



The University of Michigan John M. Sheldon Allergy Society

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Dear Sheldon Society Member:

The past year has brought many accolades to the University of Michigan Allergy Division and the Allergy Training Program. Allow me to update you on some of the past year's activities, alumni information, what's new in the Training Program, and some 2006 Division highlights.

Welcome

...to **Christine L. Holland, M.D.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, who joined the Division of Allergy in November of 2005, and **Johannes Postma**, Administrator, Division of Allergy, who assumed his position in January, 2006.

Food Allergy Service Enters Its Third Year

The Food Allergy Service (FAS) is progressing into its third year with Marc McMorris, M.D., as Director. During the first year of its existence, the FAS focused on clinical needs, creating and standardizing patient education materials throughout all Allergy clinics and initiating a collaboration with the Health Education Resource Center at the U-M's East Ann Arbor Health Center to increase public access to educational materials related to allergies and asthma. The FAS produced a web site as a community outreach tool and continued to offer food allergy and anaphylaxis training sessions to Michigan schools and preschools. It also assessed and expanded procedures related to providing open food challenges. Objectives for the third year include the opening of The University of Michigan Food Allergy Center at Domino's Farms Office Park and advancements in research under the leadership of Cem Akin, M.D., Ph.D.

The University of Michigan Food Allergy Center will be a regional referral site for pediatric and adult patients with food allergy and concomitant

atopic conditions, including those with complicated eosinophilic disorders, severe atopic dermatitis and multiple food allergies. This also includes patients needing oral food challenges, hospitalizations, and extensive follow up/resources.

The mission of the Food Allergy Service: A multi-disciplinary team will provide comprehensive patient care and expand clinical, educational, research, and community services for this patient population.

The anticipated move date for the Taubman Center Allergy Clinic, the Allergy Division Offices, and the Food Allergy Center to Domino's Farms is April, 2007.

These web sites contain useful information regarding food allergies:

UM Food Allergy Service:
www.med.umich.edu/foodallergy

Food Allergy Initiative:
www.foodallergyinitiative.org

Annual Dinner

This past March, the Sheldon Society Annual Dinner was held in beautiful Miami Beach, Florida, at **Mark's South Beach Restaurant**. The event was attended by over 50 members, spouses and invited guests who enjoyed a wonderful meal and warm fellowship.

John M. Sheldon Allergy Society Tri-Annual Meeting a Huge Success

In the picturesque Mountain Grand Lodge nestled amid the slopes of Boyne Mountain in northern Michigan, the Society hosted its Fourth Tri-Annual Scientific Meeting, drawing nearly fifty attendees. The educational events were highlighted by 10 hours of CME, with the Sheldon Lectureship delivered by Sheldon member Harold Nelson, M.D., of National Jewish Research and Medical Center. Also speaking in

their areas of expertise were several division faculty members and prominent clinician-scientists from the U-M's ranks. Many participants commented on the high quality and applicability of the lectures that were delivered.



Social events over the weekend included a cocktail reception on Friday night, a golf tournament Saturday, and the formal Sheldon dinner Saturday evening. Many attendees also simply enjoyed the multitude of outdoor recreational activities available at the resort. While relaxing in the hot tub faculty member Georgiana Sanders and Joseph McCune were overheard commenting "We just had a wonderful bike ride. It seems like we rode fifty miles. I'd really like to come back here again sometime. What a fabulous resort."



Saturday evening's formal festivities included a silent auction to raise money for the Division's Fellowship Endowment, presentation of plaques commemorating the lectureship awards to Dr. Harold Nelson and Dr. Cem Akin, and an enlightening keynote speech on Nanotechnology in Medicine delivered by Dr. James R. Baker, Jr., Division Chief of Allergy.



Recognized for their contributions to the Division and to the Sheldon Society were Drs. Homer Howes and James McLean. The Society also thanked Gwen Sharper, Gloria Benko and Echo Reed for their continued support of the educational mission of the Division and Society. Finally, we extend thanks to our industry partners (Novartis and GSK) for their generous unrestricted support of this meeting.

In honor of her late husband, Lawrence (Larry) Preuss, Jr., M.D., Mrs. Ann Preuss donated to the division a collection of art prints by Charles Wysocki. The prints will be displayed in the Domino's Farms allergy clinic.

