



# THE CMBB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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The staff of CMBB hopes you all had a great holiday season. We wish all of you a healthy, happy New Year.

First, we regret to announce the retirement of **Dr. Brian Kimes**, the director of the Office of Centers, Training and Resources, of which the CMBB is a part. Dr. Kimes has been a great supporter of our program and he will be missed.



Staff of CMBB presents Dr. Kimes with a plaque to thank him for his support and all he has done to make this program a success.

## **MINORITY INSTITUTION/CANCER CENTER PARTNERSHIP (MI/CCP)**

The first annual MI/CCP funded investigators workshop was held on November 20-21, 2003 in Bethesda, MD. Approximately 210 principal investigators, program directors, and administrators of the funded MI/CCP grants attended.

The MI/CCP emphasizes four target areas: 1) Cancer RESEARCH, where joint pilot research projects may be in any area of basic, clinical, prevention, control, behavioral, and population research; 2) Cancer RESEARCH TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT in any of the research areas above, but must focus on joint programs between Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) and Cancer Centers; 3) Cancer EDUCATION, focusing on any effort to augment existing or create new curricula in the MSI and/or the Cancer Center that would apprise and culturally sensitize graduate and postdoctoral students in research, medicine, and public health; and 4) Cancer OUTREACH, where outreach programs may be defined as proactive efforts to help minority communities develop and manage their own culturally

sensitive programs for educating their populations about cancer risk, early detection, screening, prevention, and treatment.

The objectives of the workshop were: 1) to learn about accomplishments of the partnerships and the program; 2) to meet and network with investigators and administrators from other partnerships; 3) to establish potential collaborations with investigators from other partnerships; 4) to learn about barriers and/or problems within partnerships and how to solve them; and 5) to learn about available resources in other partnerships and their availability.



Attendees at the MI/CCP Workshop

Special thanks go to our speakers, presenters and co-chairs for the breakout sessions:

**Dr. Jack Pledger**, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center; **Dr. Ana Navarro**, Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California, San Diego; **Dr. Elizabeth Klonoff**, San Diego State University; **Dr. Louise Canfield**, University of Arizona Cancer Center; **Dr. Mark Clanton**, representing Dr. Andrew Von Eschenbach, National Cancer Institute; **Dr. Carol Z. Garrison**, President, University of Alabama, Birmingham; **Dr. Michael A. Caligiuri**, Director, OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center and Chairman of the PSC for the UPR CC/M.D. Anderson CC Partnership; **Dr. Bruce Rapkin**, MSK Institute for Cancer Research; **Dr. Karen Hubbard**, The City College of New York; **Mr. Brian Martin and Ms. Barbara Fisher**, Grants Administration Branch, NCI; **Dr. Valery Gordon**, Extramural Human Subject Research Policy Officer, NIH; and **Ms. Freda E. Yoder**, Office for Human Research Protections, HHS;



Dr. Mark Clanton addresses the group



At one of the breakout sessions



Enjoying the MI/CCP Funded Investigators Workshop



From all indications, the workshop was a huge success

of cancer in Native communities.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

We have started making plans for our annual Professional Development and Peer Review Workshop. The workshop will be held in Gaithersburg, MD on May 3-4, with the last afternoon being reserved for our mock peer review session. If you are currently holding a minority supplement from the graduate level on up, an F31 or any of the K grants, expect to receive your invitation, via e-mail, sometime in late January or early February. If you are not sure whether we have your current e-mail address, please get it to us as soon as possible. Send it to [rr63v@nih.gov](mailto:rr63v@nih.gov).

**If we do not have your e-mail address, you will not receive an invitation to the workshop. A Personal Data Sheet is attached to this newsletter. Complete it and return it to us ASAP to either update your information if you have already submitted one, or to insure that we have your information on file.**

## NATIVE AMERICAN CANCER RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

One of our Minority Institution/Cancer Center Partnerships, the **Native American Cancer Research Partnership** between Northern Arizona University and the Arizona Cancer Center, sent us the following article, that we would like to share with you.

“Native American Cancer Research Partnership is a cooperative agreement sponsored by the National Cancer Institute’s Minority Institute / Cancer Center Program dedicated to alleviating the unequal burden of cancer among underserved populations.

NACRP is administered jointly between Northern Arizona University and the Arizona Cancer Center and is directed to the development of Native American cancer researchers and clinical oncology health care professionals. NACRP is comprised of three interdependent Cores: Education, Research and Outreach. The goal of the Education Core is to recruit and retain Native American students enrolled in pre-healthcare curricula. Through the Research Core, NAU and AZCC faculty collaborate in cutting edge cancer research. The Outreach Core seeks to enlist the participation of the Native American community in the development of strategies to address the problem



NACRP students enroll in courses at NAU and AZCC that integrate Native American and academic research cultures. Our students work closely with NAU and AZCC faculty, interact with Native American health care professionals and conduct research relevant to cancer in their communities.

Students attend seminars, conferences, participate in summer fellowships and frequently present their work at national meetings. The Arizona Cancer Center offers an interdisciplinary graduate program in Cancer Biology for NACRP students interested in cancer research.

While NACRP does not offer student scholarships, funding is available for qualified students within its research core. Typically 10 - 15 Native American students conduct research in Partnership projects and an additional 20 - 30 students are enrolled in its courses.”

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Maria Hernandez**, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, who has been appointed to a faculty position in the Department of Epidemiology at UTMDACC.

**Sandra Vigil-Cruz**, Kansas Medicinal Chemistry Research Assistant Professor, for her participation in the Kansas COBRE Center for Cancer Experimental Therapeutics grant as a PI for her subproject, “Novel Peptide Inhibitors of Breast Tumor Growth.”

**Alicia Melendez**, Columbia University, a postdoctoral supplement recipient, for publishing a paper, "Autophagy genes are essential for dauer development and life-span extension in *C. elegans*," *Science* 2003 Sep 5;301 (5638): 1387-91.

**Rafael Casellas**, who has been promoted into a Laboratory Chief position in the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases, NIH. He will be starting his new position creating a new lab with a focus on immunology, December 29, 2003.

**Manuel Penichet**, whose International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) Senior Award Application has been approved for funding. The IMF Senior Grant Award is extremely competitive with only one Senior Grant Award available per year throughout the world and without restriction of US permanent residency or citizenship. Dr. Penichet has also submitted an application for an R01 grant.

I'm sure there are many more of you out there who deserve congratulations for something. Let me hear from you and we'll post your achievements in our "Congratulations" column. Just e-mail me at [rr63v@nih.gov](mailto:rr63v@nih.gov).

## **CMBB OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH**

### **Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities**

**(PA-01-079)**

#### ***CURE Supplements***

**T NCI Cancer Center (P30) Supplements for High School and Undergraduate Student Research Experiences**

**T Minority Supplements to the NCI Cancer Education and Career Development Program (R25T)**

**T Minority Supplements to Institutional Clinical Oncology Research Development Awards (K12)**

**T Supplements to National Research Service Awards (T32)**

**(Call us for the guidelines)**

#### ***Individual AWARDS***

**T NIH Predoctoral Fellowship Awards for Minority Students (F31)**

**(PA-00-069)**

**T NCI Mentored Career Development Award for Underrepresented Minorities (K01)**

**(PAR-01-016)**

**T NCI Transition Career Development Award for Underrepresented Minorities (K22)**

**(PAR-01-074)**

**T Minorities in Clinical Oncology (K08)**

**(PAR-00-040)**

**T Mentored Patient-Oriented Research for Underrepresented Minorities (K23)**

**(PAR-00-042)**

