



The University of Michigan John M. Sheldon Allergy Society

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Dear Sheldon Society Member:

The past year has been an exciting year for the University of Michigan Allergy Division and the Allergy Training Program. Allow me to update you on some of the past year's activities and what's new in the training program and to give you some 2007 Division highlights and alumni information.

Welcome

...to **Alan P. Baptist, M.D.**, who joined the Division of Allergy in November of 2007

...to **Emily Wang, M.D.**, who joined the Division of Allergy in March of 2008

... and **Best Wishes** to **Andrew Singer, M.D.** and his family, who relocated to Knoxville, Tennessee, in September, 2007.

Allergy Specialty Clinic & Food Allergy Clinic

The University of Michigan Allergy Specialty Clinic and Food Allergy Clinic opened on April 30, 2007, at Domino's Farms Office Park.

The Food Allergy Service (FAS) is progressing into its fourth year with Marc McMorris, M.D., as Director. The University of Michigan Allergy Specialty Clinic and Food Allergy Clinic at Domino's Farms provides for the diagnosis and treatment of all allergies, food allergy, and immunologic and asthma-related conditions in a bright, spacious, and comfortable state-of-the-art clinic and extract production lab. The new facility expands our capabilities to care for patients with all types of allergic conditions with the best possible treatment and care.

For our food allergic patients, we have special rooms dedicated to food challenges and a separate kitchen, which is used solely to prepare the food for the challenges. The new facility is also equipped with a Pulmonary Suite and Rhinoscopy Suite.

2007 Annual Dinner

The 2007 Sheldon Society Annual Dinner was held in beautiful San Diego, California, at **Dussani's**. The event was attended by over 50 members, spouses, and invited guests, who enjoyed a wonderful meal and warm fellowship.

2008 AAAAI Annual Dinner

The 2008 John M. Sheldon Society Annual Dinner Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the annual AAAAI meeting. The event will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2008 at Joe Pesce Restaurant, 1113 Walnut Street. The evening will begin with a reception from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner to follow and Guest Speaker, Andrew H. Liu, M.D., will present "Highlights of the Recent Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma.** 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.**

TRAINING PROGRAM

Program Director Announcement

In September, 2007, Dr. James R. Baker, Jr., appointed James L. Baldwin, M.D., Program Director for the Fellowship Program. Dr. Baldwin has been the Co-director of the program for the past 9 years. Dr. Cem Akin was selected as Co-director of the program. We would like to thank Dr. Baker for his leadership and dedication over the past 15 years. Congratulations to James L. Baldwin, M.D., and Cem Akin, M.D., Ph.D.

New Fellows - The Training Program's incoming fellows are Drs. Darlene Kassab and Anna Kovalszki. Dr. Kassab received her medical degree in 2003 from Wayne State University and completed her residency in Internal Medicine – Pediatrics at the University of Michigan in June, 2007. Dr. Kovalszki received her medical degree in 2003 from the University of Michigan and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Tufts – New England Medical Center in June, 2007. Both fellows will complete their A/I training in June, 2009. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Kovalszki was selected to present a poster at the 2007 ACAAI Annual Meeting held in Dallas. Dr. Kassab was selected to present at the 2008 ACAAI in Philadelphia.



Anna Kovalszki (left) and Darlene Kassab (right)

Second-year Fellows - Dr. Matthew Greenhawt, a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, and Dr. Miguel Wolbert, a graduate of the University of Michigan, are scheduled to complete their A/I training on June 30, 2008. We are also pleased to announce that Drs. Greenhawt and Wolbert were also selected to present their research at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Dallas and the ACAAI in Philadelphia.



Matthew Greenhawt



Miguel Wolbert

2007 Graduates - Drs. Susan Hungness and Robert Keeton, Jr., successfully completed their training in June 2007. Dr. Hungness joined a private practice in North Carolina, and Dr. Keeton is completing a fellowship in Sleep Medicine at the University of Michigan. Dr. Hungness and Dr. Keeton presented their research at the ACAAI Annual Meeting held in February, 2007.

Congratulations to both Dr. Hungness and Dr. Keeton on passing their boards!



Susan Hungness



Robert Keeton

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 continue to apply for supplemental funds from many resources to maintain the program. Any support we can obtain from Sheldon members is always welcome.

MEMBER NEWS

Dr. James McLean, a founding member of the John M. Sheldon Society, passed away on December 5, 2007, in Pinehurst, NC. Many of you may remember that Dr. McLean was one of the first Allergy Division clinical faculty members. Dr. McLean remained active in the Sheldon Society and kept close contact with many members.

Dr. Donald Youll

We received notification from Mrs. Marilyn Youll that Dr. Youll passed away on January 24, 2008. Mrs. Youll noted "he would wish well to the society as he felt honored to have been accepted in the fellowship program". Dr. Youll was a Sheldon Member since 1963.

Dr. Benjamin Stone

We also received notification that Dr. Stone has passed away.

Karen Wosczyzna, R.N.,

Sadly, we report that Karen Wosczyzna, R.N., passed away this past January after a long battle with cancer. For the past 14 years, she was the head nurse of the Allergy Clinic at the University of Michigan Health Service. Karen was great to work with. Among her many fine attributes, she understood well the need to work and function as a team. She was always eager and willing to train fellows, and her many innovative ideas helped the clinic function more efficiently. She will truly and greatly be missed.

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 Gary Dettling. Gary 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 Gary at (734) 998-6071.

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

Reminder – If you haven't submitted your dues for 2008, please complete the enclosed response form and return it along with your annual dues payment of \$100. ****Dues are optional for retired members.***

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) 232-2154 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Best wishes,



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