



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

M&M Conference
Thursday, March 9, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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Diagnosing HIV

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Nortin Hadler, MD**, will receive the National Leadership Award from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (CSOMA) in Chicago on March 18.
- Discount available for UNC Faculty and Staff (\$150.00) for registration to the 30th Annual Internal Medicine Conference, April 5-7 at the Friday Center. Include your department name, P.I.D. and write "UNC Discount" on registration form. Registration and brochure available online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ralf Brandes, MD, FAHA, presents "Composition and functions of vascular NAD(P)H oxidases" on Thursday, March 9, noon - 1 p.m. in the Plaza Conference Room, Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Lunch provided.
- [2006 Developmental Biology Symposium](#), March 31. Featuring Marc Tessier-Lavigne, PhD, of Genentech, Inc., UNC faculty members, and poster session.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

Every year at this time, I have the pleasure of reviewing senior faculty who have been asked to undergo a "post-tenure review." For those of you who are unfamiliar with it, this process was initiated a number of years ago to track the productivity of our senior faculty. Faculty who have been tenured are reviewed every five years and since we have a large and senior department, we have anywhere from five to ten such faculty each year. The faculty being reviewed submit a review packet, containing their current CV and a personal statement about their activities in the recent past and their plans for the future.

I say that this has been a pleasure because you just could not believe the incredible accomplishments of our faculty. As I review these packages each year, I am reminded what a privilege it is to be able to work with all of you, and our senior faculty in particular. Every one is unique - some faculty are outstanding teachers or clinicians, while others focused their efforts on research in one of many disciplines, some have made major accomplishments in two or three of the traditional academic disciplines.

I won't mention names, but I thought you would be interested in hearing about this year's group - their accomplishments speak for themselves.

This year many are internationally-renowned scientists and lecturers. Their research accomplishments range from innovative basic bench work to influencing health policy, and everything in between. They are directly responsible for publishing hundreds of manuscripts in the most elite and selective peer-reviewed journals; among these are *Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, American Journal of Transplantation, American Journal of Physiology, Blood, JAMA, Journal of the American Society for Nephrology, Nature, New England Journal of Medicine, and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. These tenured faculty members are also leaders of the editorial boards of major journals in their fields, study section members, and advisors to the NIH, foundations and industry at the highest levels. They are funded by all of the above, including one who recently received a merit award (10 years of funding from the NIH) after his grant was ranked in the top 1% of all grants reviewed by that study section.

In this group are also individuals who have made major contributions in education and clinical care. They include some of the School of Medicine's most revered teachers and clinicians who have given countless hours and assumed major administrative responsibilities in their areas of interest. Some have taken on even greater roles as our clinical volumes increase, and have done so enthusiastically. Often their work takes them beyond campus, not just for academic meetings and lectures, but to underprivileged communities and other locales in North Carolina where they are among the strongest advocates for better health care for all of our state residents.

We depend on our senior faculty to be leaders in research, to train our fellows, residents, and medical students, and to be our clinical icons. It is difficult to imagine a better group. Their knowledge and wisdom cannot be underestimated.

We're taking a break from the newsletter next week for UNC Spring Break. We'll be back the following week.

Questions or submissions, contact katie_obrien@med.unc.edu.