



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology - Internal Interactions Newsletter. This monthly newsletter is aimed at enhancing communications between NIDDK-funded investigators from U54s, P20s, and K12s working in the area of benign urology, facilitating sharing of knowledge and accomplishments, and providing timely and relevant research-related news, announcements, and updates.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a collaborative network of transdisciplinary research centers, investigators within the CAIRIBU community 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. CAIRIBU 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.

CAIRIBU AWARD NEWS

Building Collaborations...

Livianna Myklebust (*center in photo*) was a student in the **Summer Program for Undergraduate Urological Research (SPURR)**, the student enrichment program of the University of Wisconsin-Madison U54 O'Brien Center. She received a **CAIRIBU Research Training and Development Award** to spend 2 weeks this summer at the **University of Pittsburgh U54 O'Brien Center**. While there, she learned a wholemount prostate clearing method in Dr. Alan Watson's lab which she brought back to the UW-Madison O'Brien Center to train others. Additionally, she provided Dr. Don DeFranco with training on a multiplex staining technique for human tissue slides, a technique she learned while in the UW-Madison O'Brien Center SPURR program.



****ATTENTION: If you are presenting a poster at SBUR, please send title & authors to Kris. We'd like to cite CAIRIBU research during Saturday's O'Brien Center panel.**

Academic CONNECTIONS COLLABORATION CROSS-POLLINATION

Has your Center developed research resources (protocols, techniques, metadata, videos, tutorials, podcasts, etc)? Send to Kris for posting on CAIRIBU website.

MEETINGS & OTHER REMINDERS

- Aug 29 [NorthShore University HealthSystem & Purdue University P20 Center Symposium](#), "Leukocyte Phenotypes Associated with BPH"
- Sept 3 **Registration for CAIRIBU meeting goes "live" (watch email for further details)**
- Sept 12 **CAIRIBU Webex meeting 4PM EASTERN**
- Oct 3 **ABSTRACT DEADLINE for SUFU 2020**
- Oct 7-8 [NIDDK workshop](#), "Uncovering the Hidden Burden of Benign Genitourinary Conditions" (NIH HQ in Bethesda, MD)
- Oct 10 **O'Brien Centers Steering Committee meeting via Webex, 4:00 PM EASTERN**
- Oct 25 [Columbia U54 O'Brien Center symposium](#), "The Microbiome of the Urogenital Tract and Its Immune Defense" – **More info soon...**
- Oct 29-Nov 2 [World Congress of Endourology](#), annual meeting (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- Nov 1 **ABSTRACT DEADLINE for 2020 AUA**
- Nov 7 **CAIRIBU "pre-meeting" at SBUR???**
- Nov 7-11 [SBUR](#), 2019 annual meeting (New Orleans)
- Nov 14 **CAIRIBU Webex meeting, 4PM EASTERN**
- Dec 4-6 [CAIRIBU annual meeting](#) (Kansas City Marriott Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO)
- Dec 6-7 **Stone Lab Scientific Symposium**, joint effort of the AUA and the Endourological Society (AUA HQ, Linthicum, MD)
- Feb 25-29 [SUFU](#), 2020 winter meeting (Scottsdale, AZ)
- Apr 24-25 [ROCK Society](#) annual mtg (Birmingham, AL)

UPCOMING CAIRIBU SYMPOSIA

- August 29, 2019, Evanston, IL **NorthShore University HealthSystem P20 Center symposium** "Leukocyte phenotypes associated with BPH"
 - October 25, 2019, New York, NY **University U54 O'Brien Center symposium** "The microbiome of the urogenital tract and its immune defense"
- Travel awards for early investigators and students are available; more details at <https://niddkcairibu.urology.wisc.edu/>**

Duke KURE Program Invites LOIs for New K Scholars

Qualified clinical, translational, and basic science researchers with an interest in benign urological diseases may apply to the **Duke Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research Career Development Program**. The KURE is open to all types of disciplines, clinicians, and non-clinicians with doctoral degrees interested in pursuing a research career in benign urology. **KURE scholars will receive mentoring and salary support up to \$100,000 per year** for up to 5 years as well as up to \$40,000 to support research related activities, supplies, equipment, technical personnel, tuition for didactic or career development courses, and travel to research meetings. **Click here for more information about letters of intent.** Submit your letter early; you will receive notification when to submit a full application. Contact Cindy.Amundsen@duke.edu or Friederike.Jayes@duke.edu



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