

Section of
Infectious Diseases
Fellowship Program



College of Medicine

Fellow News

Graduates of 2005

Kalpana Natrajan writes: I'm still in private practice in San Diego, but am currently on maternity leave. The only new thing since last year's newsletter is I now have a son in addition to a daughter. Other than that, not too much to report! **Lisa Valdivia** continues with her private infectious disease practice in Tucson along with Rick Mandel, Marcello Nasif, and Cliff Martin.

Graduate of 2006

John Mourani. John writes that Maria, Matthew and John are all doing well. He remains in an ID group of four in San Dimas, CA and is occasionally teaching residents as well. "In terms of work, I am working harder. Still with the same group and location. You need to come and visit one day."

Graduates of 2007

Brian Chasin is practicing at Northwest in Tucson. **Andy Giblin** is working on her MPH at UA.

Graduates of 2008

Cliff Martin continues with his private infectious disease practice in Tucson along with his associates including the newest member, Rick Mandel. He directs the Fellow program at Tucson Medical Center and works closely with Susan Hoover arranging the academic aspects of the rotation. **Shannon Thorn** continues with his private infectious disease practice in Tucson along with his associates (Drs. Wack, Struminger and Salmon).

Graduates of 2009

Fares Masannat continues with his private practice group in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. No soccer news from Fares this year.

Graduates of 2010

Larissa Szeyko graduated from Fellowship on 2/12/10 and is providing care in a specialty Wound Clinic—something she has always been keen about. **Viki Ianas (6/10)** now has a daughter (February, 2011), so consultations will wait a while. She and her physician husband live in Phoenix.

Graduates of 2011

Geoffrey Smith (12/10) broke his own land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats this last fall for small motorcycles. He has a paper in press on unusual presentations of coccidioidomycosis (abdominal disease) with Sobonya, Hoover and Klotz.

Current Fellows (graduation dates)

Amber Noon (6/11) will be joining the group at TMC in July 2011. Each Fellow will continue to spend 2 months during their Fellowship at TMC. **Jim Yanes (12/11)** is working on a project describing the pathological findings in cavitary coccidioidomycosis with Sobonya and Klotz, and reviewing data on patients with rheumatologic diseases and coccidioidomycosis with Ampel, Hoover and the Rheumatology group. **Joel Terriquez (6/12)** is completing a project on chemical deterrents to the feeding of kissing bugs with Justin Schmidt and Klotz. **Miriam Grigor (12/12)** has just begun and has not chosen a project as yet.

Incoming Fellows

Ramvinay Seddabattula, MD is currently a hospitalist in Phoenix and begins 7/11 and Tatyana Shekhel, DO will begin 1/12.



Conferences



Rooms at Portal Arizona. Photos courtesy of Tim Kuberski and Kurt Griffin.

4th Annual Desert Museum Walk and Dinner. In late July 2010 we had our fourth annual Museum Walk followed by an excellent dinner at the Ironwood Restaurant. Approximately 30 people attended. We had talks on influenza and birds, Johne's disease and bighorn sheep, hibernation in bears, mountain lions and infectious amyloid, Mexican wolves and *Dirofilaria*, and other topics.

2nd Research Retreat to Portal, Arizona, January 28-30, 2011. About 30 attendees stayed at the Southwestern Research Station and Cave Creek Ranch. The weather was perfect. We heard presentations ranging from infections in space, how to stop kissing bugs from biting, the Russian poet, Mayakovsky, ciguatera fish poisoning, and ending with the worldwide aging pyramid. Saturday evening everyone had dinner at Eskild's and Susan's home.

Arizona Infectious Diseases Society annual meeting in Sedona. Three Fellows presented at the meeting that is now at a new venue, L'Auberge, a resort directly on Oak Creek in downtown Sedona. Jim Yanes presented a case of non-toxicogenic *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* endocarditis; Amber Noon, a case of transplant-associated *Balamuthia mandrillaris* encephalitis; and Joel Terriquez, a case of oral histoplasmosis.

Faculty and Staff

Rod Adam is on his Fulbright Scholarship to University of Nairobi, Kenya for one year where he is establishing an Infectious Disease program for the university.

Neil Ampel is now providing a quarterly "Cocci Seminar" for the Fellows with the departure of Rod Adam. He is also the only attending at the VA and continues with his inimical mentoring of trainees.

Sean Elliott was promoted to Professor of Pediatrics and continues to serve with Dr. Klotz as co-Block Director for the College of Medicine Prologue Block. He was also invited to speak and moderate at the symposium "Antibiotic-Resistant Pathogens: An Emerging Pediatric Threat" at the 50th Annual ICAAC Conference in Boston, MA.

Susan Hoover recently presented data on nikkomycin Z in pulmonary coccidioidomycosis at the cocci meeting in Davis, California. Under her supervision the Fellowship program evaluations are now online for faculty and fellows alike and this makes the task much easier.

Steve Klotz continues to work on *Candida* and has several projects dealing with kissing bugs and Chagas disease.

David Nix now has help on "all things antibiotic" with Kathryn Matthias who has joined the pharmacy faculty. Katy is a former student of Dave's.

Ziad Shehab continues with his rigorous schedule of teaching and attending.

Vinod Trivedi has been especially busy this last year as Director of the Refugee Clinic. He has made a fine video for trainees regarding this endeavor: <http://ilm.medicine.arizona.edu/InfectiousDisease/refugees/slides/main.cfm>

John Galgiani writes that the Valley Fever Center for Excellence is beginning a telemedicine series to be aired second Tuesday of every third month from 11 to noon. A live site will be at AHSC 3230. The next three sessions will be July 8, 2011, October 14, 2011, and January 13, 2012. Part of this will be case based discussion.



A capable Pediatric Attending at the recent Portal outing. Our hostess, Susan Dalby is in the background.



George Ray continues to attend Friday morning conferences adding his expertise as usual, especially regarding arcane cases.

Calvin Kunin writes "you may wish to mention that I gave a talk on "What Can Be Done to Improve Catheter Design and Management" at the Simon Foundation Conference on Continence held in Lincolnshire, Illinois on April 11, 2011. This provided the opportunity to discuss recent advances in this field with experts from the United Kingdom and the United States. The bottom line is we have a long way to go."

Bob Kalinske continues to attend Friday morning ID conferences and give core curriculum talks once or twice a year.



Cal Kunin with his "light-weight" lens and an errant coati.

Richard Sobonya is still unraveling mysteries once a month at ID/Pathology conference.

Donna Wolk has Pathology Residents now presenting data/slides at Case Conference which adds another dimension.

Tim Kuberski is in the process of having a novel published "The Trembling Flu Trilogy". It is a fictional story based on some real life ID events. Should be available in a month or two. It is not X-rated.

Patricia McCracken continues as Nurse Coordinator for the Petersen Clinics (HIV patients) whose numbers continue to increase.

Martha Aragon is now the Administration Assistant for the section of Infectious Diseases. Letty Gastelum has moved to the Department of Neurology.

Carol Schneiderman, Pharm. D continues to provide outstanding pharmacy related support for the Petersen Clinic patients.

Shannon Smith is the chief Administrator for the Ryan White Clinics and has approval to hire a case manager and new data person to replace Martha Aragon.

Natasha Korosteleva is the Administrator for the Refugee Clinics and has her hands full getting the refugees to clinic for blood samples and vaccinations.

Fellow Publications/Abstracts

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Tim Kuberski checking for ciguatera toxin in his fish dinner at the Portal Retreat. Fortunately, none was detected.



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