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Fred Cross named dean of graduate studies



Fred Cross is RU's new dean of graduate studies. Photo by Robert Reichert

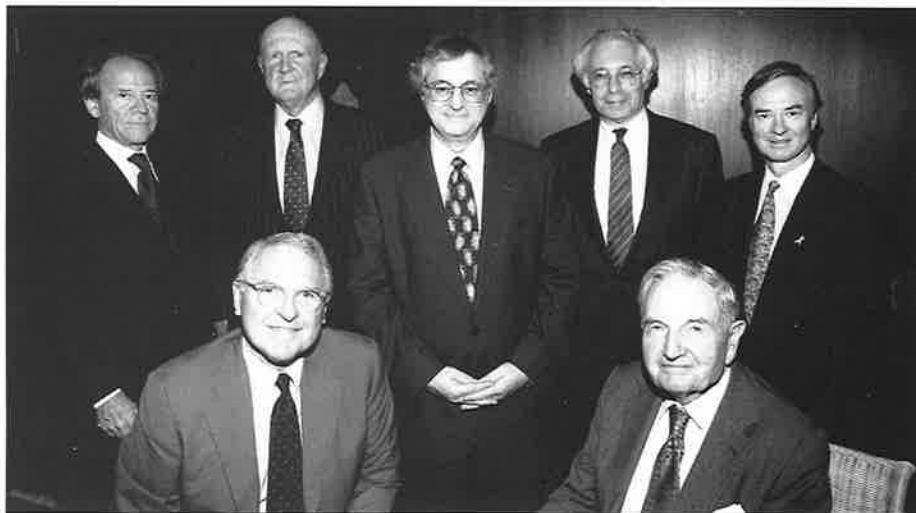
President Arnold Levine has announced that Fred Cross, professor and head of the Laboratory of Yeast Molecular Genetics, will become interim dean of the graduate program. He succeeds Professor George Cross, head of the Laboratory of Molecular Parasitology, who has stepped down from the position he has held since 1995 to devote time and energy to his research.

"I am grateful that George guided the graduate program during my first year at Rockefeller, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for the wonderful service he has given to this position," says President Levine. "I am pleased to announce that Fred Cross has agreed to take on the Dean's responsibilities as a one-year commitment. Fred has played an important role in the graduate program and is committed to its success."

A search is now under way to appoint a vice president for educational affairs who will assume responsibility for the graduate program, postdoctoral activities and the summer programs for undergraduates, high school students and teachers. The administration plans to have someone in place before the beginning of the academic year 2000.

Fred Cross studies the genes that regulate the cell cycle in a strain of yeast called "budding yeast." A 1984 Rockefeller graduate, he joined the Rockefeller faculty in 1989 as assistant professor and head of lab. He was promoted to professor in 1995.

Strang and RU leaders celebrate new laboratory



A dinner at the President's House on Wed., Oct. 13 celebrated plans for the creation of the Strang Cancer Biology Laboratory at The Rockefeller University. In the foreground: RU Board Chairman Richard Fisher and Honorary Chairman David Rockefeller. In the background, from left: President Emeritus Torsten Wiesel, Julian Robertson, President Arnold Levine, Jack Fishman, and Michael Osborne. Robertson is chairman and Osborne is president of the Strang Cancer Prevention Center, which has committed \$12.5 million to fund the new lab and endow a professorship for the scientist who will head it. Former Rockefeller Professor Jack Fishman, who directs the Strang Center's research programs, is a member of the RU search committee to recruit the Strang Professor. Photo by Ken Levinson

New reservation system, Calendar of Events debut on redesigned RU Web site

Public Affairs and Computing Services will launch a new design for the Rockefeller University Web site next week, including a new online calendar of events and room reservation system.

The new reservation system will improve the room reservation process by creating a "one-stop shopping" interface that allows designated frequent users to reserve a room and inform Custodial Services, Food Service, Media Resources and News&Notes about events. The homepage address remains the same: <http://www.rockefeller.edu/>.

The system will also enhance the ability to publicize events on the university's Web site through a new Calendar of Events, which will now be updated daily. The new calendar has advanced search capabilities and different information for public and tri-institutional audiences. The system will automatically restrict certain types of access depending on the IP address of the viewer's computer.

