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## DRS. DRAFT & RAILAN FINISH RESIDENCY



Drs. Draft, Travers & Railan

Congratulations to Drs. Karla Draft and Divya Railan for finishing their dermatology residency! Dr. Draft will be starting a dermatopathology fellowship at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and Dr. Railan will begin a laser fellowship in Sacramento, California. We wish Drs. Draft and Railan all the best as they represent our program on both coasts.

## FACULTY CHANGES

There have been many recent faculty changes. It is with sadness that we announce the departure of Drs. Debra Fett, Ginat Mirowski, Stephan Tan, and Patricia Treadwell from the Department. Dr. Fett will be moving to Tampa, Florida and will be joining a private practice group there. Dr. Mirowski will work part-time in the IU School of Dentistry. Dr. Tan and his wife, Dr. Angela Tan, moved to Minneapolis-St. Paul where she has been offered a partnership in a radiology practice. He has joined a multi-specialty group practice in the Twin Cities. Dr. Treadwell will be continuing to do her work in the Dean's Office as an Assistant Dean, and will be continuing to do primary care pediatrics for I.U. Medical Group-Primary Care. We wish all of our colleagues the best in their new positions.

On the plus side, Drs. Nico Mousdicas, Beth Brogan, and Gary Dillon have joined the Department. Originally from Zimbabwe, Dr. Mousdicas finished a clinical fellowship in the Department, and is now Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology. Dr. Mousdicas has interest in general adult and pediatric dermatology, and will be taking over the contact dermatitis clinic with the departure of Dr. Fett. For more information on this amazing colleague, please see the "Spotlight" section of this newsletter. Dr. Brogan comes to us from Nashville, where she was on the faculty at Vanderbilt University. Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Dr. Brogan is interested in medical dermatology, especially inflammatory skin diseases. Seasoned by almost thirty years in practice, State Senator Dillon has started supervising resident clinics part-time at Regenstrief. Please welcome our new distinguished colleagues!



Drs. Beth Brogan and Nico Mousdicas



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## NEW SURGICAL MELANOMA CLINIC DIRECTOR JOINS I.U.



It is with great pleasure that we announce the arrival of Dr. Christopher Touloukian, Assistant Professor of Surgery, as the new surgical director of the multidisciplinary melanoma clinic. Dr. Touloukian is a native of Connecticut, where he received his B.A. in English Literature from Trinity College, then his M.D. from Columbia, in NY. Following a surgical internship at Yale, he spent five years as an Immunotherapy and Surgical Oncology Fellow, National Institutes of Health/NCI/Surgery Branch, Bethesda, MD. Dr. Touloukian then went to Duke for his surgical residency. Dr. Touloukian has expertise in melanoma not only from a surgical side, but also from a research side. His goal is to use these unique talents to develop the IU Melanoma Clinic into a world-class center of excellence in patient care and research. To schedule a patient with Dr. Touloukian, please contact the melanoma clinic at 317-278-4192.

Please welcome Dr. Touloukian!

## GOOD-BYE TONI FOSSO

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the departure of Toni Fosso, administrative assistant to the Chair, and the managing editor of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter. Toni has been lured away to the Department of Radiation Oncology, where she is Residency Program Coordinator/Editing Assistant. Thanks to Ms. Fosso for five years of outstanding administrative assistance. The very talented Lolita Goens will be replacing her as managing editor and administrative assistant to the Chair.



## KUDOS TO:

**Dr. Charles Lewis**, who hasn't let a leg sarcoma slow him down too much.

Following chemotherapy and surgery, the namesake of the Lewis Professorship is back at work imparting his wealth of knowledge to all of us.



**Dr. Debra Fett**, who received the Residents' Teacher of the Year Award. Congratulations, and best of luck in Florida!

**Drs. Nico Mousdicas, Qiwei Zhang, and Jeffrey Travers**, whose abstract *Staphylococcal lipoteichoic acid inhibits delayed type hypersensitivity reactions via the platelet activating factor receptor: a novel mechanism by which staphylococcal infections can worsen atopic dermatitis*, presented at the recent Society for Investigative Dermatology Meeting, was chosen to be re-presented at the next American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in a session devoted to outstanding research studies with clinical implications.

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# Spotlight



**Nico Mousdicas, M.D.**

*Written by Dr. Jeffrey Travers*

*Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual faculty member. This issue's spotlight is on Nico Mousdicas, M.D., a Clinical Associate Professors of Dermatology.*

Nico Mousdicas' story began with his birth in the African country of Zimbabwe. He had a natural inclination towards medicine, and went to the University of Capetown, South Africa, where he graduated with his Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery in 1977. Dr. Mousdicas went on to get additional training in general medicine then, internal medicine. After spending two years training in internal medicine, Dr. Mousdicas "saw the light" and switched to the very prestigious University of Capetown Department of Dermatology. Following his graduation from the residency program and Board Certification in South Africa in 1986, he remained on the faculty for one year. Though he enjoyed academia, he returned to his native Zimbabwe to be close to family. Dr. Mousdicas then spent almost fourteen years as one of four dermatologists in the entire country. Unfortunately, the economic and political turmoil of Zimbabwe (currently listed as a "rogue nation" by the U.S. State Department) necessitated his leaving his homeland.

