



CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Grand Rounds
Thursday, April 27, 2006, 12:00 Noon
Clinic Auditorium

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**Liver Moulding and other Novel Concepts in the
Management of Liver Metastasis**

FROM DIVISIONS

- **Bob Sandler** has been appointed by NIH Director Elias A. Zerhouni to serve on the National Commission on Digestive Diseases. The Commission will develop a Long-Range Research Plan for Digestive Diseases. As part of the Research Plan, the Commission will assess the state-of-the-science in digestive diseases and the related NIH research portfolio, with a view toward identifying areas of research challenge and opportunity. The Commission's Research Plan will then guide the NIH - along with the investigative and lay communities - in pursuing important research avenues to combating digestive diseases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peter Agre, MD, will give the 2006 Distinguished Medical Science Lecture, Mon., May 1 at 4 p.m., in 2204 MBRB. Dr. Agre is the 2003 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and Vice-Chancellor for Science and Technology at Duke University. He will give his Nobel lecture, "Aquaporin Water Channels: From Atomic Structure to Clinical Medicine." Reception to follow.
- The bridge connecting MacNider to Burnett-Womack is closed for a few days so that HVAC work and a new floor can be completed. Call 966-2441 for information.

FROM THE CHAIR'S OFFICE

This week I wanted to take a moment to thank Guo-Qing (Jack) Zeng for his contributions to the Department of Medicine and UNC during his six years here. Among his many accomplishments, Jack was instrumental in figuring out and implementing all that was necessary for this weekly newsletter.

As you probably know, Jack is leaving to take on the Department of Medicine at Stanford. We were fortunate to have Jack with our department. His wife, Tao, had been working with Frank Longo in California before they moved here, and now that Frank has returned to California, Jack and Tao have

decided to return as well so that she may continue working with him. We will certainly miss them.

When I came to UNC, we had a mishmash of computer systems and several means of support. In addition to the SOM OIS department, we were using several outside vendors, which was expensive and the support was variable. Jack single-handedly took on these challenges and has been "the" IT guy for all 700 users in our department, dealing with everything from the most mundane to the most complex issues. At the same time, Jack upgraded our departmental website, worked out the kinks for our newsletters, and helped those computer-impaired users (like me) get out of hot water more times than I can count. Our system may not be perfect but it's pretty darn close. Growth in IT and IS systems has been exponential and Jack helped keep us abreast with the rest of the world. I'm sure this is what led the Department of Medicine at Stanford to immediately offer Jack a position running their IT/IS programs when he and Tao were seriously consider moving back.

There is no replacing Jack, but we have backup plans for the next couple of months while we try to find a replacement. Bruce Wicks is working with your division administrators on this, and I have included contact information below that may be of use to you. Please join me in wishing Jack and Tao the best in their return to California and their new adventures.

If you have any problems that need to be addressed, you can call:

6-1325 OIS Client Services - for School of Medicine equipment and systems, password re-sets, equipment problems for your standard workstations

6-5647 ISD - for UNCH equipment and systems, WebCIS problems

2-4357 AIS - for UNC campus equipment and systems, ONYUN problems

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