For example, a non-RU person checking the Web site will only be able to see events listed on the calendar that are open to the public, whereas someone within the tri-institutional system will be able to see some campus-only lectures and events as well. And certain events that are open only to the Rockefeller community, such as Tri-Lab lectures, will only be viewable within the [rockefeller.edu](http://www.rockefeller.edu) domain. Even though making a booking request is easier than before, Julie Ranton-Francis, director of special events, will continue to confirm and post all reservations and assist the occasional user in booking events.

Along with the enhanced Calendar of Events, a newly designed homepage

and changes in the upper levels of the site will help make the Web site's many sections easier to find. The university hired an external firm to design the new homepage and templates for main section categories, and Shawn McIntosh, who recently joined Public Affairs as digital media specialist, has been working with Computing Services to implement the design and provide updated and new content.

The new homepage has a scrolling news "ticker" that highlights the latest scientific discoveries by Rockefeller scientists, and the homepage image will highlight discoveries covered in the news. The navigation bar in the center of the page also lets users see subsections simply by moving a mouse over the section heads. This will make it easier for visitors to the Web site to browse through different sections and gives Rockefeller a stronger online presence.

"We asked the designers to emphasize the scientific mission of the university so that the visitor would know instantly that Rockefeller is devoted to science," says Mariellen Gallagher, vice president for communications and public affairs. "While there may be many different people visiting the Web site, the potential student is considered the primary audience, which the homepage reflects."

In addition to the new design, two new sections have been added and the Graduate Program section has been completely revised. "The new site should make it easier for prospective students to learn about Rockefeller and will give

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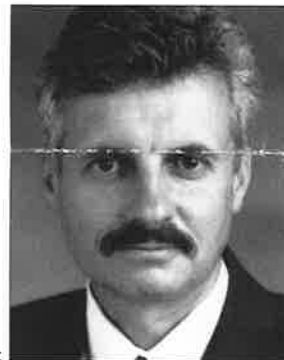
Friday lecture:

Fesik to discuss NMR and drug design

Stephen Fesik, senior research fellow at Abbott Laboratories, will discuss "NMR as a Tool in Drug Research: Structures of Proteins Involved in Apoptosis and NMR-based Screening" at the Friday lecture today (Oct. 22). Assistant Professor Milton Werner is the host for today's talk.

Fesik leads a group at Abbott Labs that provides structural information to aid in the discovery of new pharmaceutical agents. His group uses nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, a technique for observing molecules as they float in solution, employing powerful magnetic fields and high-frequency radio waves to probe molecules and advanced computers to interpret the data. Included among his research interests are the development of NMR techniques, biological applications of NMR spectroscopy, molecular modeling and structure-based drug design.

Fesik received his doctoral degree in medicinal chemistry from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy in 1981. For the next two years, he was a postdoctoral associate in



Stephen Fesik will discuss NMR and drug design at the Friday lecture today (Oct. 22). Photo courtesy of Stephen Fesik

the Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University. He joined Abbott in 1983 as an NMR spectroscopist. He became group leader of NMR research in 1985, and in 1988 was named associate research fellow in the Volwiler Society. He became senior research fellow in 1996.

The co-author of more than 160 publications, Fesik has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, the *Journal of Biomolecular NMR* and the *Biophysical Journal*. He has received many awards, including Abbott Labs' Outstanding Researcher of the Year in 1997, the Servier Lecturer Award from the University of Montreal in 1998 and the ASBMB-Fritz Lipmann Award in 1999.

Fesik's lecture begins at 3:45 p.m. in Caspary Auditorium and is preceded by tea in Abby Aldrich Lounge at 3:15 p.m. All are welcome.

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"Stopping Science?" Cohn Forum, Mon., Oct. 25



Harold Shapiro, president of Princeton University and chair of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, will be the featured speaker at the next Cohn Forum. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call Gloria Phipps, x8967. Photo courtesy of Princeton University

Levine lecture kicks off Student Sponsored Seminar Series



President Arnold Levine spoke to a standing-room only crowd on Wed., Oct. 13 as the first lecturer in a newly established seminar series. Photo by Pravani Thagirisa

President Arnold Levine spoke to a standing-room only crowd of students and postdocs on Wed., Oct. 13 as the first lecturer in a newly established seminar series. The series was created to invite leading researchers from on or off campus to share their work with junior scientists.