TRAINING PROGRAM

New Fellows - The Training Program's incoming fellows are Drs. Matthew Greenhawt and Miguel Wolbert. Dr. Greenhawt graduated in 2001 from Tufts University School of Medicine and completed his residency in Pediatrics at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian in June 2004. Dr. Wolbert received his medical degree in 2003 from the University of Michigan, where he also completed his residency in Pediatrics in June 2006. Both fellows will complete their A/I training in June 2008. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Greenhawt was selected to present a poster at this year's ACAAI Annual Meeting held this month in Philadelphia.



Matthew Greenhawt



Miguel Wolbert

Second-year Fellows - Dr. Susan Hungness, a graduate of Rush Medical College, and Dr. Robert Keeton, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, are scheduled to complete their A/I training on June 30, 2007. We are also pleased to announce that Drs. Hungness and Keeton were selected to present their research at this year's ACAAI Annual Meeting held this month in Philadelphia.

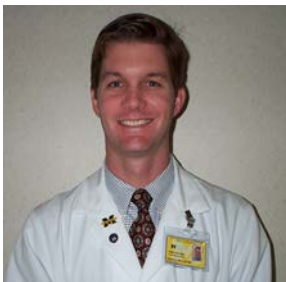


Susan Hungness



Robert Keeton, Jr.

2006 Graduates - Drs. Curt Chaffin and Travis Miller successfully completed their training in June 2006. Dr. Chaffin joined a private practice in Tennessee and Dr. Miller joined a private practice in California. Both Drs. Chaffin and Miller presented their research at the AAAAI Annual Meeting held in March, 2006.



Travis Miller



Curt Chaffin

Training Support - Although many programs are reducing their funded positions, we have had wonderful applicants and are trying to maintain the number of fellows we can train at two per year. Due to the highly variable nature of trainee funding support, we applied for supplemental funds from many resources to maintain the program. This included an application for a 2007 AAAAI Training Grant and an application for a 2007 ACAAI Training Grant. Our program received an award of \$100,000 from the ACAAI that will allow us to adequately fund one fellowship position for 2 years. Any support we

can obtain from Sheldon members is always welcome.

MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Homer Howes, a founding member of the John M. Sheldon Society, passed away on August 8, 2006. Many of you may remember that Dr. Howes was one of the first Allergy Division clinical faculty members. Dr. Howes remained active in the Sheldon Society and kept close contact with many members.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

To help support the training program fellowship position, we continue to seek your contributions to the Endowment Fund. As you are aware, this fund was established 10 years ago to ensure continual funding for at least one Allergy Fellow position. Each year we strive to meet this objective, and it is only through your continued support of the U-M Allergy Division that we will achieve this important goal.

How You Can Help

Gifts - Make a planned gift or a bequest. These gifts are wonderful ways to commit to the promises that lie ahead in the field of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Your **charitable remainder trust** or **charitable gift annuity** provides income during your lifetime as well as the assurance that your gift will have an impact on the future of medicine. These giving opportunities have been well received because of the high distribution rate, simplicity, and tax benefits.

Endowments - A gift of a permanent endowment is a gift forever, a gift that will generate distributions to benefit the Division in perpetuity. What does this mean? It means that the Allergy Division Endowment Fund, year by year, will be able to help more and more Fellows complete their fellowship.

If you are interested in establishing your own perpetual fund or if you would like to discuss the tax advantages or income possibilities of making a gift now or through your will, you may do so by contacting Anne Cooper, Assistant Director of Medical Development. Anne is available at your convenience to assist you with establishing your fund and also with making year-end stock

transfers. For more information, please contact Anne at 734-998-7587 or toll-free at 866-860-0026.

For details on these programs and others, please visit the Office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations web site at

<http://www.medicineatmichigan.org/HowCanIHelp/>

DUES & CONTRIBUTION RESPONSE FORM

Please complete the enclosed response form and return it along with your annual dues payment of \$100. *Reminder: dues are optional for retired members.*

2007 AAAAI ANNUAL DINNER PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

Plans are underway for the 2007 John M. Sheldon Society Annual Dinner Meeting to be held in San Diego, California, during the annual AAAAI meeting. ***The tentative date is Sunday evening, February 25, 2007, with the location TBA.*** This annual dinner gathering provides a wonderful opportunity for members to leisurely socialize, renew old Sheldon acquaintances, and make new ones. **Remember: the cost of dinner for you and your spouse or invited guest is covered by your annual dues.** Additional plans are forthcoming.

Again, I would like to thank you for your attention to this newsletter and also for your continued support of the Allergy Division. Please do not hesitate to give me a call at my office at 734-764-8304 or you may contact Echo Reed in the Allergy Division at 734-936-5634 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Best wishes for the holiday season,



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