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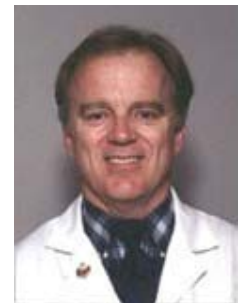
## Dr. Fett Joins Department



The year 2003 promises to bring historical changes to both the Department of Dermatology as well as the Indiana dermatological community with the addition of Debra Fett Ahmed M.D., an occupational and contact dermatologist. Dr. Fett will start January 1, 2003 as Associate Professor of Dermatology, and Director of a new Contact and Occupational Dermatology Division in the Department. Dr. Fett is one of less than 20 full-time academic occupational and contact dermatitis specialists in the United States, and, her arrival here marks the first time that such a specialist will be practicing in the state of Indiana. Dr. Fett is presently on the faculty at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, where she co-directs their contact dermatitis subgroup. To schedule a patient with Dr. Fett, please call the Dermatology Department at 317-274-7744. Welcome to Indiana Dr. Fett!

## Dr. Wolverton Leads Successful 7th Annual Cutaneous Biology Course

The 7th Annual Midwest Dermatologic Residencies Cutaneous Biology Course was held at the University Place Conference Center on October 25-26th, 2002. Almost 150 residents from over 30 residency programs in North America participated in this course. The objective of this course, founded and directed by Dr. Stephen Wolverton, is to present basic science in the context of clinical dermatology. Faculty lecturers included some new faces, including Drs. John Ansel (*Innate Immunity*; Northwestern University), Cheryl Armstrong (*Melanoma Vaccines*; Northwestern University), Allison Vidimos (*Laser Basic Science*; Cleveland Clinic), Manga Prashiela (*Melanocytes*; University of Cincinnati), Ray Konger (*Carcinogenesis*; Indiana University), and Darron Brown (*Papillomavirus*; Indiana University). These lecturers joined the "regular cast" of Drs. Diya Mutasim (*Dermal-epidermal Junction*; University of Cincinnati), Henry Lim (*Photobiology*; Henry Ford), Neil Shear (*Drug Hypersensitivity*; University of Toronto), Jeffrey Petersen (*Wound Healing*; Washington University), Kenneth Gordon (*New Biologic Therapies for Psoriasis*; Northwestern University), John Foley (*Fibroblasts and Dermal Matrix*, Indiana University), Jeffrey Travers (*Immunology Overview*, Indiana University), and Dan Spandau (*Keratinocytes*, Indiana University). In addition to organizing the conference, Dr. Wolverton did two lectures (*Clinical Relevance of Drug Mechanisms* and *Drug-induced Liver Disease*). One of the highlights of the conference was a lecture on *Basic Science of Botulinum Toxin* given by Dr. William Beeson. Congratulations to Dr. Wolverton and all for making this course successful!



## Next Departmental Capital Campaign in Planning Stages

The Hackney-Norins Society held a lunch meeting before the Fall Indy Derm Meeting to discuss the next departmental capital campaign. At present, there are several possible campaigns that could fit with the needs of the Department. Further discussions will take place at the annual Hackney-Norins Society Business Meeting, to be held during the AAD meeting at the San Francisco Marriott, on Saturday, March 22, 2003. The Business Meeting will take place at 5:30p.m. in Pacific room E. The Hackney-Norins Society Reception will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Yerba Buena Salon 15. All are welcome to come to the reception, and this year's promises to be special with former chairman Arthur Norins to attend and make a special presentation. Please mark your calendar for the Hackney-Norins Society Reception!

### Thank You!

#### To the "Shining Stars" at Thanksgiving

*I am thankful first for our Ms. Bea  
Her friendly "hello" always welcomes me.*

*I am thankful too for Jackie C.  
Her banana pudding was a delight to me.*

*I am thankful, too, for Gregory  
His quiet presence pleases me.*

*I am thankful, too, for new-bride Emily  
She's already part of the Derma family*

*I am thankful, too, for Dorothy L.  
Her dry wit and humor can ring by bell.*

*I am thankful always for caring Kathleen  
When it comes to nurses, she's really the Queen.*

*I am even thankful for Dr. Lewis  
His smile and his ties are really the coolest.*

These verses are really pretty awful, but I hope that you get the message. I am thankful for all of you. It's quite a drag for me to come down to the clinic 2 or 3 days a week (for 3 years so far). But when I get my treatment, it's not just the light treatment in the UV room that is important. It's the 'light treatment' from all of you that brightens my visits. Thank you for that!

Ellen O'Drain  
Regenstrief Patient



## "KUDOS" To

**Dr. Wolverton** for completing a whirlwind world-wide lecture circuit from presenting a lecture for the Phillipines Dermatological Society in Manila, to the Skin Disease Education Foundation Meeting in Las Vegas. Dr. W is by the far the faculty with the most frequent-flyer miles!