"It's a way to bring faculty, graduate students and postdocs closer together," says Assistant Professor Tom Muir, who has been charged with chairing the seminar series committee.

Levine lectured about his work on

the p53 tumor suppressor gene and protein and presented the results of several experiments his lab has performed to test some of their hypotheses. During an informal discussion session following the lecture, attendees had an opportunity to ask Levine about his work over pizza and beer.

Muir says the next seminar in this monthly series will take place at the end of November.

Future seminar dates and speakers will be announced in the Calendar of Events.

Potpourri

Benefits Fair

Human Resources will host a benefits fair on Tues., Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Weiss Lobby. This is the perfect time to find out what your health insurance plan has to offer. At the same time, find out what the other plans can do for you. Come and meet the representatives from 21st Century Health & Benefits, Inc., Oxford Health Plans and Aetna U.S. Healthcare. TIAA-CREF will also be available to discuss retirement annuities and long-term care insurance. If you have questions, please call Human Resources, x8300. All employees are welcome.

Open enrollment

It's that time of year again. Open enrollment will be from Tues., Nov. 2 to Tues., Nov. 30. You may join or make changes to your health insurance as well as your voluntary accidental death and dismemberment insurance. In addition, this is the only time to sign up for the 2000 flexible spending accounts and the 2000 T.R.I.P. (transportation reimbursement incentive program). All enrollments and changes will be effective Sat., Jan. 1, 2000. If you have any questions, please call Human Resources, x8300.

Vendor fair

The Purchasing Office and Fisher Scientific will host the 1999 Vendor Show on Tues., Oct. 26. The event, which includes new products, giveaways and refreshments, will be held on the 17th floor of Weiss from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Child and Family Center applications

The RU Child and Family Center is now accepting applications for the 2000-2001 school year. The center serves children from 3 months to 4 and a half years. Please call the educational director, Marjorie Goldsmith, x8580, for more information.

Author round-up

Professor Donald Pfaff has a new book, *Drive: Neurobiological and Molecular Mechanisms of Sexual Motivation*, published by MIT Press. Electronic engineer Herbert Cohen has a new novel, *The Cube Root of Time*, published on the internet by agoodbook.com.

News&Notes schedule

News&Notes will not publish next week. The Calendar of Events will be printed as usual.

AwardsCorner

Vincent Astor Professor **Paul Greengard** has been elected to senior membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Members are elected by the incumbent membership on the basis of professional achievement and of demonstrated interest, concern and involvement with problems and critical issues that affect the health of the public.

Friday lecture:

Steller to discuss mechanics of cell death at next week's lecture

Hermann Steller, a professor of neurobiology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, will present next week's Friday lecture on Oct. 29. His topic will be "Death by Design: Mechanism and Control of Apoptosis." The lecture is part of the Seminars in Cancer Biology series.

Apoptosis is a morphologically distinct form of programmed cell death that plays important roles in development, tissue homeostasis and a wide variety of diseases, including cancer, AIDS, stroke, myopathies and various neurodegenerative disorders. The overall objective of his lab's research is to elucidate the mechanism by which cells undergo apoptosis, and how this

process is regulated by diverse death-inducing signals. Most of Steller's work utilizes a highly accessible model organism, the fruitfly *Drosophila*, which offers unique advantages for the discovery of novel cell death genes. Since the mechanism of apoptosis has been conserved in evolution from worms to insects to man, knowledge gained from studying cell death in *Drosophila* is likely to apply to mammalian systems as well. In order to test this directly, his lab is studying the activity of *Drosophila* cell death genes and their mouse or human homologs in cultured mammalian cells.

Steller's lecture begins at 3:45 p.m. in Caspary Auditorium and is preceded by a tea in Abby Aldrich Lounge at 3:15 p.m. All are welcome.

