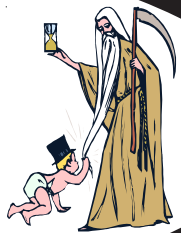


# Biochemistry and Molecular Biology NOTES



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## New Grant Awards

Congratulations to **Lawrence Quilliam** on his award from the Brain Tumor Society for the project, "Rheb GTPase as a Chemotherapeutic Target of Farnesyl Transferase Inhibitors in Brain Cancer".

Congrats to **Howard Edenberg** for his NIH subcontract award from the University of Texas for the project, "INIA: Array Core".

And kudos to **Krishna Vattam**, Assistant Research Professor/ Assistant Professor, part-time, for his NIH R03 award for the project, "Gene Expression and the eIF2 Kinase Stress Response".

## Congratulations!

### Award Congrats

Kudos go to **Millie Georgiadis, Suk-Hee Lee, Harikrishna Nakshatri, and Mark Kelley** on receiving Collaboration in Biomedical Research (CBR) Awards. The overall objective of the CBR pilot grant program is to encourage collaboration between Purdue University and IUSOM faculty to initiate biomedical research projects that have the potential to develop into larger, continuing, externally funded research programs. Applications are considered small grants with a maximum award of \$50,000 for a one-year duration.

**Millie Georgiadis** has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the Virology-A Study Section, Center for Scientific Review at NIH for the term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2008.



**Bob Harris** received the Sagamore of the Wabash award from Marilyn Schultz of Governor Kernan's office during the "Bob Harris Recognition Dinner" last month. The term "sagamore" was used by the American Indian Tribes of the northeastern United States to describe a lesser chief or a great man among the tribe to whom the true chief would look for wisdom and advice. The award is the highest honor which the Governor of Indiana bestows to a private citizen. It is a personal tribute usually given to those who have rendered a distinguished service to the state or to our Hoosier heritage.

# January Seminars

## *Biochemistry Seminars Mondays 4 pm, MS 326*

**01/24. Dr. Peter Roach,** Professor and Associate Chairman, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, I. Title to be announced.

**01/31 Dr. Vladimir Uversky,** Senior Research Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN. "Did you mis- it or non-? Protein folding, non-folding and mis-folding"

## *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Research Seminar Series, Every other Thursday, 12:00 noon MS B16*

**1/20 Angela Nevins,** graduate student, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN. "A Direct Interaction Between Cdc42 and VAMP2 Regulates SNARE-dependent Insulin Exocytosis"



## *Biochemistry Student Seminars Wednesdays, 12 Noon, MS B16*

**1/12 Yaritzabel Roman**  
**Yahaira Naaldijk**  
**1/19 Lee Ott**  
**Byounghoon Hwang**  
**1/26 Eric Benson**  
**Tia Harvey**

## *Other Seminars of Interest*

Starting this spring semester the Center for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics Seminars will be in Medical Science Room 326 from 3:30-4:30 on Fridays. A spring schedule will be sent out soon.

## **Holiday Cheer at Biochem Christmas Party**

Lots of food, fun, and laughs were on hand at the 2004 Biochem Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 17 in the Med Science atrium. Nearly 150 of us gathered to enjoy a terrific buffet lunch that was topped by a sumptuous array of homemade desserts. Light-hearted Santa



Awards were given to **Anna DePaoli-Roach, Gena Lynam, Peter Roach, Erik Foust, Oun Kheav** (pictured above) , and **Mary and Gary Harden**. A robust game of Stealing Bingo capped the events with partici-

pants taking home over 300 prizes of various (and sometimes dubious!) value. Be sure to see the Biochem web page for pictures of this holiday event ([www.biochemistry.iu.edu](http://www.biochemistry.iu.edu)).



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### **New Publication**

**Gibbons, B. J.; Hurley, T.D.**  
(2004) Structure of Three Class  
1 Human Alcohol Dehydroge-  
nases Complexed with Isoen-  
zyme Specific Formamide  
Inhibitors. *Biochemistry* 43,  
12555-12562.



**Rajneesh Gaur, Ph.D.**  
is a Post-Doc in Millie  
Georgiadis' lab



### **Crime Alert**

Campus labs and offices have become increasingly frequent targets of an escalating number of thefts of personal and lab items, regardless of the building, day or time. Part of the Biochem Department's response to the increased security risk within the Med Science Building has been to set the locks on all atrium lab doors to automatically lock upon closing. As a result, lab occupants need to carry their keys with them at all times to re-enter their work areas. In addition, most of these labs now have doorbells to signal employees when a visitor or delivery person is requesting access to the lab.

Campus Police urge all of us to observe the following security guidelines:

- ID badges need to be worn at all times. Do not hesitate to ask someone on your floor for ID if you don't recognize them. If you feel it is an unsafe situation, call **IUPUI Police at 274-7911**.
- If you see a suspicious situation, contact the IUPUI Police at once (**274-7911**). This is especially true if you work evenings or weekends. Don't wait until the next day or for Monday morning. The Police would much rather be contacted than to let a suspicious situation go unaddressed.
- Please do not prop open main hallway doors that are intended to be locked upon closing.
- Never leave your keys lying around, or leave change or cash on a desk or in an unsecured drawer.
- Please lock up your personal items. If you need drawer locks installed, contact the Biochem Office to have the work scheduled.

### **Call 911 for any lab emergency**

Did you know you can call 911 for any kind of lab emergency? Environmental Health and Safety recommends calling 911 for any situation, regardless of the severity, and especially if we don't know whom to call. Whether it's after regular business hours at night, on a weekend, or during the workday, calling 911 will provide help. They can be called for gas leaks, chemical spills, fire, utility failure, and of course, medical emergencies. *We should all feel free to call them no matter how serious the situation.*

Did you also know you can call 911 from any phone, including cell phones? And that you can call 911 from a cell phone that is no longer active? Cell phones are programmed for this service regardless if they are currently supported by a service plan.

911 operators will contact the appropriate campus departments for help. We all hope that there will never be a lab emergency of any kind. Yet it's good to keep in mind that 911 can be called for anything.

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