Dr. Stephen Wolverton, Professor of Clinical Dermatology and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, has assumed the first Theodore Arlook M.D. Professorship, which was provided by the Arlook family to honor IU alumnus and noted dermatology practitioner Dr. Theodore Arlook. Dr. Wolverton, who is a world-renowned expert in dermatological pharmacology, is the perfect occupant of this prestigious position. The funds will be used in part to fund Dr. Wolverton’s clinical research.

Congratulations to our amazing colleague Dr. Wolverton!

Drs. Bohyer and Lee Finish Residency

Congratulations to Drs. Christopher Bohyer and Ernest Lee for finishing their dermatology residencies! Dr. Bohyer will be working for Dermatology, Inc, here in Indianapolis, and will also have a part-time faculty position in the Department where he will be working in a weekly outpatient pediatric dermatology clinic at Riley along with Drs. Anita Haggstrom and Jeffrey Travers. Dr. Lee will be starting a Mohs surgery fellowship in Morristown, New Jersey.

We wish our newest colleagues all the best as they represent our program both here and on the east coast.
KUDOS TO:

Dr. Nico Mousdicas, Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology, who received the Residents’ Teacher of the Year Award. Congratulations to Dr. Nick—no surprise, here!

Congrats to Dr. Mousdicas and colleagues for their manuscripts “Recalcitrant rosacea in an immunocompetent patient responding to oral ivermectin” by Kattie J. Allen, Carrie L. Davis, Steven D. Billings, and Nico Mousdicas, which was accepted for publication in Cutis, and Chronic Bullous Dermatosis of Childhood (Linear IgA Disease): Picture of the Month by Michael Sheehan, Hannah Huddleston, and Nico Mousdicas, accepted in Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Front Office Manager Catherine Hutcherson who celebrates her 15th year in the Department.

Dr. Charles Lewis for receiving an award for his work in teledermatology by the Indiana Rural Health Conference.

Dr. Jeffrey Travers, who co-organized the very successful Society for Investigative Dermatology meeting May 9-12, 2007 in Los Angeles.

Dr. Qiwei Zhang, postdoctoral fellow in the Department, who was awarded a Kligman Fellowship to attend the Society for Investigative Dermatology meeting.

Dr. Raymond Konger, Assistant Professor of Pathology and Dermatology, who was awarded an NIH R03 award to study the role of novel lipid mediators in UVB mediated effects.

Neda Ashourian, M.D., who finished the final year of her dermatology residency at Rush, after spending the first three years at IU. Dr. Ashourian has joined the faculty at Northwestern University, and plans to specialize in nail disorders. We are all very proud of you!!

The residents, students, and faculty who made this year’s Melanoma Monday successful by screening over 100 patients—thanks to Drs. Carrie Davis and Lawrence Mark for organizing this successful screening.

Dr. Patrick Logan, who is a volunteer in the Department, for recently receiving the Otis Bowen Community Service Award from the Indianapolis Medical Society. Dr. Logan received this prestigious award in part for his mission work in Honduras (please see note in this newsletter).

MORE KUDOS TO:

DERMATOPATHOLOGY CHANGES

Dermatopathology at IU has been going through significant changes as of late. First, Dr. Steven Billings has been recruited away to the Cleveland Clinic to head their dermatopathology program. It is quite the loss for IU but a great opportunity for our valued colleague. His place will be filled by Dr. Michael Kucenic, a dermatology-trained dermatopathologist who has finished his fellowship here at IU with Drs. Moores and Billings. Finally, IU faculty Dr. Gene Kim will be starting a dermatopathology fellowship at Northwestern University with Dr. Joan Guitart July 1, 2007. Dr. Kim will be traveling back to IU for his monthly hair clinics for the year he will be away in Chicago.

HONDURAS MEDICAL RELIEF

A reminder from Dr. Pat Logan to please consider being a sponsor to help the medically indigent and impoverished people of Honduras—for his next trip (this will be his eighth year), he needs oral antibiotics/antifungals, topical antibiotics, steroids, scabies or lice medications, old suture, instruments, etc. These are needed by 12-31-07 for their next planned trip in February 2008. For more details, or to make a tax-deductible donation to FRIENDS OF HONDURAS CHILDREN, please contact Dr. Logan at 317-359-5358 or send to him at 1910 N. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46218-5199. MUCHAS GRACIAS!!
Dr. Ravi S. Krishnan, M.D.

Written by Dr. Jeffrey Travers

Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual faculty member – this issue highlights Ravi S. Krishnan, M.D.. Dr. Ravi Krishnan is an Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Director of Dermatology Surgery.