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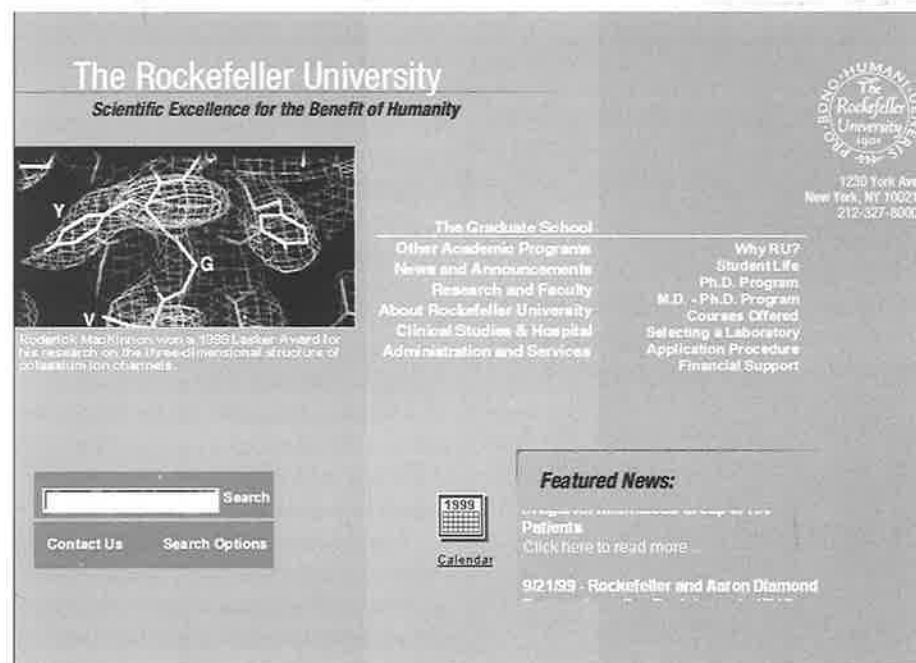
them a better sense of what the university is all about," says Fred Cross, dean of graduate and postgraduate studies. "We plan on adding a section that includes information on recent and past grads, a kind of 'Where Are They Now?' section that shows students what their predecessors are doing now."

A section on the history of Rockefeller has also been added in preparation for the university's centennial, as well as a site for the Housing Office, both of which will be expanded

in the coming weeks and months.

The Web site as a whole will continue to be expanded and gain new features in the coming weeks. If you want to have your site further developed to take advantage of some of the new technologies that will be offered on the Web site, representatives from Public Affairs and Computing Services will be available to help.

Contact either McIntosh, x8970, the Computing Services Help Desk, x8940 (or e-mail: helpdesk), George Lee, x8112, or Tony Popowicz, e-mail tony.



The Rockefeller University Web site sports a new look and new features.

Employee Art Show

Human Resources is pleased to announce that the Employee Art Show is now on display in the university's library in Welch Hall through Fri., Oct. 29. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this creative art exhibit.

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RU campus toasts a year of great science

On Mon., Oct. 18, the RU campus celebrated its 1998-1999 winners of scientific awards (see list at right). The entire campus was invited to partake of champagne or other sparkling refreshments and join in a toast to what President Levine called "a very good year for science at Rockefeller."

Marilyn H. Simpson Professor Jeffrey Friedman offered toasts to Levine and to Arnold and Mabel Beckman Professor Robert Roeder for their GM Mott Prize and GM Sloan Prize, respectively; to Professor Roderick MacKinnon for his 1999 Lasker Award; and to John D. Rockefeller Jr. Professor Günter Blobel for his 1999 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Then Associate Professor Sanford Simon raised his glass in a second tribute, and 100 blue and white balloons were released into the air while a marching band played a flourish.



A large crowd gathered around the Founder's Hall steps to take part in the celebration. *Photo by Bob London. All other photos by Ken Levinson.*



Above and below: Blobel receives congratulations from the campus community.



Restaurant Associates pours enough champagne, Perrier and sparkling cider for everyone.



From left to right: Levine, MacKinnon, Roeder and Blobel toast a very good year for science at RU.



Marilyn H. Simpson Professor Jeffrey Friedman toasts Levine, MacKinnon, Roeder and Blobel for both their scientific laurels and their "good-guyness."



