Message from the Program Director

Dear Students and Faculty,

I hope this message finds you all well and busy with your research endeavors. I would like to bring to your attention an upcoming event that I believe will be of interest to many of you.

Seminars and Meetings of Interest

- **March 26**
  - [55th Annual Drosophila Research Conference](#)
    - Location: University of California Berkeley
    - Presenter: Mike Levine

- **February 26, 2014**
  - [Transcriptional precision in the Drosophila embryo and evolutionary origins of the vertebrate head](#)
    - Location: PGCR Auditorium
    - Presenter: Mont

- **February 10, 2014**
  - [The TCR ligand](#)
    - Location: Pflücker JC, Izon DJ (2013)

- **Jan 1;385(1):52**
  - [Dynamin is required for maintenance of enveloping cytoplasmic vesicle (ECV) coat](#)
    - Location: Smeets MF, Mackenzie

This list is not exhaustive, and I encourage you to check the program’s website for a complete listing of upcoming events.

I would also like to inform you that the Collaborative Program is now accepting new students. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please visit the program’s website for more information.

In closing, I’d like to wish you all a productive and successful year ahead. If you have any questions or ideas for future events, please feel free to reach out to me.

Cheers,

Julie Brill

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**People Matters**

Welcome to the following students who have recently joined our program:
- Michael Pryszlak
- Vivian Cheung
- Zhonghui Fei
- Emily Yu
- Xinwen He
- Vivian Chung
- Ko Currie

Congratulations to the following students who have graduated from the CPDB:
- Michael Pryszlak
- Vivian Cheung
- Zhonghui Fei
- Emily Yu
- Xinwen He
- Vivian Chung
- Ko Currie

Thank you to all who participated in the CPDB Mini Symposium, which was held in the afternoon of Thursday, January 31 and was followed by a social event at Einstein’s Pub. Excellent talks were given by three program PIs: Julie Claycomb, Sue Varmuza and Peter Roy, and three postdocs/graduates:
- Katherine Wright, PhD (Claycomb lab)
- Michael Pryszlak (Pearson lab)
- Xinwen He (Claycomb lab)

A reminder that the Annual CPDB Retreat will be held at The Old Mill on Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

Please mark the date in your calendars!

Many of you have participated in the CPDB Student Forum, which was held last spring. This year, the forum will be held on April 9th, and we anticipate a lively discussion of issues facing CPDB students. Your student reps will update you on the location and time of the meeting. Be prepared to come with questions and ideas for the program.

I hope this message has been informative. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas you may have.

Best regards,

Julie Brill