**Dr. Ray Konger** (Departments of Pathology and Dermatology), for obtaining a second NIH grant, entitled *EP1 Receptors as Chemoprevention for Breast Carcinomas*, an ECOG grant through the National Cancer Institute.

**Janet Pryor**, for being promoted to billing manager in the Department.

**Dr. Gary Dillon**, for being elected State Senator. It's good to have friends in high places!

**Dr. Steven Billings**, for passing his Dermatopathology Board Exam!

## Fall Indy Derm Meeting Successful

The Fall Indiana Dermatological Society Meeting was held at the I. U. Medical Center October 18-19, 2002. Almost 20 patients with diagnoses ranging from multiple piloleiomyomas to cutaneous T cell lymphoma to a number of rare genodermatoses were presented and discussed. Dr. Ginat Mirowski (see Spotlight section of this issue) gave a lecture, entitled "Challenging Mucosal Dermatology Cases". Thanks to the dermatology residents and Drs. Steven Billings and William B "Joe" Moores for making the meeting a success!

## Residency Program Coordinator Joins Department



The Department recently created a new position of Residency Program Coordinator, to assist in the day to day running of the dermatology residency. Kelli Cassidy was recruited to be the first Residency Program Coordinator. A Hoosier native, born and raised in Ft. Wayne, Ms. Cassidy received her B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. Welcome Kelli!



# Spotlight



**Ginat W. Mirowski, DMD, MD**

*Written By Dr. Jeffrey Travers*

*Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual faculty member. This issue's spotlight is on Ginat W. Mirowski, DMD, MD, Associate Professor of Oral Medicine and Dermatology.*

Dr. Mirowski is a rare person, with education and training in Dentistry, Dermatology and Vulvar Disease -- a powerful but nearly unique combination. Her overall goal is to further develop the field of mucosal dermatology.

Dr. Mirowski was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, lived in Mexico and her mother was French. By the time she immigrated to the United States in the fourth grade, she spoke four (English, Spanish, French, and Hebrew) languages. Her family lived in Baltimore, where her father, a cardiologist and scientist, was working on the first implantable cardiac defibrillator. Ginat received a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University, went on to Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where she received her D.M.D. She became interested in advancing the specialty of oral medicine when she was a third-year dental student. After graduating she completed an Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine fellowship at Harvard Dental School and continued on at Harvard Medical School, graduating with both a Masters of Science in Medicine, as well as her Doctorate of Medicine. Following her internship in the Department of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts, she went on to do her residency in dermatology at the University of California at San Francisco. Upon finishing her residency, she stayed on the faculty at UCSF as an Instructor of Dermatology and Stomatology.

Dr. Mirowski was recruited to I.U. School of Dentistry in 1996. However, under the leadership of Dr. Evan Farmer she had a joint appointment in the Department of Dermatology as an Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Oral Medicine.

Soon after her arrival at IU, she was the recipient of a Women's Dermatological Society Mentorship Award, in which she spent time with Dr. Libby Edwards, an established vulvar dermatologist in North Carolina. Dr. Mirowski has achieved numerous honors that attest to her many contributions to dermatology, especially mucosal dermatology.



These include being on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology. She directs several courses in the School of Dentistry, and has received teaching awards from both the School of Medicine as well as Dentistry. She is currently the Director of the Oral Medicine Symposium at the AAD. However, I believe that her most important contribution to medicine lay in the fact that she is the person to which our entire state (and surrounding ones, too!) sends complex mucosal dermatology patients - - many letters to her from grateful patients and referring physicians and dentists have crossed my desk. She was promoted to Associate Professor on July 1,

2002, and will achieve tenure on July 1, 2003.

What makes Dr. Mirowski so special is the level of passion she has -- passion for the field of mucosal dermatology, passion for teaching, and, passion for life. She is also passionate about her family; husband Dr. Stephen Wintermeyer (I.U. Department of Medicine), and sons Michael and David (ages 11 and 8).

Dr. Mirowski continues to build bridges spanning dentistry and dermatology as well as gynecology and dermatology, and all of us have benefited from the efforts of this talented colleague.

**Honduras Medical Relief**  
**January 27, 2003**

Dr. Patrick Logan is conducting a medical mission to Honduras to help the medically indigent who were devastated by Hurricane Mitch and a recent drought. He needs oral antibiotics and antifungals, topical antibiotics, antifungals and steroids, scabies or lice meds, old suture materials, instruments, etc.

You are also welcome to make a tax deductible donation, please make check to: Friends of Honduran Children. Send your check with return address to Dr. Logan and a receipt will be sent to you.

Please send to: Pat Logan, M.D.  
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**Muchas Gracias!**



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