And now for something completely different... At the close of the Molecular Flying Circus symposium on Monday, participants found themselves serenaded by a marching band playing the Monty Python theme song. Symposium organizer Professor Brian Chait invited all attendees to follow the band to the steps of Founder's to take part in the university's celebration.

The Rockefeller University Faculty Prizes and Awards 1998-1999

Nobel Prize
Günter Blobel
Lasker Award
Roderick MacKinnon
GM Mott Prize
Arnold Levine
GM Sloan Prize
Robert Roeder

Günter Blobel
Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine
Massry Prize

Jan Breslow
Bugher Foundation Award
Fellow, National Academy of Sciences

Brian Chait
Newcomb Cleveland Prize
Nam-Hai Chua
Singapore National Science and Technology Medal

Joel Cohen
Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement
Fred L. Soper Prize

George Cross
Leeuwenhoek Prize Lecture

James E. Darnell
City of Medicine Award
E. B. Wilson Award
Dickson Prize in Medicine
Lynen Medal
William B. Coley Award
Gerald D. Aurbach Lecture Award

Robert Darnell
Derek Denny Brown Neurological Scholar Award
Titia de Lange
New York Community Trust Cancer Research Award
Leon Hess Professorship

Vincent Dole
Norman E. Zinberg Award

Vincent Fischetti
NIH MERIT Award

Jeffrey Friedman
Janssen Award

Steven C. Beering Award
Marilyn M. Simpson Professorship

Paul Greengard
Metropolitan Life Foundation for Medical Research
Ellison Medical Foundation Senior Scholar Award
Mayor's Award for Excellence in Science and Technology

Jules Hirsch
W. Henry Sebrell, Jr. Award

David D. Ho
Hoechst Marion Roussel Award
Honorary Doctorate, Tufts University

Maria Karayiorgou
EJLB Foundation Scholar
Irma T. Hirsch Career Scientist Award
NARSAD Young Investigator Award

Mary Jeanne Kreek
Nathan B. Eddy Award

John Kuriyan
Eli Lilly Award
Joshua Lederberg
Fellow, World Economics Foundation
Honorary Doctorate, The Rockefeller University

Arnold Levine
Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize
Bertner Award
G.H.A. Clowes Award
Paul Janssen Prize
Rabbi Shai Shacknai Memorial Prize
GM Cancer Foundation Charles S. Mott Prize
Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize
Robert and Harriet Heilbrunn Professorship in Cancer Biology

Roderick MacKinnon
Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research
W. Alden Spencer Award
Newcomb Cleveland Prize

Bruce McEwen
Member, Institute of Medicine
Alfred E. Mirsky Professorship

Bruce Merrifield
Honorary Doctorates, The Rockefeller University and Scripps Memorial

Peter Mombaerts
Guggenheim Fellowship
Rita Allen Foundation Scholar

Tom Muir
Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
Burroughs-Wellcome Fund New Investigator Award

Fernando Nottebohm
Neuronal Plasticity Prize

Michel Nussenzweig
Member, American Society for Clinical Investigation

Robert Roeder
GM Cancer Foundation Alfred P. Sloan Prize
Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize

Andrej Sali
Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow

Ralph Steinman
Coley Medal
Honorary Doctorates, University of Innsbruck and Vrije Universiteit
Max Planck Award
Robert Koch Research Award

Alexander Tomasz
Plutarch Papamarkou Professorship

Milton Werner
Irma T. Hirsch Trust Scholar
New York Community Trust Scholar

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calendar of events

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THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY—*Please post*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:00 a.m. **Biophysical Applications of Modern Electron Spin Resonance: Structure and Dynamics of Proteins, Lipid-Protein Interactions.** Jack H. Freed, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Cornell U, Seminar. **B Level Conference Room, Smith Hall Annex.**

1:00 p.m. **Presentation of Exogenous Antigens to Cytotoxic T Cells: Intracellular Routes for Cross-priming.** Sebastian Amigorena, Director of Research, Curie Institute. Lecture, **301 Weiss.**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00 p.m. **Bipolar Frogs, Lithium, and Wnt/Frizzled Signaling.** Peter Klein, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Dept. of Cell and Molecular Biology, U. Penn. School of Medicine. Cell Biology and Genetics Seminar. **Weill Auditorium, WMCCU, 1300 York Ave.**

5:30 p.m. **Stopping Science?** Harold Shapiro, President, Princeton University. Zarnvil A. Cohn Forum on Health Affairs. **Abby Dining Room.** *Wine and cheese at 5:00 p.m., in the Abby Lounge.* Contact Gloria Phipps, 327-8967.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00 p.m. **Building a Dictionary for the Yeast Genome: Statistical Analysis of Transcription Regulation.** Hao Li, Fellow, RU. Center for Studies in Physics and Biology Seminar. **B Level Conference Room, Smith Hall Annex.** *Tea at 3:30 p.m.* Contact Martin Zapotocky, 327-8841.

