Don’t forget to log onto the MRS website (www.metastasis-research.org) and renew your membership. Dues have not increased for 2007. Renewal takes less than 5 minutes using PayPal.

Pre- and Post-doctoral Council

Thanks to Belinda Parker and Kedar Vaisya, who have volunteered to serve on the MRS Trainee Council. Both are looking for others to help them.

I want to offer personal thanks to both of them. They were actively consulting with vendors at the AACR meeting in order to get sponsors for MRS2008.

Update—MRS 2008

Speaking of MRS2008, it’s official. The MRS will co-host the meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia in August 2008.

Venue: Fairmont Hotel
Dates: August 3-7, 2008

August, you ask? Yes, after listening to the feedback from attendees at previous meetings, the votes were clearly biased towards a non-September meeting (school starts, grant deadlines, etc.). Since Vancouver is such an affordable city with lots of family attractions, the organizers hope that you will consider bringing your families to British Columbia. For those of you who live in the sweltering climates in August, Vancouver will be a wonderful 72°F/23°C respite.

Besides wonderful science, what else does the venue offer and what is planned?

Confirmed: A special pre-conference workshop on effective scientific presentations will be taught by Theresa Guise and Dan Welch at the Fairmont Hotel. Only trainee members of MRS will be afforded this opportunity.

Confirmed: Abstracts will be submitted using the AACR website (with which most are quite familiar). The abstracts will be peer-reviewed and published in Clinical and Experimental Metastasis. The submission deadline has not yet been determined

In progress: For those of you who were disappointed, like me, that the Alaska cruise meeting fell through, I have travel agencies working to secure attendee discounts for a pre- or post-meeting cruise. Unfortunately, the lines won’t provide plans for Summer ’08 until May ’08. So, watch the MRS website for updates.

In progress: The Vancouver Chamber of Commerce is working with us to provide discounted excursions to Victoria, Banff, etc. Details will be provided on the MRS website as soon as we have them.

You may have noticed...

Many of the e-mails from the MRS are still originating from my desk (drw). That’s because there are incompatibilities between the databases and the e-mail servers at the M.D. Anderson where Menashe works. We are still trying to solve this conflict. In the meantime, please be patient as I serve as secretary in the meantime.

Contributions to the May newsletter

Your contributions will be important to the success of the newsletters. The deadline for each issue will be the 15th of each month. Newsletters will be published on the 1st of the month. The next deadline for submissions is February 15th.

In press papers: We want to celebrate your good news and accomplishments. When a paper is accepted for publication, e-mail the key information to Menashe (mbareli@mdanderson.org) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Due to copyright, we will list only the title, authors and, perhaps, an abstract. For conformity, please use the following format:

Albini A, Theodorescu D, Hunter KW, Steeg PS, The most interesting article ever published. Citation classics (Authors, no periods, initials only)

Honors and Awards: Let us know so that we can celebrate with you!


Hosting a meeting? Advertise it to MRS members. To make the MRS memberships more valuable, work with conference chairs to provide a discount to MRS members.

May Newsletter Editor: ANN CHAMBERS

Kudos!!!!

If you have a JPG picture of yourself to accompany a story, please send it to danwelch@uab.edu (Please label it with your first and last name, e.g., Pat_Steeg.jpg).

Drs. Robert Sikes, Carlton Cooper and Dave Usher lead a DoD Prostate Cancer Program collaboration between the University of Delaware and two Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Delaware State University and Lincoln University of Delaware. The goal is encourage minority students, particularly African-Americans who have the highest incidence and mortality for prostate cancer, to consider careers in prostate cancer research.

Carlton Rodney Cooper

Robert Sikes
MRS Members on the Move

Make sure you send M. Bar-Eli your update e-mail address so that communications are uninterrupted. Thanks.

Don’t forget to add danwelch@uab.edu and mbareli@mdanderson.org to your address books or anti-spa filters so that you are assured to receive MRS mailings. By default, we send e-mails to multiple recipients which often triggers anti-spa filters. In order to get every message, make sure that our notes are not improperly shuttled.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Clinical and Experimental Metastasis will be looking for cover art based primarily upon images in the published articles. If you have images suitable for publication on the journal cover, please indicate this in the cover letter.

Artwork for website: Several of you have commented that you’d like to spruce up the website. If you have images, animations, etc. that would be suitable for the website, please send them to DanWelch@uab.edu.

