



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

**Internal interactions newsletter.** My purpose in creating this monthly newsletter is to enhance communications between NIDDK-funded investigators from U54s, P20s, and K12s working in the area of benign urology, facilitate sharing of knowledge and accomplishments, and provide timely and relevant research-related news, announcements, and updates. – Kristina (Kris) Penniston, PhD

**MISSION STATEMENT**

As a collaborative network of transdisciplinary research centers, investigators within the CAIRIBU community consortium will **foster collaboration across multiple basic science and clinical disciplines to identify and address gaps in knowledge related to the biology, physiology, biochemistry, genomics, genetics, and metabolism of benign urologic diseases.** Our overarching goals are to (1) **support the next generation of urologic researchers** by providing meaningful education and mentoring; (2) **enhance knowledge of mechanisms** associated with normal development, function, and disease pathology related to the urinary tract, kidney, and prostate; (3) **cultivate new research tools and ideas** by expanding the collaborative network within and outside of the traditional urologic research field; and (4) use the knowledge and tools generated from our collaborative work to **reduce the burden of benign urologic illness and disability** by developing and testing new therapies to effectively treat, manage, and prevent these diseases. TRIBU aims to create a transdisciplinary infrastructure to promote benign urologic research collaborations – including those that integrate social, behavioral, and biological sciences – encourage and embrace new investigators into the field, train and mentor the next generation of benign urologic basic scientists and clinician scientists, and develop and share resources and new tools to enhance urology research.

**MEETINGS & OTHER REMINDERS**

- April 11-12 **UW-Madison O'Brien Center Spring Symposium** (flyer attached), *"Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Fibrosis"* (Madison, WI)
- April 26 **Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Research Day 2019** (flyer attached), *"Microbiome Sciences Impact on Urology" and Individualizing Urologic Care with Data Science and Predictive Analytics"* (Durham, NC)
- May 3-6 **AUA annual meeting** (Chicago, IL)
  - May 3 - SUFU at AUA 2019
  - May 4 - SBUR at AUA 2019
  - May 6 - ROCK Society at AUA 2019
- May 9 CAIRIBU meeting planning** via Webex, 4:00 PM EASTERN. Pls and project leaders from all CAIRIBU programs participate; 4 trainees were selected to join us starting at this meeting
- June 7 O'Brien Centers (U54) External Expert Panel meeting** (Bethesda, MD)
- June 11 **University of Pittsburgh O'Brien Center Symposium** (Pittsburgh, PA)
- July 11-12 **University of Alabama-Birmingham P20 Center Symposium**, *"Obesity and Kidney Stone Risk"* (Birmingham, AL)
- June 13 O'Brien Centers Steering Committee meeting** via Webex, 4:00 PM EASTERN
- Oct 29-Nov 2 **World Congress of Endourology meeting** (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- Nov 7-11 **SBUR annual meeting** (New Orleans, LA)
- Dec 4-6 CAIRIBU annual meeting** (Kansas City Marriott Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO)

**NIDDK EVENTS**

**May 19-21 "Think Tank" on Neuroscience in Urology** (flyer attached)

- CAIRIBU-affiliated participants:
  - Mark Nelson (O'Brien Centers EEP chairman)
  - Sanjay Jain (Washington University P20 Program)
- NIDDK Program contact: Deborah Hoshizaki
- Registration deadline is May 5
- Register at <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/news/meetings-workshops/2019/neuroscience-in-urology-think-tank>

**October 7-8 "Uncovering the Hidden Burden of Benign Genitourinary Conditions"**

- NIDDK Program contact: Tamara Bavendam
- Registration deadline is September 27
- Register at <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/news/meetings-workshops/2019/uncovering-the-hidden-burden-of-benign-genitourinary-conditions>

**2019 CAIRIBU MEETING UPDATES**

We will have 2 excellent keynote lectures at this year's meeting: **William C. de Groat, PhD** (University of Pittsburgh) and **Betsy Rolland, PhD, MPH, MLIS** (University of Wisconsin-Madison). Details about their lectures are forthcoming.

**REMEMBER THESE SCHEDULED WEBEX MEETINGS...**

- **CAIRIBU Community Leaders (CCL) mtgs**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of odd-numbered months, 4pm EST
- **O'Brien Centers Steering Committee (SC) mtgs**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of even-numbered months, 4pm EST



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