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NEW EXHIBIT AT SCIENCE CENTER HIGHLIGHTS CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HAS PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN THE CREATION OF *BODYLINK*, A NEW EXHIBIT AT THE MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER HIGHLIGHTING CUTTING-EDGE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.

Bodylink, which opened November 21st, will be a permanent exhibit to provide the latest health science news and information in a friendly, informative and interactive format.

Funded by a Science Education Partnership award from the National Institutes of Health, *BodyLink* was developed through a partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins Medicine. *BodyLink* will become a permanent exhibit organized around three key health and medical themes: *Taking Control of Your Health*, *Immunology: Attack and Defense*, and *The Genetic Revolution*.

"*The Genetic Revolution* provides the opportunity for visitors to investigate the role of genes, family history and lifestyle in personal health," says Mimi Blitzer, PhD, professor of pediatrics and obstetrics, gynecology & reproductive sciences. Dr. Blitzer, chief of

human genetics at the School of Medicine, is a *BodyLink* advisor. "Special lab programs provide visitors with a hands-on learning experience, and teacher training workshops keep teachers up to date on the latest discoveries," says Dr. Blitzer.

BodyLink is not a traditional museum-style exhibit. Through the use of multi-media, exhibit displays will be continually updated to reflect current discoveries and health issues. A team of health-science educators answer questions and help enhance visitors' experiences. A resource center with books, videos, pamphlets and internet access provide visitors with more information about specific health conditions.

Taking Control of Your Health encourages visitors to take an active role through healthful eating, exercising, and stress-management. *Immunology: Attack and Defense* emphasizes the power and vulnerability of the human immune system. Topics include vaccine development, antibiotic resistance and HIV infection.

For more information about *BodyLink*, please call the Maryland Science Center at (410) 545-5906.

Goldman Elected to Institute of Medicine; School of Medicine IOM Membership at 10

HOWARD H. GOLDMAN, MD, PHD, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, IS THE MOST RECENT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY MEMBER TO BE ELECTED TO THE PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

The mission of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) is to advance and disseminate scientific knowledge to improve human health. The Institute provides objective, timely, authoritative information and advice concerning health and science policy to government, the corporate sector, the professions and the public.

Election to the IOM is certainly an honor, but also an obligation to work on behalf of the Institute to further its mission. Recent IOM reports addressed disparities in health care and policy considerations in developing smallpox vaccine options and evaluated the CDC anthrax vaccine research program.

Other School of Medicine faculty in the Institute of Medicine are:

- William T. Carpenter, MD, professor, Department of Psychiatry
- Robert C. Gallo, MD, professor, Institute of Human Virology
- Barbara C. Hansen, PhD, professor, Department of Physiology
- Eve J. Higginbotham, MD, professor and chair, Department of Ophthalmology
- Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH, professor, Department of Medicine
- Paul D. Stolley, MD, MPH, professor, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine
- Carol A. Tamminga, MD, professor, Department of Psychiatry
- Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, Dean
- Theodore E. Woodward, MD, professor emeritus, Department of Medicine

Regine Named New Radiation Oncology Chair



WILLIAM F. REGINE, MD, HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. Dr. Regine comes to the University of Maryland from the University of Kentucky, where he was professor of radiation

medicine and neurosurgery and vice chairman of the Department of Radiation Medicine. He was co-director of the gamma knife radiosurgery program and the former associate director for clinical research at the Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky.

"I am excited about the opportunity to enhance the University of Maryland's multi-disciplinary approach to cancer treatment," says Dr. Regine. "We already have top notch programs in radiation physics, radiation biology, and in the Greenbaum Cancer Center. With these strengths, the sky is the limit on what we can accomplish in research and patient care," says Dr. Regine.

"Dr. Regine is a nationally recognized leader in this highly technical specialty, and we are pleased to have him on our team," says Dean Wilson. "I have no doubt that our students, residents and patients will benefit greatly from the passion he brings to his new position."

Dr. Regine's research interests include the study and treatment of pancreas/gastrointestinal cancers, brain tumors and head and neck cancers. He is currently developing an innovative drug delivery device for the treatment of brain tumors.

