Dear Sheldon Society Members:

Below are the highlights and information regarding the Society, Division, Endowment and our activities.

Dr. James Baldwin was appointed Division Chief on December 1, 2014. Dr. Baptist was named Associate Division Chief for Allergy research and Dr. McMorris is the Clinical Service Chief.

The Division continues to expand its clinical, research and educational activities and is actively recruiting research and clinical faculty. All CVs should be forwarded to Dr. Baldwin.

Clinically, the Division is looking to expand in the next 24-36 months in 2 brand new multispecialty facilities: West Ann Arbor (opening fall 2017) and Brighton (opening fall 2018)

Welcome

Rajan Ravikumar, M.D.
who joined the faculty of the Division of Allergy in July of 2015. His clinical interests are allergic rhinitis, seasonal allergies, hay fever, anaphylaxis, hives, angioedema, asthma, drug allergies, immune deficiencies, nasal polyposis, chronic sinusitis and food allergy.

Farewell

…Matthew Greenhawt, M.D. relocated to Colorado, October, 2015.

…Laura Howe, M.D. relocated to her hometown of Traverse City, Michigan.

Congratulations

Dr. Georgiana Sanders (2015) was inducted into the Department of Internal Medicine Clinical Excellence Society named Academiae Laureati Medici. The Clinical Excellence Society recognizes in an ongoing fashion those faculty who, by their peers and their division, exude and demonstrate clinical excellence towards their patients and colleagues. For more information, please visit the Clinical Excellence Society Website: http://www.med.umich.edu/intmed/ces/

Dr. Marc McMorris (2013) and Dr. James Baldwin (2014) are also members.

Endowment

The Endowment continues to partially fund one fellowship position. We truly appreciate the dedication and generosity of our alumni to make this possible. However, in order to fully fund a fellowship position, we need your help to reach the goal of a $1.8 million endowment base in order to fully fund a fellowship position. At the end of last year we rolled out a competition among alumni split by Michigan residents (Blue team led by Dr. Alan Baptist) and non-Michigan residents (Maize team led by Dr. Travis Miller) to see which group could raise the most funds for the endowment. As of January 11, 2016, $63,650 has been raised by both teams with the Blue Team continuing their lead! More information on how you can help can be found on page 4.

2016 AAAAI Annual Dinner

The 77th John M. Sheldon Society Annual Dinner Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, CA during the annual AAAAI meeting, on Saturday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Palm Restaurant.

2015 AAAAI Annual Dinner

The 76th John M. Sheldon Society Annual Dinner Meeting was held in Houston, TX during the annual AAAAI meeting, on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at McCormick and Schmick’s.

The 6th Annual Brainiac Competition was won by Dr. Hal Nelson!

Allergy Specialty Clinic & Food Allergy Clinic

The Food Allergy Clinical Service (FACS) is progressing into its eleventh year with Marc McMorris, M.D., as Director and Nancy Polmear-Swendris, MS, RN as Food Allergy Clinical Program Coordinator. Elizabeth Hudson, MPH, RD continues to assist our patients/families with their nutritional needs. Georgiana (Gigi) Sanders was named the Director of Clinical Research at the Mary H. Weiser Food Allergy Research Center. Erin Pianelli Lohrum, BSN, RN transitioned into a new role as the Food Allergy Research Nurse in the Allergy division. Dr. Sanders will soon be starting a clinical trial: Peanut Allergy Oral Immunotherapy Study of AR101 for Desensitization in Children and Adults (the PALISADE Study). We are one of 50 sites participating internationally. In November, The University of Michigan Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology was selected as a FARE Clinical Network Center of Excellence. There are currently 25 members.
The 2015 Bernard Gold Memorial Outstanding Clinical Educator Award

Dr. Razi Rafeeq was the recipient of the 1st Bi-Annual Bernard Gold Memorial Outstanding Clinical Educator Award. Dr. Rafeeq is an outstanding clinician educator and was recognized for his contributions to the University of Michigan Allergy Fellows clinical educational development.

RESEARCH

Dr. Alan Baptist continues to work on a 4 year NIH-DHHS-US-13-PAF00523 R01 grant with the project title of "A Self-Regulation Intervention for Older Adults with Asthma".

2015 AAAAI – Fellow and Faculty Presentations

Marilyn R Karam, MD (2nd year fellow), Todd David Green, MD FAAAAAI, Matthew J. Greenhawt, MD MBA MSc
Abstract Title: Food Allergy, Prevalence, Knowledge and Behavioral Trends Among College Students- a 5-Year Comparison

Georgiana M. Sanders, MD MS FAAAAAI, Kiela Samuels, PharmD, Christine L. Holland, MD, Marilyn R Karam, MD (2nd year fellow)
Abstract Title: Characterization of Allergen Immunotherapy at "Big 10" University Health Services

Claire E. Ward, MD (2nd year fellow), Alan P. Baptist, MD MPH FAAAAAI
Abstract Title: Characteristics of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Use Among Older Adults with Asthma

Christopher E. Couch, MD (1st year fellow)
Oral Presentation: Electronic Asthma Self-Management Program Can Improve Asthma Control and Quality of Life in Young, African Americans

Alan P. Baptist, MD MPH FAAAAAI
Decreasing Health Disparities in Asthma: Can Technology Make a Difference?

