



## From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to the SUMMER edition of the Fellows and Young Investigators Newsletter. In this issue, we introduce the newly elected Executive Officers for 2011-12 and provide a snippet of the major roles of the FYI Steering Committee at the CCR. We also have several enlightening interviews with past Steering Committee members who have recently moved on to exciting careers following their training at the CCR. For those who were unable to attend, we provide a brief synopsis of the 4th Annual NIH Career Symposium. We also extend our congratulations to winners of the Fort Detrick Spring Research Festival Symposium and to CCR fellows who recently received FARE awards. Stay cool and enjoy!

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# CCR-FYI News

## Letter from the Chair

Shortly after the annual CCR-Fellows and Young Investigators (FYI) Colloquium, the FYI Steering Committee (SC) elects new officers to lead the group during the following year. The new officers for the 2011-12 term are: Chair, Miranda Hanson; Vice-chair (Bethesda), Kristin Fabre; Vice-chair (Frederick), Alyson Freeman; and Secretary, Majda Haznadar. With the support of the CCR Office of Training and Education and its director, Jonathan Wiest, the committee's mission is to support, advocate for, and represent the interests of NCI fellows and young investigators in all aspects of their professional research training and career development.

### Subcommittees

In order to effectively fulfill its mission, the committee is composed of four major subcommittees: Scientific, By-laws, Community Life, and Retreat. Shortly after joining the SC, members choose to serve on at least one of these subcommittees. The Scientific Subcommittee, chaired by Nadia Castro, oversees both the Bethesda Presentation and Seminar Skills (PASS) series and the Frederick Postdoc Seminar Series (FPSS), establishes and maintains clinical collaborations, and communicates the results of the Annual Scientific Survey to the CCR administration and trainees. The Bylaws Subcommittee, chaired by Katie Stagliano, ensures that the bylaws of the SC are maintained and updated on a yearly basis. The Community

Life Subcommittee, chaired by Orla Casey, is comprised of seven groups, each contributing to our mission of promoting interaction among CCR fellows on a social and cultural basis. We have members who represent the committee at the NIH Fellows Committee (FELCOM) and the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), as well as having representatives for the graduate student and postbac populations. In order to keep the trainee community informed about current events at the CCR, we write, edit, and distribute a quarterly newsletter. We also maintain a website (<http://ccr.cancer.gov/careers/fellows/default.aspx>), a wiki page (<https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/FYISteering/Home>), and a LinkedIn group. In an effort to introduce new fellows to the CCR-FYI as well as to recruit them to the SC, we send representatives to the Bethesda and Frederick New Employee Orientations to assist the Office of Training and Education. We also organize social events throughout the year for the entire CCR fellow community. The Retreat Subcommittee, co-chaired by Kristin Fabre and Alyson Freeman, is responsible for organizing the annual 3-day offsite colloquium.



2011-12 FYI-SC Executive Officers, From left: Alyson Freeman (Vice-chair, Frederick), Miranda Hanson (Chair), and Kristin Fabre (Vice-chair, Bethesda).



Majda Haznadar (Secretary)

### Getting Involved

As a fellow/young investigator of the CCR, you are already a part of the FYI and can actively participate in events sponsored by the SC, such as presenting at the student seminars, attending the annual colloquium, and contributing articles and/or topic ideas to the newsletter. The NCI-CCR, as well as NIH as a whole, strives to

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provide both research and career training. Although most of any CCR fellow's time is spent in the lab, one's time should not be spent ONLY in the lab. In order to have a successful career, whether it is inside or outside of a lab, it is necessary to have superb leadership, networking, and communication (writing and speaking) skills. The CCR-FYI serves as a valuable resource to hone one's networking and communication abilities, while being an active member of the Steering Committee provides opportunities to assume leadership roles. If you are interested in serving on the SC, feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings, which are held on the last Thursday of the month at 11 am. The meetings are video-conferenced between the Frederick and Bethesda campuses, and will soon include the Gaithersburg campus. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me ([Miranda.Hanson@nih.gov](mailto:Miranda.Hanson@nih.gov); 301-228-4362).

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## Getting a "Real" Job: Former FYI-SC Members Move on After Training

Do you ever wonder what your next step is after you finish your fellowship or training at NCI? This article profiles three former FYI-SC members who have moved on to successful "real jobs" after completing their training here at NCI. Raed Samara, PhD wrapped up his NCI fellowship in the fall of 2010 to accept the position of Scientist in R&D Project Management at QIAGEN in Frederick, MD. Kimberly Shafer-Weaver, PhD left NCI in 2010 and is currently employed as a Staff Scientist and CRADA Manager at NIAID at NIH in Bethesda, MD. Jim Gould, PhD recently departed NCI-Frederick in June 2011. He is now the Director of the Office for Postdoctoral Fellows at Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA.