Dr. Krishnan was born in Rhode Island, where his father was obtaining his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering. At age 8, his family moved to Saudi Arabia for a few years before settling in Singapore, where his father became a professor of biomedical engineering at Nanyang Technological University. He lived in Singapore until age 17 when he came back to the US for college at Rice University in Houston, Texas. With a powerful analytical bent, he obtained degrees in chemical engineering and biochemistry, graduating cum laude. Dr. Krishnan was active in polymer research, was a teaching assistant, and anchored the Rice speech and debate team (he had 80 final round appearances and 12 first place finishes -- which explains why I do not win very many arguments with him…). Dr. Krishnan pursued his strong interest in medicine by going onto the prestigious Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He became interested in dermatology as “of all the specialties of medicine, dermatology is the one with the most need for outstanding physical exam skills that cannot be replaced by instrumentation”. He stayed at Baylor for his dermatology residency. Dr. Krishnan chose to specialize in Mohs micrographic surgery as he was drawn to the analytical nature of surgical reconstruction. Following his Mohs fellowship with Dr. Heidi Donnelly (Dayton Skin Surgery Center and Professor at Wright State University), he began his faculty position at IU. He was recruited in part by one of Dr. Donnelly’s previous fellows, Dr. Ruchik Desai, who continues to work part-time in the Department in addition to his practice in northern Indiana.

Dr. Krishnan is passionate about complex reconstructions and teaching residents. “Teaching residents is one of the most effective ways to positively impact patient care. By teaching residents you will have an impact on thousands of patients that you will never even meet”. The residents indeed rave about his surgical and teaching skills. Not only does he have Mohs surgery clinics, he also does laser and cosmetic procedures, and staffs a weekly resident general dermatology clinic at Wishard. His research interests include using analytical technologies to study and perfect surgical reconstructive techniques, as well as medical bioethics. He is active in both the Wishard as well as the IU/Clarian ethics committees.

Dr. Krishnan is married to Laura Krishnan, who is an environmental consultant working for the Indianapolis office of her family business of Huff & Huff, Inc. Ravi and Laura’s hobbies include playing bridge and soccer (but not at the same time…).

Please feel free to contact Dr. Ravi Krishnan with any questions or concerns—he is easily reached by telephone for email.

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Dr. Krishnan

Drs. Krishnan & Countryman
SPRING INDY DERM
MEETING SUCCESSFUL

The Spring Indiana Dermatological Society Meeting was held at the I. U. Medical Center on Wednesday May 2, 2007. Again, for the clinical meeting there were a wide variety of patients with interesting diagnoses presented. After the patient viewing, Dr. Ilona Frieden, Professor and Director of Pediatric Dermatology at the University of California-San Francisco, was the guest lecturer. Dr. Frieden, one of the pre-eminent pediatric dermatologists, was introduced by our own Dr. Anita Haggstrom, who was one of her former fellows. Her lecture on neonatal dermatology was superb and enjoyed by all.

SAVE THE DATE
FALL INDY DERM
FRIDAY, OCT. 26, 2007

Mark your calendar! The date for the Fall IDS Clinical Meeting will be the third Friday in October (October 26th), and will be held again at the Dermatology Clinic at the Adult Outpatient Center. The conference will begin with lunch and business meeting to be held at the University Place Conference Center at 12:00. Patient viewing will begin at 1 P.M. at the Adult Outpatient Center. We are very pleased to announce that the Fall IDS Meeting speaker will be Dr. Anita Haggstrom, who will lecture on her research on the diagnosis and management of pediatric vascular tumors and malformations. Looking forward to seeing you then!

YOUR HELP NEEDED

The assistance of the dermatology community is requested to enhance the educational mission of the Department. Practitioners please consider two requests. The first would be to help us expand the dermatology medical student rotation by hosting IU medical students in your office—even one half-day per week would be valuable and allow you to share your expertise and passion to our young learners. The second would be to come back to the medical center to give “kodachrome” lectures to the residents. Tuesday or Wednesday mornings would work best. Please remember, it takes a village to raise a dermatology resident! If you can help out with either or both requests, please contact Dr. Travers directly at 317-274-7705 or by email jtravers@iupui.edu.

Barbara Kampen and her daughter Laura recently visited the Department. The Kampen family are continual supporters of the Departmental missions of outstanding patient care, education, and investigation by their providing the Kampen-Norins Chair.
DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

A reminder to all that the IU Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month. The patient viewing will take place from 7:45-8:30 am in the Adult Outpatient Center Dermatology Clinics (UH 3240), with the patient discussions from 8:30-10:00 am, and lecture to follow. These are held at the third floor AOC conference room. Please try to join us—in addition to interesting cases, good fellowship, bagels and coffee, each conference is approved for 2 hours of category I CME credit.

FACULTY INTERESTS DIVERSE

Given the recent additions to the Department, we wanted to list some of the faculty and their current areas of interest and expertise to assist our colleagues in making referrals.

Beth Brogan, M.D. – General Adult Dermatology
Anita Haggstrom, M.D. – Pediatric Dermatology; Vascular Lasers
Gene Kim, M.D. – Hair Disorders, General Adult Dermatology
Ravi Krishnan, M.D, Ruchik Desai, M.D. – Mohs Surgery
Charles Lewis, M.D. – General Adult Dermatology
Lawrence A. Mark, M.D., Ph.D. — Cutaneous Lymphoma, Melanoma
Nico Mousdicas, M.D. – Contact Dermatology, General Adult and Pediatric Dermatology
Jeffrey B. Travers, M.D., Ph.D. – General Adult and Pediatric Dermatology, Vascular Lasers
Stephen E. Wolverton, M.D. – General Adult Dermatology, Dermatopharmacology