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Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:

Effective July 1, 2013, the University of Florida's insurance plan for Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be provided as part of GatorCare, the University's new self-insured health plan. The name of the plan is GatorCare Options. To view a plan brochure for GatorCare Options, please visit http://gatorcare.org/options_g.asp. For further details about GatorCare in general, please visit <http://gatorcare.org>.

Beginning July 1, 2013, newly hired Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be able to complete their GatorCare Options enrollment via the myUFL system. Detailed instructions on how to enroll can be found on the attachment.

Important deadlines:

- New hires must complete enrollment within 60 days of hire.
- Qualifying event changes must be completed within 60 days of the event.
- Open enrollment elections must be completed prior to the end of open enrollment.

If you have questions about enrollment or eligibility, please contact HRS's GA and

Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at hrrpostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

- [All Inclusive Guide](#) (.pdf)
- [Information from InfoGator](#) (.pdf)

Please note that GatorCare is not available to Adjunct Post Docs or Adjunct Clinical Post Docs.

New Postdoc Orientation: Sept. 24

New Postdoc Orientation will be on September 24, 2013 in Emerson Alumni Hall from 8am-2pm. New Postdocs have been invited to the Orientation, and Registration is now open to all postdocs who wish to attend. Please register here by September 1: <http://npo2013.eventbrite.com/>

More information: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/npo>

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Postdoc Workshop: Friday, August 23, noon

Postdoc Development Workshop: How to Plan Your Post-Postdoc

Friday, August 23, 2013, noon-2pm, McKnight Brain Institute Conference Room (LG100 A/B)

Presentation by:

- Ben Dunn, Director HHMI program and Distinguished Professor
- Thierry Dubroca, Workshop Chair, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Topics:

- Career/Job Options After Your Postdoc
- Individual Development Plan (IDP)
- Mentoring and Evaluation

Light lunch will be provided.

- [Workshop Flyer - Landscape](#) (.pdf)
- [Workshop Flyer - Portrait](#) (.pdf)

Postdoc Social: Thursday, August 22

Postdoc Social on Thursday, August 22 at Blue Gill Restaurant at 7:30pm.

Florida Genetics 2013

The University of Florida Genetics Institute will host its ninth annual symposium, Florida Genetics 2013, October 9-10, at the Cancer/Genetics Research Complex. The program will include distinguished guest speakers and UF faculty presenting on important topics of contemporary genetics research, as well as two poster sessions, a reception, and an art exhibition.

Deadline for poster abstracts: Monday, September 9.

Post-doctoral associates and students who are both first authors and poster presenters will be eligible for the Best Poster Award competitions.

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate. Information on the conference, online registration, and poster abstract submission will be available at <http://ufgi.ufl.edu/> in mid-August.

Sessions and speakers include:

Translation of Discovery

William E. Evans, PharmD (keynote), Director and CEO, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Elaine A. Ostrander, PhD, Chief and NIH Distinguished Investigator, Cancer Genetics Branch, NIH

Gary F. Peter, PhD, Professor, Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida

Evolutionary/Population Genomics

Michael Lynch, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Biology, Indiana University

Michael M. Miyamoto, PhD, Professor, Biology, University of Florida

Gunter P. Wagner, PhD, Alison Richard Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University

Stuart F. McDaniel, PhD, Assistant Professor, Biology, University of Florida

Metabolomics

Gerard Karsenty, MD, PhD, Professor and Chair, Genetics and Development, Columbia University Medical Center

Arthur S. Edison, PhD, Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Florida

Clint Chapple, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry, Purdue University

Alisa Huffaker, PhD (invited), Research Molecular Biologist, Agricultural Research Service, USDA

FG2013 is sponsored by the University of Florida Genetics Institute and a number of partners, including the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology; the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research; the Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine; the Center for Pharmacogenomics; the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute; the Center for Epigenetics; the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station; the Emerging Pathogens Institute; the Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology Graduate Program; the Health Science Center Libraries; and the Graduate Program in Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology.

We look forward to welcoming you in October to FG2013!

FG2013 Organizing Committee:

Michele Tennant, Chair

Charlie Baer

Chris Chase

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Marty Cohn

John Davis

Julie Johnson

Tom Yang

Submitted by Michele Tennant, Health Science Center Libraries

Startup Quest™ Introductory Workshop

Startup Quest™ is an innovative entrepreneurship training program for unemployed or underemployed degree-holding professionals. Participants develop business plans for simulated companies based on real technologies under the guidance of successful entrepreneurial mentors. Each team is matched with a technology generated by a Florida university, federal lab or NASA.