### **Raed Samara, PhD**

Raed was a member of the FYI-SC from Spring 2008 to Fall 2010. He served in a variety of capacities including as member of the Newsletter and PASS subcommittees, FYI Liaison to the NPA, member of the 2010 Colloquium committee, FYI-SC Secretary, and Chair of the Community Life Committee. He is now working at QIAGEN as a Scientist in Research and Development.

### *What is a typical day like?*

A typical day in R&D project management involves setting up and attending meetings or con-

ference calls, email and phone correspondence, preparing meeting presentations, discussing projects with relevant teams, and dealing with administrative issues. All of these activities are centered around identifying the necessary steps and solving any issues to move a project forward. Every salaried employee here puts in at least 40 hours a week.

### *What kind of projects are you currently working on?*

I am currently involved in several types of projects, which can be divided into three main categories: New Product Development, Product Improvement, and Product Integration. In addition to Project Management, I am also involved in Product Management, which entails monitoring and improving the finan-



Raed Samara, Scientist in Research & Development at Qiagen

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cial performance of products that are already on the market.

*What's most fun/least fun about the job?*

Although they are a necessary part of every job that one takes, especially in a big organization like QIAGEN, I am not a big fan of administrative tasks. What I find to be most fun is the challenges associated with managing New Product Development projects.

*Are you still working on the bench?*

I am not working at the bench anymore, nor do I miss working at the bench. I still have a passion for science though, and I have been fortunate to be working in a research-oriented environment. I am in close contact with many scientists, and we have weekly data meetings and journal club presentations that keep me updated with current scientific research.

*How is your work/life balance?*

Work-life balance is really great here. The culture is pretty flexible when it comes to working hours. Some people start at 6 am, while others start at 10 am. As long as one gets the job done and meets timelines and deadlines, it doesn't matter when the work is performed, which allows a lot of flexibility if someone has to attend to a personal matter. QIAGEN holds several activities throughout the year for employees and their families ranging from a formal winter Gala to a bring-your-kid-to-work day.

*How do you see your career progressing from where you are now?*

The experiences and skills I am building now can open several doors down the road. My goal is to be part of the Business Development department where I can develop strategies for business growth and identify research trends for the company to invest in to keep it ahead of its competitors. Alternatively, I can stay in the R&D Project Management department and move up the ranks, or I can join the Marketing teams to come up with strategies to more effectively reach our customers and make them aware of our products. Additionally, since QIAGEN is a global company, it offers opportunities to re-locate to many geographical locations. I am enjoying my current position, but I have other interests within the company as well. Time will tell where I end up!

*Was it difficult to find a job?*

Building a network of contacts through my involvement in committees made it easy to find a job.

It is known that more than 90% of empty positions get filled through contacts, so knowing someone increases your chances of getting a job, and that is why it is important to build a network of contacts. But building a network might not be enough especially in the economic situation we are in right now. It has to be coupled with self-marketing. In order to effectively use this network to your advantage, you have to market yourself and show employers what you are capable of doing.

This approach has done wonders for me. I was offered two positions at a time when I was not looking for any, and I applied after I was offered initial interviews. Although there are uncertainties surrounding the overall US and global economies, QIAGEN is aggressively hiring at the moment, globally and across all departments. It has four US campuses and is present in 37 countries.

QIAGEN has operations in several research and product areas ranging from basic research to clinical trials, and is seeking expertise in all of these areas.

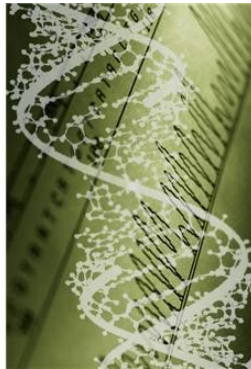
*Would you recommend this career path to others?*

I am extremely happy in my current position and the company, and highly recommend it to others. I am getting exposed to all aspects of operations in a life sciences company: R&D, Sales and Marketing, productions, and manufacturing. This allows me to comprehensively understand what goes on in the business side of science, but forces me to wear multiple hats to get a project from start to close. But to be able to get and excel in a position like this one, I advise others to step outside of their comfort zone and get involved in committees like the CCR FYI Steering Committee to build that extra set of skills.

