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1. INTERNATIONAL GAIRDNER SYMPOSIUM (see attached)

The upcoming 2008 **International Gairdner Symposium** is scheduled for **Monday, October 20, 2008 4–6 pm.**

Life Sciences Centre, Lecture Theatre 1 (LSC 1)
The University of British Columbia
2350 Health Sciences Mall

FREE general admission, no reserved seating.

Call (604)875-3535 for more information.

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2. ADDITIONAL INFO SESSION for TRA's re: Revised Handbook | Released Oct 17/08

Per our August 25/08 memo, a revised handbook for Technicians & Research Assistants (TRAs) has been completed.

- The revised handbook may be viewed online at http://www.hr.ubc.ca/collective_agreements/.
- The August 25/08 memo may be viewed online at http://www.hr.ubc.ca/files/pdf/memos/HR_Memo_TRA_Handbook_and_Forum.pdf.

We held a number of information sessions for TRAs and Administrators in September to provide an opportunity to share details about the more significant changes to the Handbook and to answer any questions.

We received feedback at the last session that many TRAs were not aware of the sessions and we have therefore decided to hold one more information session to ensure that all TRAs have an opportunity to attend a session.

Please ensure all TRAs (non-union) in your unit are made aware we have an additional information forum on this date and time:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, October 23/08	9 am – 10:30 am	Diamond Health Centre, Rm. 9299

Administrators or other managers are also welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend this last forum or have a question with regard to the Handbook, please contact your HR Advisor.

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3. MITCHELL RALPH EDWARD RESEARCH FUND

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2008

This Faculty of Medicine competition is for funding of \$25,000 per year for a two-year term to support stem cell research.

Applicants must be full-time members of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia, at the level of Assistant Professor or above.

For more details please visit the Faculty of Medicine website:
http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/gad/dfo/mitchell_fund.htm

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4. LEADERS IN MEDICAL DISCOVERY SERIES

Presented by the UBC Faculty of Medicine

Bruce McManus, MD, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS

Recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Medical Research Lecturer Award
Professor, UBC Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Lecture:

“Viral heart disease – dire consequences, complex mechanisms and possible solutions”

Date: **Tuesday, November 18, 2008**

Time: **11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Location: **New Lecture Theatre
Room 1477
Providence, Level 1**

**St. Paul’s Hospital
1081 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC**

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5. GET IN ON THE PLAN – Vancouver Campus Plan Options Consultation

The following message is sent on behalf of Nancy Knight, Associate Vice President Campus and Community Planning, and is intended for students, faculty, staff, alumni and emeriti at UBC Vancouver.

Consultations on the Vancouver Campus Plan are now underway. The "Get in on the Plan" consultations seek comments and feedback from all members of the campus community.

Tell us what you think about the different ways the UBC Vancouver Point Grey campus could evolve in the future. Feedback received from this consultation will be reported to the UBC Board of Governors early next year and will set the stage for a new draft campus plan to be developed in 2009.

"Get in on the Plan" open houses will be held at the SUB concourse on **October 22 and 28 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM** both days. In addition, there will be an evening open house on **October 28** at the Old Barn Community Centre, 6308 Thunderbird Boulevard, from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**.

The discussion guide and feedback form are available online at:

<http://www.campusplan.ubc.ca/>

There is still time to learn about and comment on UBC Vancouver campus plan options. The **deadline for receiving feedback** on three options for the future development of the Point Grey Campus is **October 31**.

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2008 International Gairdner Symposium

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Dr. Alan Bernstein, OC, PhD

2008 Gairdner Wightman Awardee

Executive Director, Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, New York, NY

Lecture: "Global Science for Global Challenges"

Dr. Bernstein, the 2008 Gairdner Foundation Wightman Award recipient, is recognized for his outstanding contribution to Canadian health research as a scientist, research institute director and as the inaugural President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Author or co-author of over 200 scientific publications, Dr. Bernstein has made important contributions to the study of stem cells, hematopoiesis and cancer. In January 2008, he became the inaugural Executive Director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise based in New York City. The Enterprise is a partnership of the worlds major funders of HIV vaccine research.



Dr. Gary Ruvkun, PhD

2008 Gairdner International Awardee

Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Lecture: "The small RNA pathways of *C. elegans*"

Gary Ruvkun is a professor of genetics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ruvkun's research has explored microRNA genes and other small RNAs. In a series of collaborative papers between 1989 and 1993 with Dr. Victor Ambros of Harvard University, Dr. Ambros and Dr. Ruvkun reported that a regulatory RNA of unprecedented size, the 21 nucleotide *lin-4* RNA, basepairs to complementary regulatory elements in the *lin-14* 3' untranslated region. These *lin-4/lin-14* RNA duplexes repress translation. Dr. Ruvkun has also studied the protein coding genes that constitute a genetic pathway for the regulatory function of miRNAs and siRNAs and other small RNAs.

Hosted by Dr. Michael Hayden

Director, Centre for Molecular Medicine & Therapeutics

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