FloridaWorks is currently accepting applications for the 2013 Startup Quest™ program. There will be an Introductory Workshop on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at the Gainesville Country Club, 7500 SW 35th Way. Attendees can learn more about the program, review eligibility requirements and hear from past participants and mentors.

More information: <http://www.floridaworksonline.com/programs/startup-quest>

Bioinformatics Workshops at the HSC Library

Introduction to Genome Browsers

10/9/2013, 12:00-1:00pm

Location: HSC Library, Communicore Bldg, Room C2-3 (computer classroom)

Topic: Bioinformatics tools

In this workshop we will learn how to navigate the genome browsers from NCBI Genome Workbench, Map viewer, the UCSC Genome Browser, and the Ensembl genome browser. These browsers are valuable tools when identifying, localizing genes, and looking at their information in the genomic context. By using concrete examples, it will be shown how to navigate the interface, locate a human gene, download a gene sequence and its upstream sequence, locate Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) and conserved regions, and use the browsers to download results in a batch.

Please notice that although open to all UF, seating is limited- register here:

http://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=688

Cancer Gene Discovery Using Oncomine (from Compendia Bioscience)

8/28/2013, 1:00-2:00pm

Location: HSC Library, Communicore Bldg, Room C2-41C

Topic: Bioinformatics tools

This demo session will provide a general understanding of the Oncomine application and underlying data.

- Determine the expression profile of a gene (or multiple genes) across 41 cancer types
- Using Meta-analysis, look for consistency across multiple independent experiments
- Easily identify gene expression patterns in a cancer type/subtype or clinical parameter (e.g. ER- vs. ER+ breast cancer, treatment response, drug sensitivity)
- Case study of target discovery and association with cancer subtypes

With the Oncomine Gene Browser

- Characterize your gene across gene expression, DNA copy number and mutation data from thousands of cancer patient genomes through a simple, dynamic web portal.

Please notice that although open to all UF, seating is limited- register here:

https://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=742

Submitted by Rolando Milian, Health Sciences Center Library

Fourth Annual Spotlight on Aging Research

Monday, Sept. 9, Clinical and Translational Research Building, 2004 Mowry Road

- 3-4pm Opening Remarks and Oral Presentations, Rm. 2161
- 4-6pm Poster presentations and refreshments, CTRB lobby

Remarks:

- Marco Pahor, M.D., Director, UF Institute on Aging, Chair, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research
- Roger Fillingim, Ph.D., UF Pain Research and Intervention, Center of Excellence
- Ronald Cohen, Ph.D., Director, Cognitive Aging and Memory, Clinical Translational Research Program

Special Presentations:

- *Oxytocin and Socioemotional Aging*, Natalie Ebner, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
- *Unique Responses of the Elderly to Sepsis and Trauma*, Philip Efron, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

[Event Flyer](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Christy Carter, UF Institute on Aging

How Researchers Network

From Nature Jobs:

Researchers rely heavily on networking at conferences and seminars and make little use of personal introductions, online social networking or proactive self-promotion...

Complete Article: <http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2012/04/17/how-researchers-network>

The OM Paper vs. Drinkel's PhD Thesis

As part of our investigation into the controversial paper published by Reto Dorta and coworkers in *Organometallics*, ChemBark contacted a source in Europe who was able to obtain a copy of the Ph.D. dissertation of the first-author of the paper, Dr. Emma Drinkel. Chapter 4 of the thesis carries the title "Synthesis, Structure and Catalytic Studies of Novel Palladium and Platinum Bissulfoxide Complexes", and the chapter appears to describe the vast majority of the work reported in the publication in *Organometallics*.

Entire blog article: <http://blog.chembark.com/2013/08/09/the-om-paper-vs-drinkels-phd-thesis/>

Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](#) for University of Florida postdocs as well as the LinkedIn group: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Gainesville-Postdocs-4479251?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr%20

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Reminder: FREE Affiliate NPA Membership

If you did not receive your invitation to join the National Postdoctoral Association or if your invitation has expired and you need to be sent a refreshed invitation, please [contact Kim Pace](#) to receive an invitation.

[More information.](#)

Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: Postdoc Info Listserv

Want to receive e-mail prompts prior to postdoc events like the [Postdoc Development Workshops](#) and other postdoc events?

A listserv has been created for postdocs to receive reminders for upcoming postdoc events. Please e-mail Kim Pace (kpace@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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