4:00 p.m. **The Structural Biochemistry of DNA Damage Excision, Recognition and Repair Pathway Channeling.** John Tainer, Scripps Research Institute. Tri-institutional Seminar. **Weill Auditorium, WMCCU, 1300 York Ave.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00 a.m. **Chemical Approaches to Dissect Kinesin Function.** Tarun M. Kapoor, Dept. of Cell Biology, Harvard Medical School. Pels Family Center for Biochemistry and Structural Biology Seminar. **301 Weiss.**

10:30 a.m. **Biostatistics Course.** Biostatistics Course. **128 Hospital.** *Contact Knut Witkowski, 327-7175. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community only.*

12:00 p.m. **Adherent Bacteria Activate Ca²⁺-Dependent Signaling Cascades in Respiratory Epithelial Cells.** Alice Prince, Professor of Pediatrics, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Seminars in Clinical Research. **110B Nurses Residence.**

3:45 p.m. **Biosynthetic Lessons from the Ginkgo Tree.** Duilio Arigoni, Laboratory for Organic Chemistry, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. Frederick S. Philips Memorial Lecture. **Auditorium, Rockefeller Research Laboratories, MSKCC, 430 East 67th St.** *Tea at 3:15 p.m.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

12:00 p.m. **Gonadotropins and Their Receptors: Studies on Structure and Function.** Rajan R. Dighe, Associate Professor, Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development, and Genetics, Indian Institute of Science. Endocrinology and Reproductive Biology Seminar. **301 Weiss.**

1:00 p.m. **Using the 7700 Instrument.** Nadine Chang, Senior Field Application Specialist, PE Biosystems. PE Biosystems Demo Seminar. **110B Nurses Residence.** *Contact Emily Gegeliya, 327-7387. Open to RU community and guests.*

4:00 p.m. **Growth Hormone in Milk and Human Health.** Martin Sonnenberg, Professor of Medicine, WMCCU; Attending Physician, MSKCC. CNRU Special Nutrition Lecture. **F-539 NYPH-WMCCU, 1300 York Ave.**

4:00 p.m. **Protein-Protein Interactions in the Malaria Infected Red Blood Cell and Effects on Function.** Ross L. Coppel, Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, Monash U, LFKRI Research Seminar. **Lower Level Conference Room, New York Blood Center, 310 East 67th St.** *Tea at 3:45 p.m.* Contact Rosanna Martinez, 570-3357.

4:00 p.m. **Using Computer Experiments to Design Prostheses.** Thomas Santner, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Statistics, Ohio State U. From Molecules to Mobility Seminar. **Second Floor Conference Room, HSS, 535 East 70th St.** *Tea at 5:00 p.m.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:00 a.m. **From Barrier to Efflux: The Function of Multidrug Efflux Transporters in Gram Negative Bacteria.** Hiroshi Nikaido, Professor, UC Berkeley. Seminar. **305 Weiss.**

12:00 p.m. **Molecular Regulation of Intracellular Calcium Release Channels.** Andrew R. Marks, Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology and Director, Molecular Cardiology Program, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Cellular Biochemistry and Biophysics Seminar. **116 Rockefeller Research Laboratories, MSKCC, 430 East 67th St.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:00 p.m. **Latent Reservoirs of HIV: Obstacles to the Eradication of Virus.** Tae-Wook Chun, LIR, NIAID, NIH. CFAR Seminar. **Sixth Floor Conference Room, ADARC, 455 First Ave.**