Dr. Regine received his medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse, and served his residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He was also a fellow in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Thomas Jefferson and at the University of Florida. From 1992 to 1994, Dr. Regine was assistant professor of radiation oncology at the University of Tennessee and served as the acting clinical chief of radiation oncology.

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SOM Professor Wins Founders Day Gala Award



Dean Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP (left), and President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil (right), congratulate Mordecai Blaustein, MD, professor and chair, Department of Physiology (center), on being named the 2002 Founders Day Research Lecturer of the Year at the Founders Day Gala held on October 24th.

year; last year one Fellow was chosen, this year three were chosen. Fellows are nominated by their deans and are faculty who presumably have an interest in pursuing a deanship. Fellows are invited to COD administrative board meetings and are expected to attend major meetings throughout the year. Fellows are given specific topics on which to concentrate; this year one of the research projects will be a survey of the Council of Deans.

Alan R. Shuldiner, MD, professor, Departments of Medicine and Physiology, has been awarded a four-year \$10.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for the study "Genome-Wide Search for CVD Gene-Environmental Interactions." The study will examine how genes interact with lifestyle factors to modify risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

Jordan E. Warnick, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, and assistant dean for Student Education and Research, is the new Secretary-Treasurer-elect for the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Division of Pharmacology Education.

Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, vice president for Medical Affairs and dean, has recently been named Chair-Elect of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the AAMC's second highest elected office. In this capacity he will serve on the Executive Committee of the organization that represents all 125 medical schools, some 400 of the nation's largest and most active teaching hospitals, and the faculty and students of these institutions. The AAMC's program activities include the Medical College Admission Test, the monthly journal *Academic Medicine*, and a wide range of activities to promote the education, research and patient care missions of its members. Dr. Wilson will become the chair of the AAMC in November 2003.

FUNfact

Did you know that the University of Maryland School of Medicine was the first medical school in the US to establish a medical informatics computer block as part of the curriculum?

Quick Studies

Elizabeth Barnet, MD, associate professor, Department of Family Medicine, received a three-year \$750,000 grant from the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Centers for Disease Control for a program to reduce repeat pregnancy in adolescent mothers.

Miriam G. Blitzer, PhD, professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, has been named to the Committee on Certification, Subcertification, and Recertification of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

Pat Langenberg, PhD, associate professor and vice chair, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, has received a \$500,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to support the development of new research and the training of junior faculty researchers in women's health. The grant will create mentoring teams to foster research in women's health. Senior faculty members will be paired with junior researchers focusing on three broad research areas: life changes in women's health, adverse conditions and diseases in women, and gender differences in pain.

Braxton D. Mitchell, Jr., PhD, MPH, professor, Departments of Medicine and Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, was named to the US Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology and Disease Control Study Section, Center for Scientific Review. Study sections review grant applications submitted to the National Institutes of Health and survey the status of research in their fields.

Steven D. Munger, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, has been awarded a five-year \$1.7 million grant by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders to study "Chemosensory Receptors and the Basis of Specificity."

Anne Z. Murphy, PhD, associate professor, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, has received a five-year \$1.4 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to study "Sex Differences in Opioid Analgesia."

Michael J. Naslund, MD, associate professor, Department of Surgery, has been awarded a seven-year \$2.3 million grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease to study "Alternative Therapies for Benign Prostate Symptoms." The trial will test the effectiveness of phytotherapy. **Brian M. Berman, MD**, professor, Department of Family Medicine, and director, Program in Complementary Medicine, is the co-investigator.

Jay A. Perman, MD, professor and chair, Department of Pediatrics, has been named a Council of Deans (COD) Fellow by the Association of American Medical Colleges. This is the Fellows program's second



Dean Wilson (far right) and Bruce Jarrell, MD, professor and chair of surgery, help first year medical students don their white coats. The annual White Coat Ceremony was held Wednesday, November 20. One hundred and fifty five students in the Class of '06 received their white coats.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Dean Wilson will deliver his annual State of the School Address on Wednesday, January 22nd at 3:00 PM in the MSTF Auditorium. A reception will follow the dean's address, entitled "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." All are welcome!