Who’s publishing now?


Dolloff, NG, Russell, MR, Loizos, N, Fatatis, A. Human Bone Marrow Activates the Akt Pathway in Metastatic Prostate Cells through Transactivation of the -Platelet-Derived Growth Factor Receptor Cancer Res 2007:67 555-562

Welch DR. Do We Need to Redefine a Cancer Metastasis and Staging Definitions? Breast Dis. 26:3-12, 2006


Do you have a paper recently published or, preferably, in press? Send the authors, title and anticipated publication date as soon as possible.

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Konjevi
Low expression of CD161 and NKG2D activating NK receptor is associated with impaired NK cell cytotoxicity in metastatic melanoma patients

Vermeulen
Differenti al expression of hypoxia and (lymph)angiogenesis-related genes at different metastatic sites in breast cancer

Shao
Isolation of a human gallbladder cancer cell clone with high invasive phenotype in vitro and metastatic potential in orthotopic model and inhibition of its invasiveness by heparanase antisense oligodeoxynucleotides

Colmar
Major but not minor hepatectomy accelerates engraftment of extrahepatic tumor cells

Kardamakis
Clinical and radiological evaluation of patients with lytic, mixed and sclerotic bone metastases from solid tumors: is there a correlation between clinical status of patients and type of bone metastases?

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Involvement of Hif-1 in desferrioxamine-induced invasion of glioblastoma cells

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Expression of the cytoskeleton linker protein ezrin in human cancers

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Global profiling of EGFR gene mutation, amplification, regulation and tissue protein expression in unknown primary carcinomas: to target or not to target?

Kaya
Solitary bone metastasis in the tibia as a presenting sign of endometrial adenocarcinoma: a case report and the review of the literature

Dass
Inhibition of orthotopic osteosarcoma growth and metastasis by multitargeted antitumor activities of pigment epithelium-derived factor

Rosol
Parathyroid hormone-related protein and ezrin are up-regulated in human lung cancer bone metastases

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Chemokine expression is associated with the accumulation of tumour associated macrophages (TAMs) and progression in human colorectal cancer

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CA9 gene expression in conventional renal cell carcinoma: a potential marker for prediction of early metastasis after nephrectomy

Hiscox

Src kinase promotes adhesion-independent activation of FAK and enhances cellular migration in tamoxifen resistant breast cancer cells.

Kardamakis

A novel study investigating the therapeutic outcome of patients with lytic, mixed and sclerotic bone metastases treated with combined radiotherapy and ibandronate

Nakanishi

Comparative analysis of intraperitoneal minimal free cancer cells between colorectal and gastric cancer patients using quantitative RT-PCR. Possible reason for rare peritoneal recurrence in colorectal cancer

Matsumine

Novel hyperthermia for metastatic bone tumors with magnetic materials by generating an alternating electromagnetic field

Stucchi

Carcinoembryonic Antigen-Stimulated THP-1 Macrophages Activate Endothelial Cells and Increase Cell-Cell Adhesion of Colorectal Cancer Cells.

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Proceedings of the 11th International Congress of the Metastasis Research Society (Tokushima, Japan)

Tveito:

Specific isolation of disseminated cancer cells: a new method permitting sensitive detection of target molecules of diagnostic and therapeutic value

Kajiyama

Possible involvement of TWIST in enhanced peritoneal metastasis of epithelial ovarian carcinoma

Stoica

MMP2 role in breast cancer brain metastasis development and its regulation by TIMP2 and ERK1/2

Marshall

Transcriptional profiling of human uveal melanoma from cell lines to intracocular tumors to metastasis

Shah

Calcitonin receptor-stimulated migration of prostate cancer cells is mediated by urokinase receptor-integrin signaling*

van Nimwegen

An Improved Method to Study NK-independent Mechanisms of MTLn3 Breast Cancer Lung Metastasis

Hardy

Breast cancer metastasis to bone: Evaluation of bioluminescent imaging and microSPECT/CT for detecting bone metastasis in immunodeficient mice

Upcoming events:

NCI - Cancer Imaging Program in partnership with AACR
Duke Center for In Vivo Microscopy
Durham, North Carolina
June 24-29

MetaBre/BRECOSM Breast Cancer and Metastasis Conference" will take place at n. 7, Rome, Italy.
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
Rome Italy
December 5-7
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