Dr. Mousdicas emigrated to the U.S., and worked for Pfizer Pharmaceutical Industries, in Kalamazoo, Michigan for almost two years.

Although he enjoyed helping to run clinical trials, he missed clinical dermatology. Dr. Mousdicas was recruited to Indiana University in October, 2003, where he served as a clinical fellow until August, 2004, when he joined the faculty. A "renaissance man", Dr. Mousdicas

has many interests in clinical and investigative dermatology, especially vasculitis/vasculopathies and systemic diseases with skin manifestations. He also is starting a clinical trials unit here in the Department to take advantage of his experiences both in clinical medicine and the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Mousdicas is married to Sandy Mousdicas, and they have two children, Nicola (age 15) and Pavlos (age 13).

Dr. Mousdicas' hobbies

include bicycling and greek food.

The Department is very pleased to welcome aboard this amazing colleague.





## FALL INDY DERM MEETING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 15-16TH

The Fall Indiana Dermatological Society Meeting will be held at the I. U. Medical Center on the afternoon of Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Patient viewing will be held at the Adult Outpatient Dermatology Clinic Suite 3240. After the patient viewing, Dr. Gary Bellus, Assistant Professor of Genetics and Dermatology here at Indiana University, will be the guest lecturer- for more information on Dr. Bellus, please see the "Spotlight" section of the Spring 2004 Hackney-Norins Newsletter. Dr. Bellus' lecture will be entitled "The Genetic Skin Disease Clinic." Dr. Bellus' lecture and subsequent patient discussions will be held at Medical Sciences Building Rm 326. The IDS business meeting will take place after the patient discussions in MS 326.

To schedule a patient, please contact one of our chief residents

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For questions about the IDS business meeting, please contact President Dr. Alan Gilbert.  
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Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

## DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED AT RECENT PEDS DERM CONFERENCE



The Department was well-represented with three oral presentations at the Pediatric Dermatology Conference, June, 2004, in Charleston, South

Carolina. These presentations were: "Albright Hereditary Osteodystrophy with Progressive Osseous Heteroplasia" by Dr. Rachel Hub, "Congenital Kasabach-Merritt Phenomenon and the Role of Diagnostic Imaging" by Dr. Krista Shackelford, and "Multidisciplinary Approach to Care of RDEB Patients: It takes a village" by Dr. Gary Bellus. Congratulations!

## DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS CHANGES

To take advantage of a larger conference room, and to try to accommodate the needs of the dermatology practitioners in central Indiana, the Department is changing the format of the Grand Rounds. First, the Grand Rounds will be expanded with more patients (5-6) and will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday mornings of each month. The patient viewing will begin at 8 am in the Adult Outpatient Center Dermatology Clinics (UH 3240), with the patient discussions from 9 am to 10:30 am in the third floor AOC conference room (UH 3175).

The following lecturers are scheduled for talks after the patient discussions:

October 6<sup>th</sup> Peter Heald, M.D. (Yale)

"Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma"

October 20<sup>th</sup> Patrick Logan, M.D. (I.U.)

"Kodachromes"

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Lim M.D. (Henry Ford)

"Photobiology"

November 17<sup>th</sup>, Scott Fretzin, M.D. (I.U.)

"Sexually Transmitted Diseases"

December 1<sup>st</sup> TBA

December 15<sup>th</sup> Hazem El-Gamal, M.D (I.U.)

"Surgical Reconstruction"

## Note from Indiana Dermatological Society President Dr. Alan Gilbert

The annual Fall retreat and educational sessions are set for October 15th and 16th at the I.U. Medical Center and the Omni North Hotel. Drs. Pat Logan, Bill Hanke, Deb Armstrong, Jeff Travers, and I are planning a great program. A detailed flyer and sign-up sheet will be arriving soon. We hope for a great attendance this year. Enjoy the fleeting days of summer.

Please remember, the IDS is here to serve you. Please contact me at 260-436-2584 or e-mail [Albarb04@comcast.net](mailto:Albarb04@comcast.net) if we can ever be of assistance.

Alan R. Gilbert, M.D.

## HONDURAS MEDICAL RELIEF

Dr. Patrick Logan (Indianapolis) reminds all of us to be a sponsor to help the medically indigent and impoverished people of Honduras. In his sixth year of making annual visits, last year his group saw 800 patients and dispensed many medications including anti-parasite, and antimicrobials, as well as vitamins. The next medical mission will be early next year, so Dr. Logan is asking for oral antibiotics and antifungals, topical antibiotics, antifungals and steroids, scabies or lice medicines, old suture materials, instruments, etc. Don't worry about expiration dates. Dr. Logan will reimburse you for postage. Dr. Logan needs these by 12/31/04.

Please send supplies, and/or a tax-deductible donation to:  
FRIENDS OF HONDURAN CHILDREN  
1910 N. Arlington, Indianapolis, IN 46218-5199.

For more information please contact Dr. Logan by phone/fax 317-359-5358.

Muchas Gracias!

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