*Did serving on the FYI steering committee help you develop skill sets that you are using in your current position?*

Being on the steering committee helped me tremendously to build a unique skills set and a network of contacts, two crucial components for landing a job. I wouldn't have known about my current position had it not been for my involvement in this

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committee. Serving on the steering committee helped me build the other skills that are required for this position: team work and effective communication.

**Kim Shafer-Weaver, PhD**

While serving on the FYI-SC, Kim worked on projects on the Scientific Committee and wrote articles for the newsletter. She served on the 2010 Colloquium Subcommittee and was instrumental in coordinating the career fair and survivorship series that year. In her interview below, she describes her new position at NIAID

*What is a typical day like?*

My typical day involves balancing the management of our CRADA partnership work with basic research. I also juggle those responsibilities with mentoring my post-bacs, graduate students and post-docs. Half of my time is spent in the lab and the other is in meetings and facilitating the science in the laboratory away from the bench. I normally work between 40-55 hours per week. It really depends what is going on in the lab.

*What kind of projects are you currently working on?*

I have a nice mix of basic and clinical research with regards to autoimmune diseases. I am currently working on helping to develop novel diagnostic tests for different autoimmune diseases. My other work includes the development of targeted therapies aimed at eliminating only those immune cells that are causing the disease, not total immune suppression.

*What's most fun/least fun about the job?*

The people I work with and all the scientific opportunities that working at the NIH affords. I also like that our science is very bench to bedside and has clinical application. The thing I like least is my long drive.



Kim Shafer-Weaver, Staff Scientist and CRADA manager at NIAID

*Are you still working on the bench?*

I am very lucky that I have a mix of bench and non-bench related work. So I don't miss being at the bench yet.

*How is your work/life balance?*

My work/life balance is pretty good. I don't have kids so I have a bit more flexibility. The NIH is a big proponent of work/life balance that allows me to perform great science yet still get to enjoy my family, friends and hobbies.

*How do you see your career progressing from where you are now?*

I see my career moving further away from the bench.

*Was it difficult to find a job?*

I was very lucky that I had several job options. I believe that networking and building strong relationships with other scientists/researchers really helped me in my job search. I believe that NIH is always looking for great scientists and has so many career paths to choose from beside just bench scientist positions.

*Would you recommend this career path to others?*

I would recommend this position to anyone who is looking to continue in science but does not want to become a PI of an academic or government laboratory.

*Did serving on the FYI steering committee help you develop skill sets that you are using in your current position?*

Serving on the FYI steering committee was one of the best decisions I ever got talked into and really helped to add to my skills toolbox. During our graduate training and fellowships, we are trained to focus on the science and publishing. We don't get a lot of training on mentorship, management or leadership. Being a member of the FYI steering committee and part of the Colloquium committee provided me with real world management and leadership experience and networking skills all of which helped me obtain my current and previous positions.

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**Jim Gould, PhD**

Jim Gould played a major role on the FYI-SC from 2008 through June 2011. During his tenure he served as FYI-SC Chair and Scientific Subcommittee Chair. He also managed the Frederick Postdoc Seminar Series, coordinated the Frederick Orientation for new post-docs and worked on the post-doc survey. He started his new job as the Director of the Office for Postdoctoral Fellows at Harvard Medical School (HMS) in June 2011. He is still unpacking from his move.

*What is a typical day like?*

There is no typical day but week-to-week I am alternately presenting or hosting a program for postdocs while juggling the administration of the office. I mostly have a 40 hr workweek but some scheduled activities occur in the evenings or on the weekend.

*What kind of projects are you currently working on?*

Along with established programs and counseling roles, I will be working on establishing a Faculty Advisory Council, revising our NSF/NIH postdoc tracking data tools, standardizing HMS postdoc hiring practices, solidifying a postdoc training curriculum, piloting internship opportunities for postdocs, as well as generally trying to raise the profile and visibility of the Office for Postdoc Fellows.

*What's most fun/least fun about the job?*

The most fun will be getting to do what I love and doing it with a budget. The least enjoyable aspect of my job will be the behind the scenes administrative duties. Another new thing for me is leaving the habits and rituals of the lab. I've gotten very comfortable in working a lab/experiment/cell culture schedule.