4:30 p.m. **Molecular Biology of Excitation-Contraction Coupling in the Heart.** Andrew R. Marks, Professor, Dept. of Medicine and Pharmacology, Columbia U, College of Physicians and Surgeons. PBMM Research Seminar. **Weill Auditorium, WMCCU, 1300 York Ave.**

2:00 p.m. **Structural Biology of the Actin Cytoskeleton.** Steven Almo, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Pels Family Center for Biochemistry and Structural Biology Seminar. **301 Weiss.**

4:00 p.m. **Basilar-membrane Mechanics and the Cochlear Amplifier.** Mario Ruggero, Professor, Northwestern U. Center for Studies in Physics and Biology Seminar. **B Level Conference Room, Smith Hall Annex.** *Tea at 3:30 p.m.* Contact Martin Zapotocky, 327-8841.

4:00 p.m. **Novel Mechanisms of Action of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids: Inhibition of Protein Palmitoylation and T Cell Receptor Mediated Signaling.** Marilyn Resh, Member, Cell Biology Program, SKI; Professor of Cell Biology and Genetics, Professor of Biochemistry, Graduate School, Cornell University. CNRU Monthly Meeting. **117 Rockefeller Research Laboratories, MSKCC, 430 East 67th St.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:30 a.m. **Biostatistics Course.** Biostatistics Course. **128 Hospital.** *Contact Knut Witkowski, 327-7175. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community only.*

12:00 p.m. **Resurrecting a Role for Immunoglobulin in the Pathogenesis of the Multiple Sclerosis Plaque.** Cedric Raine, Professor of Pathology (Neuropathology), Neurology and Neuroscience, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Seminars in Clinical Research. **110B Nurses Residence.**

3:00 p.m. **Finding Multiple Interacting Genes: Candidate Gene Analysis.** Stan Young, Glaxo-Wellcome. Starr Center for Human Genetics Seminar. **305 Weiss.** *Contact Emily Gegeliya, 327-7387.*

5:00 p.m. **Stress Pathways and Heart Failure: A Paradigm for Complex Human Diseases.** Kenneth R. Chien, Professor of Medicine, and Director, UCSD-Salk Program in Molecular Medicine, UC San Diego. William D. Stubenbord Visiting Professor Lecture. **Uris Auditorium, WMCCU, 1300 York Ave.**

6:30–8:00 p.m. **Lessons from the Acid Sphingomyelinase Knockout Mouse.** Richard Kolesnik, Head, Signal Transduction Laboratory, MSKCC. **TRANCE, a TNF Family Member, activates Akt/PKB through a Signaling Pathway Involving TRAF6 and c-Src.** Daniel Besser, Postdoctoral Fellow, RU. Cell Death Society Meeting. **301 Weiss.** *Pizza at 6:00 p.m.* Contact Ray Birge, 327-7412 to RSVP with number of people attending.

The Arts and Other Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:00 p.m. **Tri-Institutional Noon Recitals.** Trio Voronezh from Voronezh, Russia. Domra, bayan and double-bass balalaika, performing classical works, gypsy dances and Russian folk music. **Casparly Auditorium.** *Contact John Gerlach, 327-7776. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests.*

THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY Friday Lectures

These events are held in Casparly Auditorium at 3:45 p.m. Tea is served in Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Lounge at 3:15 p.m. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

NMR as a Tool in Drug Research: Structures of Proteins Involved in Apoptosis and NMR-based Screening. Stephen Fesik, Senior Research Fellow, Abbott Laboratories.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Seminars in Cancer Biology: Death by Design: Mechanism and Control of Apoptosis. Hermann Steller, Professor of Neurobiology, HHMI, MIT.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Synthesis and Assembly of Membrane Proteins in the Endoplasmic Reticulum. Sanford Simon, Associate Professor, RU.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:00 p.m. **Tri-Institutional Noon Recitals.** Bergonzi String Quartet, performing works of Haydn and Mendelssohn. **Casparly Auditorium.** *Contact John Gerlach, 327-7776. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. **Benefits Fair.** Meet representatives from the university's health plan providers and from TIAA-CREF. **Weiss Lobby.** *Open to RU community only.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 p.m. **Rockefeller University Film Series.** *Black Girl* (1966), directed by Ousmane Sembene. **Casparly Auditorium.** *Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests.*

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