



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

Internal interactions newsletter. My purpose for 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

- May 3-6 **AUA annual meeting** (Chicago, IL)
 May 2 - Informal get-together at Vu Rooftop Bar
 (see next column for details...)
- May 3 - SUFU at AUA 2019
 May 4 - SBUR at AUA 2019
 May 5 - Basic Sciences Symposium
 May 6 - ROCK Society at AUA 2019
- May 9 CAIRIBU meeting planning** via Webex,
 4:00 PM EASTERN. PIs and project leaders
 from all CAIRIBU programs participate; 4
 trainees were selected to join us starting at
 this meeting
- May 19-21 **NIDDK think tank** "Neuroscience in Urology"
- June 7 O'Brien Centers (U54) External Expert
 Panel meeting** – VIA WEB CONNECTION
- 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 7-8 **NIDDK workshop, "Uncovering the Hidden
 Burden of Benign Genitourinary Conditions"**
- 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)

EVENTS AT AUA 2019 FEATURING CAIRIBU INVESTIGATORS

Thurs., May 2, 7:30 p.m. until ???

CAIRIBU get-together with **Kris** and **Tamara** at the
Vu Rooftop Bar, 22nd floor of Hilton Garden Inn
 Chicago McCormick Place (133 E. Cermak Rd.)

Sat., May 4, 4:00 p.m.

Trainees invited to **meet with Tamara** after SBUR
 meeting to discuss 2019 CAIRIBU meeting (meet
 outside SBUR room)

Sun., May 5, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**Basic Sciences Symposium: Social (and Antisocial)
 Cell Signaling Network in the Urinary Tract**
 - Features: **Simon Hayward** (Northshore P20); **Jill
 Macoska**, **Teresa Liu**, **Chad Vezina**, **Will Ricke**
 (UW-Madison/UMass Boston U54); and **Doug
 Strand** (UTSW; UW-Madison U54 collaborator)

Sun, May 5, 1-5:00 p.m.

Society for the Study of Male Reproduction
 - Features lecture by **Dolores Lamb** (K12 Cornell)

Sun., May 5, 1:30-1:45 p.m.

**State-of-the-art plenary lecture, "Precision Medicine
 in Benign Urology,"** **Quentin Clemens** (K12
 UMichigan)

Sun., May 5, 3-5:00 p.m.

Research forum II: Early-career investigators
 - Features **Nathan Tycocki** (Michigan State Univ)

Mon., May 6, 7:30-7:45 a.m.

SBUR highlights by **Dolores Lamb** (K12 Cornell)

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**Research on Calculus Kinetics (ROCK) Society
 symposium**
 - Features **Dean Assimos** and **Kyle Wood** (UAB
 P20); **Tom Chi** (UCSF P20); and **Kris Penniston**
 (CAIRIBU Interactions)



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