*Are you still working on the bench?*

I will no longer be at the bench but I will still be consulting on the projects I left behind until they are published. I will also be able to connect with the postdocs here on a different level than they had previously. I already miss the lab but not the day-to-day frustration of experiments though I will miss the day-to-day interactions with my lab-mates. I definitely feel that my "Eureka!" moments will happen on a more regular basis.

*How is your work/life balance?*

I view a successful work/life balance from the perspective of "Is everyone happy with productivity?" whether it be at home or the lab. Right now, it's too early to tell at HMS but I used to always struggle to find that balance between lab and home.

*How do you see your career progressing from where you are now?*

I see myself being here for a long while. However, this type of position will give me a great amount of flexibility when and if I move on.



Jim Gould, Director of the Office for Postdoctoral Fellows at Harvard

*Was it difficult to find a job?*

It was difficult finding a job I was excited about. Though I had several interviews for similar positions, it took over two years of training **outside** the lab to qualify for my current position.

Even then, they

were a little hesitant on hiring me straight out of my postdoc. Research institutions are seeing the value of having a postdoc training structure in place. The future looks promising for those interested in postdoctoral affairs as a career. These positions, when advertised, move quickly. It only took three and a half weeks from initial contact to job offer for me.

*Would you recommend this career path to others?*

I would recommend that you should do what makes you happy.

*Did serving on the FYI steering committee help you develop skill sets that you are using in your current position?*

I would not have my current position if I didn't participate in the FYI Steering Committee. Not only did it give me a glimpse into an administrative career, it helped me tap into a vast network of people in the field. I was able to hone my leadership skills, to

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learn how to manage a large group and to transform my experiences into an informal internship with Jonathan's office (CCR OTE). Particularly, it was that affiliation and administrative understanding that made me a top choice for the position. I would not have even known about the position if it weren't for other people who knew of my career interests sending me the job ad.

### ***Finding your own "real job"***

As you work your way through your training, be sure to take some time away from the bench to develop leadership and management skills. Use opportunities like the FYI-SC to gain practical experience and network. Take full advantage of your network by sharing your long term goals and interests with friends and colleagues, so they know to keep their eyes open for job opportunities that might be a good fit for you.

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## To all CCR trainees

**Did you know that the CCR Office of Training & Education:**

- Assists trainees and mentors with mentoring issues.
- Assists in submitting applications for various funding mechanisms.
- Provides opportunities for expanding collaborative interactions.
  - Assists trainees in the transition to different career paths.
    - Provides numerous courses
    - And much more!

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## Opportunities to Practice Talks for Conferences, Seminars & Job Interviews

The **PASS (Presentation and Seminar Skills)** series has teamed up with Scott Morgan to provide CCR scientists with an hour-long session of one-on-one tutoring. During this session, you will go through your presentation with Scott, where he will provide feedback on style, content, delivery of message, etc. A week or two later, you will then have the opportunity to present your talk in front of your colleagues and to receive constructive feedback. Scott will also attend and provide additional feedback following the presentation. Scott has over 15 years of valuable experience in science communication and has recently co-authored a book, 'Speaking about Science'.

We will work with you and Scott to arrange a suitable time and schedule. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wishes to improve his/her presentation skills either for a meeting presentation or job talk.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity or have additional questions, please contact either **Bríd Ryan** ([ryanb@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ryanb@mail.nih.gov)). Available slots will be filled on a first come – first served basis.

## Articles

### The Spring Research Festival Postdoctoral and Postbaccalaureate Symposium

Each spring, Fort Detrick plays host to the annual Spring Research Festival and opens its door to scientific presentations from the Fort Detrick and National Cancer Institute at Frederick scientific communities as well as exhibitions from a host of commercial vendors and informational booths. This year's event, the fifteenth, took place April 27-28<sup>th</sup>. As part of the festival, a one-day symposium titled "Cellular Mechanisms in Cancer, Autoimmunity, and Infectious Diseases" was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The day opened with a keynote address "A Journey from G Proteins to mTOR: Translating Signaling Circuitries into Targeted Cancer Therapies" from Dr Silvio Gutkind. Dr Gutkind is Chief of the Cell Growth Regulation Section, and Molecular Carcinogenesis Unit, OPCB, DIR and Chief, Oral and Pharyngeal Cancer Branch, DIR. His research focuses on the molecular basis of signal transduction pathways involved in cell proliferation, differentiation and transformation and the translation of this knowledge to develop molecular markers of disease progression and novel therapeutic approaches for oral malignancies.

