Hendrix reported on her meeting with Dean Jameson and Dr. Chisholm to explore ways in which Children’s research programs could interface with their counterparts at NUFSM, with the idea of having representatives from both institutions exchange information regarding research portfolios, seminar programs, core facilities and funding opportunities.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion this advisory group was named the “CMRC-NUFSM Collaborative Opportunities Committee”, with suggested representatives as follows:</p> <p>Cancer Biology & Epigenomics – Dr. Steve Rosen Smith Child Health Research – Dr. Rowland (Bing) Chang Clinical & Translational Research – Dr. Robert Rosa Developmental Biology – Dr. Kathy Green Human Molecular Genetics – Dr. Peter Kopp Neurobiology – Dr. Jack Kessler</p>	<p>CMRC Leaders have been asked to submit additional suggestions or other pertinent ideas for this initiative to Dr. Hendrix.</p>	<p>April 2009</p>
<p>Biostatistics Core Director Search – Drs. Mary Hendrix, John Lavigne and Ram Yogev</p>	<p>Drs. Hendrix, Lavigne and Yogev announced that Deli Wang, M.D., Ph.D., has accepted the position of Director, Biostatistical Consulting Core at CMRC beginning August 1, 2009, with a pending appointment as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Hendrix acknowledged the contributions made by the Pediatric Faculty Practice Plan (FPP) in providing the first two years of Dr. Wang’s financial support. Dr. Hendrix personally thanked Drs. Dulcan and Green as members of the FPP Board for their support of this recruitment, and for Dr. Dulcan’s shepherding of the appointment process through</p>	<p>Mr. Spina, Mr. Klein, Ms. Reed, Ms. Rainey and Ms. Blazowski to assist Dr. Wang with his relocation to Chicago and his move to CMRC.</p>	<p>Spring and Summer 2009</p>

	<p>the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Hendrix also personally thanked Drs. Lavigne, Yogev and Wang for their service on the search committee.</p>		
<p>XenoBase Governance Committee and Current Projects – Dr. Mary Hendrix and Mr. Jason Ruprecht</p>	<p>Dr. Hendrix announced that the XenoBase Governance Committee, comprised of Drs. Green, Hendrix, Kelleher, Lavigne, Miller, Ogata, Perlman, Reynolds and Seftor, and Messrs. Krok and Ruprecht, held its initial meeting on March 30, 2009. The committee received an update on the Phase I XenoBase projects of Drs. Wainwright, Wang and Soares, and the Phase II projects of participants Drs. Pachman, Langman, Kaushal, McColley, Watts and Ogata. Dr. Lavigne expressed a desire to further explore the application of XenoBase to his practice. Issues to be explored by the committee include data ownership, and Mr. Ruprecht provided examples of various scenarios.</p>	<p>The XenoBase Governance Committee will begin exploring and discussing data ownership issues.</p>	<p>Spring/Summer 2009</p>
<p>2010 CMRC Budget – Dr. Mary Hendrix</p>	<p>Dr. Hendrix presented the latest 2010 CMRC Budget proposal which includes: 1) collapsing individual program assistant positions and establishing a program assistant pool to be relocated to the CMRC Administration area, with the use of these savings to fund post-doctoral positions; and 2) the elimination of one IRB position.</p> <p>Program leaders expressed concern over the proposal and objected to establishing a centrally located and shared program assistant pool, saying it would be detrimental to the programs since the individual assistants are familiar with specific research projects, and that the faculty need to have support staff located in close proximity.</p>	<p>Dr. Hendrix and CMRC Senior Leadership to continue developing the 2010 CMRC Budget.</p>	<p>Ongoing to July 2009</p>

	<p>Another concern expressed was the additional taxing of an already overburdened system should the IRB position be eliminated.</p> <p>Ms. Gentile suggested the possibility of tapping into program philanthropy to fund the program assistant positions should the monies not be committed elsewhere.</p> <p>Ms. Archabal suggested making the case with donors to fund the post-doctoral salaries in order to retain the program assistants.</p> <p>Bridge funding was also discussed. Dr. Hendrix mentioned that 4 of the 6 applications for 2009 had been funded, but given the 2010 budget situation bridge funding would likely not be available.</p> <p>Dr. Hendrix also presented the fee for service arrangement of the CMRC Biostatistical Consulting Core, and the recovery of XenoBase charges from grants.</p>		
<p>Bernard Mirkin Portrait Unveiling – Dr. Mary Hendrix and Ms. Francine Blazowski</p>	<p>Dr. Hendrix and Ms. Blazowski shared details of the unveiling of Dr. Bernard Mirkin’s portrait in the Wolfson Conference Room at CMRC on May 6, 2009. Dr. Hendrix invited Dr. Green, who was a pediatric resident with Dr. Mirkin, to speak at the event. Ms. Blazowski shared details of the event and noted that approx. 300 invitations had been extended.</p>	<p>Ms. Blazowski will continue making arrangements for the upcoming Mirkin Portrait Unveiling event.</p>	<p>April 2009</p>