The last Newsletter of this Millennium!

Highlights of 1999!

Research Items
The School of Pathology was awarded 8 of the 24 NHMRC grants awarded to UNSW. The School was also awarded two National Heart Foundation grants, one Asthma Foundation grant, two ARC grants, one National Heart Foundation research grant and one Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia research grants. These are held in addition to the program grant presently held by CTVR. We are starting the New Millennium in a very positive way!

Promotions during 1999
Phil Hogg promoted to Associate Professor
Patrick McNeil promoted to Associate Professor

Higher Degree Graduations 1999
MSc – Georgina Melick
PhD – Christine Hicks, Ramdan Panigoro, Mark Dziegielewski, Hongwei Wang, Wayne Dyer, Sultana Hussein, Manju Verma MD - Tim Brighton.

New Patents
Levon Khachigian is the author of 3 new patents in 1999. A/Prof. Philip J. Hogg and Prof. Colin N. Chesterman, Unisearch Application No PP8584, Blood clotting related enzyme A/Prof. Philip J. Hogg and Dr. Neil Donoghue, Unisearch Limited Application No: PQ2967 Synthesis of membrane-impermeable trivalent organoarsenicals and use thereof. Recent patent applications include: Ms. Angelina Lay and A/Prof. Philip Hogg, Phosphoglycerate kinase in the treatment of disease; A/Prof. P McNeil and Prof. C Gezcy provisional patent - Use of beta-2-glycoprotein-1 in diagnostic tests for autoimmune disease”. Prof. Rolfe Howlett has submitted a joint full patent application submitted with Prof. Peter Revell of the Royal Free Hospital, London University.

Images of Disease CD
The Images of Disease CD, produced in house, has been sold to the Medical School of Papua and New Guinea – our first international sale! They will be used to teach medical students over a computer network that links the major hospitals in that country.

Museum of Human Disease
The Museum has had a very successful year with many new exhibitions and workshops. Jenny Horder (Museum Manager) and Dr Grace Higgins (Museum Curator) are pictured partaking of afternoon tea in the Officer’s Mess recently, at the History of Medical Museum’s function at Victoria Barracks.

Research Day
This inaugural meeting was very successful and began with an entertaining talk by Dr Ross Vining “Violence, Drugs and Sex: Molecular Biology and Drug Testing in the New Millennium”. The presentations were excellent, with the awards being made as follows:

Science for the Masses – Nick di Girolamo
Young Investigator Award – Louise Rafty
Postdoctoral Award – Nicodemus Tedla
Poster Award – Rosie Cardillo

It is hoped that an article about the Research Day will be published in the next edition of Uniken. The Research Day is planned to be an annual event.

Christmas Party
The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all – especially Nick and Denis (the Blues Brothers) and Danet and Belinda! The Social Club will meet in early January to arrange the next function which will probably be a picnic in Centennial Park to include families.

Recent Arrivals!
Nan Chen and her new baby boy!

We have just heard that Victoria Pye produced a baby girl a few days ago! Congratulations Nan and Victoria! Jenny is next in line!!

Quote of the month!
“Work is the curse of the drinking classes” - Oscar Wilde.

How do I contribute to the Newsletter?
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from the School of Pathology.