Following the keynote speaker, short talks were presented from sixteen post-doctoral and post-baccalaureate speakers, chosen from a pool of submitted abstracts. There was great interest generated and the presenting fellows represented a wide range of branches and programs including Macromolecular Crystallography Laboratory, Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Biology, Gene Regulation and Chromosome Biology Laboratory, Cancer and Inflammation Program, HIV Drug Resistance Program, Mouse Cancer Genetics Program Laboratory of Protein Dynamics and Signaling, Cancer and Developmental Biology Laboratory, CCR Nanobiology Program and the Structural Biophysics Laboratory.

To wrap up the day's festivities, awards for the best presentations were announced. There were three post-doctoral fellow recipients and one post-baccalaureate. They were:

#### Post-Doctoral Fellow Awardees

- Smita Kulkarni-Patel, LEI, CIP "Differential MicroRNA Regulation of HLA-C Expression and its Association with HIV Control"
- Alyson Freeman, LCDS "Differential Effects of Dimerization on B-Raf and C-Raf Kinase Activity in Normal and Disease Signaling"
- George Lountos, MCL "Structure-Assisted Design of Checkpoint Kinase 2 Inhibitors as Novel Anti-cancer Agents"

#### Post-Baccalaureate Fellow Awardee

- Ashley Denney, GRCBL "A Novel Assay for Investigating Transcriptional Fidelity in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*".

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Image taken from: <http://ncifrederick.cancer.gov/Events/SpringFest/2011>



## **A Day with Successful PhDs at the 4th NIH Career Symposium**

*Job opportunities abound for determined and prepared NIH trainees*

After an 11-hour day from the keynote speech at 8:30 am to the last drop of beer at 7:30 pm, I felt exhausted and rewarded, for a good reason. Juggling between the Natcher Conference Center and the Lister Hill Auditorium at Building 38A, and finally moving on to Blackfinn with symposium attendees and invited speakers, the favorite watering hole for NIH postdocs, I was loaded with career advice. The 4th Annual NIH Career Symposium took place at the NIH Bethesda campus on May 10th, 2011. The whole day event was no less demanding than a scientific conference. The symposium presented the attendees with various career choices encompassing academic research, R & D in industry, education, science communication, science policy, consulting, and even entrepreneurship. A take-home message from the symposium is that the grass is still green for PhD job seekers. Speakers from highly notable Donna Shalala, President of the University of Miami and former Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, with more than 40 years of professional experience, to junior faculty members such as Debra Silver, an assistant professor at Duke University Medical Center with less than a year on the current position, shared their experiences and success stories with the audience. Following the invited speeches was a skills blitz session - 5-minute short topics, such as writing cover letters and giving interviews that every job seeker must go through. New for this year's symposium was a luncheon opportunity with invited speakers. You got to chat, ask additional questions, and leave a good impression with the speakers who may be key to your future job-hunting. Best of all, free lunch!

The symposium was packed with excellent speakers and topics. Not being able to attend them all, I paid particular attention to consulting and science policy, two alternative career paths that many NIH postdocs are interested in. The consulting careers session featured some management consultants from top firms such as McKinsey & Company and the Boston Consulting Group which are foreign territory to most postdocs. However, the four panelists all have PhD degrees. They provided advice critical to a successful consultant, or to anyone successful in business: teamwork and listening skills, which may be in short supply for postdocs who are trained to work independently. The panelists pointed out that any project is a team project, and

that asking as many questions as possible and listening to others will save you time down the road. The speakers in the science policy session advise decision makers on wide ranging areas from environmental protection to science funding. They formed an especially happy group. Conversations with the audience were often interrupted by laughter. As the panelists draft policy papers every day, attention to detail was emphasized by each speaker. If they spot any typos on the resume, they would throw it away.

Good communication and collaboration skills are prerequisites for all job descriptions, which was mentioned repeatedly by the symposium speakers. Fortunately, NIH offers plenty of opportunities if you would like to demonstrate such skills to the potential employers. The NIH Fellows Committee (FelCom), and fellows organizations at individual institutes or centers, such as the Fellows and Young Investigators Steering Committee at the NCI, are the ideal training ground.

Whether you are just beginning your training at the NIH or you are contemplating your next move, or you are desperately searching for any job opportunities, you will find that the NIH career symposium deserves your full attention. Listening to different career stories allows you to have different perspectives. Even if you have already attended many career seminars before, such as the ones held by FelCom throughout the year, the one-day symposium offers unique opportunities to networking with speakers and other NIH fellows. The career symposium attracted postdocs and graduate students from as far away as the Johns Hopkins University and George Mason University, a testimony to the past achievement by the career symposium. Kudos to the organizers.