Christine L. Holland, MD
Oral Presentation: Impact of Allergen Immunotherapy Labeling and Dosing Diversity at the “Big 10” Universities' Health Services

Alan P. Baptist, MD MPH FAAAAAI
Allergy and Asthma Medication Use in Older Adults

Matthew Greenhawt, MD, MBA, MSc/Jonathan O. Hourihane, MD FAAAAAI
International Consensus Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management of Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome

Matthew Greenhawt, MD, MBA, MSc/J. Andrew Bird, MD FAAAAAI
Trends in Provider Management of Patients with Food Protein Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome

Matthew Greenhawt, MD, MBA, MSc/Audrey Dunn
Assessment of Self-Efficacy in Food Protein Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome

2016 AAAAI – Fellow and Faculty Presentations

Christopher E. Couch, MD (2nd year fellow); Timothy J. Franhman, MD; Matthew J. Greenhawt, MD, MBA, MSc. Abstract Title: Characteristics of Tree Nut Challenges in Tree Nut Allergic and Tree Nut Sensitized Individuals

Pooja Oza, MD (2nd year fellow); Minal R. Patel, PhD, MPH, Alan P. Baptist, MD, MPH, FAAAAI. Abstract Title: Influence of Depression on Asthma Outcomes in Older Adults – Results from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (2007-2012)

Ogechukwu Ndum, MD (1st year fellow); Kiela Samuels, PharmD, Georgiana M. Sanders, MD, Christine L. Holland, MD. Abstract Title: Aspirin Desensitization in Two Patients with Refractory Urticaria, Positive Chronic Urticaria Index, and Elevated Mast Cell Mediators

Charles F. Schuler IV, MD; James L. Baldwin, MD, Alan P. Baptist, MPH, FAAAAI. Abstract Title: Reaction Doses for Aspirin-Exacerbated Respiratory Disease.

Alan P. Baptist, MD MPH FAAAAI
Asthma in the Older Adult Seminar

Alan P. Baptist, MD MPH FAAAAI - Moderator
When Writing a Script Just Isn’t Enough: Strategies to Overcome Barriers Associated with Poor Asthma Control in Older Adults

Faculty and Fellow - Recent Publications


**TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Program Director Announcements**

On July 1, 2015, Jenny Montejo, MD replaced Laura Howe, M.D. as Associate Program Director for the fellowship program.

Thank you Dr. Howe for your commitment to the fellowship program.

Dr. Howe was promoted to Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and will continue to be involved with the fellowship training program.

**2015 First-year Fellows**

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The Training Program’s 1st year fellows are Gregory Bennett and Ogechukwu Ndum.

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**Dr. Ogechukwu Ndum**

Dr. Bennett received his medical degree in 2012 from Ohio University, College Of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency in Pediatrics at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in 2015.

Dr. Ndum received her medical degree in 2012 from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University Hospitals - Case Medical Center in 2015.

**2015 Second-year Fellows**

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**Dr. Christopher Couch**  
The Training Program’s 2nd year fellows are Christopher Couch and Pooja Oza.

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**Dr. Pooja Oza**

Dr. Couch received his medical degree in 2011 from the University of Arizona College of Medicine and completed his residency in Pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in 2014.

Dr. Oza received her medical degree in 2011 from Rush Medical College of Rush University and completed her residency in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital at University of Illinois in 2014.
Drs. Marilyn Karam and Claire Ward successfully completed their training in June 2015. Dr. Karam is practicing at the American University of Beirut Medical Center, Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Ward is currently living in Boston where her husband is completing an orthopedic fellowship. She plans to return to Michigan to private practice.

MEMBER NEWS
If you have updates, information or news from our fellows, please don’t hesitate to submit an update to us. We’d love to hear from you!

DUES & CONTRIBUTION RESPONSE FORM
If you haven’t submitted your dues for 2016, please visit The John M. Sheldon Allergy Society website and return your information form along with your annual dues payment of $200.

*Dues are optional for retired members.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE
We continue to make progress towards our goal of building an endowment large enough to fully fund a fellowship position independent of any hospital or departmental support. The Endowed Fellowship Fund was established 17 years ago and with the generous contributions of many of our members has grown steadily. We continue to move closer to the day where we can fully fund a fellowship position, but have a long way yet to go and we can only reach this goal through the continued support of our membership. Please keep this giving opportunity in mind as you consider the many worthwhile causes that vie for your attention.

Gifts – You can help make a difference in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology by making a cash gift, a pledge, a planned gift or a bequest. Planned gifts, like a charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity, provide 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.

Endowed Gifts – An endowed gift is a gift that will forever support the division. An endowed fund lives in perpetuity at the University and every year the fund distributes generated interest to support the division. These funds will help fellows complete their fellowship program year after year.

If you are interested in making a gift, establishing your own endowed fund or if you would like to discuss different ways of supporting the division, please contact our development partner Andrea LaFave. Andrea is available at your convenience to assist you with making a gift and discussing your interest in supporting the division. For more information, please contact Andrea at (734) 763-6173 or at ajlafave@umich.edu. For details on these programs and others, please visit the Office of Medical Development and Alumni Relation’s website at: http://med.umich.edu/intmed/about/make.htm

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 contact me: (916) 736-6644 work or (916) 770-7080 mobile or tmiller@sacent.com

Or you may contact Echo Reed in the Allergy Division if you have any questions or need assistance at (734) 232-2154 or echoreed@umich.edu.

Best wishes,