*For speaker information and symposium highlights, please visit: [www.training.nih.gov/career\\_symposium\\_2011\\_home](http://www.training.nih.gov/career_symposium_2011_home)*

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## CCR Fellows Come Out on Top in 2012 FARE Competition

The list is out, and CCR fellows have once again made a terrific showing in the 2012 FARE awards. The FAES Award for Research Excellence (FARE) competition began in 1995, recognizing superior research efforts by intramural fellows. Every year, NIH fellows and PhD candidates submit abstracts to the competition across a broad range of specialties. Fellows and principal investigators in study sections judge the abstracts, and the top 25% receive a \$1000 travel award to support the fellow in presenting their work at a scientific meeting. This year, CCR fellows won in 33 different categories, reflecting the diversity of research being conducted within the center. In fact, the CCR had the highest number of awardees out of all the Institutes and Centers represented, with an impressive 67 awardees.

Johanna Abend  
Liron Abuhatzira  
Bhagelu Achyut  
Kristie Adams  
Philippe Afonso  
Fernanda Arnaldez  
Medhanit Bahta  
Devaiah Ballachanda  
Laura Baranello  
Agnes Basseville  
Aurelia Battesti  
Jessica Bonzo  
Rebecca Burgess  
Amit Chaudhary  
Kathryn Chavez  
Yuhong Chen  
Nicolas Cuburu  
Jeremy Daniel  
Kari Dilley  
Joanna Fares  
Alyson Freeman  
Temesgen Fufa  
Olivier Genest  
Natalie Goldberger  
Lars Grontved  
Miranda Hanson  
Bau-Lin Huang  
Robert Hudson  
Junfang Ji  
Changtao Jiang  
Stephen Kales  
Neetu Kalra  
Sid Kerkar  
Dongwook Kim

Smita Kulkarni  
Lillian Kuo  
Yan Li  
Fei Li  
Wangko Lundstrom  
Angelica Martins  
Ronit Mazor  
Andrea McCollum  
Karobi Moitra  
Rahul Nandurdikar  
Dharmika Navarathna  
Giang Nguyen  
Tobias Paprotka  
Stanley Parish  
Federica Polato  
Stella Ranuncolo  
Alexandre Rouquette-Jazdanian  
Maayan Salton-Morgenstern  
Margarida Santos  
Rachel Schowalter  
Yurong Song  
David Soto Pantoja  
Yizhe Tang  
Liuya Tang  
Rasmi Thomas  
Narasimhan Jayanth Venkatachari  
Kayoko Waki  
Chunxi Wang  
Stephanie Watkins  
Tommi White  
Ying Xiao  
Stephanie Zdanov  
Geng Zhang

In keeping with tradition, the winners will be asked to present their work at a poster session at the NIH Research Festival, which will be held from October 4th-8th, and will serve as judges for next year's competition. The awards ceremony is set for October 25th, 2011. Congratulations to all of our CCR FARE winners!

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## Upcoming Events

National Postdoc Appreciation Week: September 19th-23rd

- Watch for a schedule of events as the week nears

NIH Research Festival: October 4th-8th

NCI-Frederick Postdoc Seminar Series

- Resumes in September; watch email for announcements
- If you are interested in presenting as a speaker, please contact Linda Brubaker ([brubakerid@mail.nih.gov](mailto:brubakerid@mail.nih.gov))

Are you **LinkedIn** with the CCR FYI?

Check it out at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2495548>

If you are not on LinkedIn, you will have to create an account, which takes no more than five minutes

The Fellows and Young Investigators (FYI) Association was organized by non-tenured and non-tenure-track MDs, PhDs, or the equivalent, and pre-doctoral intramural scientists. It enhances the intramural training program, fosters communication among fellows and the CCR community, and serves as a liaison to administration programs that affect the training experience by:

- Organizing and promoting educational activities such as training courses and seminars
- Identifying potential employment opportunities in traditional and nontraditional career paths
- Helping orient new trainees
- Facilitating communication among members

**Are you interested in getting the next issue of our newsletter?  
Want to stay up to date with trainee-related events within CCR?**

**Sign up for the CCR-POSTDOCs listserv**

**All you have to do is email [listserv@list.nih.gov](mailto:listserv@list.nih.gov) and type in “subscribe ccr-postdocs” in the body of the message**