

Lerner Postdoctoral Association

October 2017

Hello Postdocs and RAs! We want to start October's issue by saying "THANK YOU!" Last month was packed with events put together for us. We had a great turnout at our career development seminar, we celebrated our Postdoc Appreciation Week at "Krafts and Beer", and we had a constructive dialog with Dr. Erzurum at our Townhall event. Please stay connected as we have more events and career development seminars planned for you.



Lerner Postdoctoral Association
Leadership Council

Meet the Lerner Postdoctoral Association Leadership Council

Congratulations to Dr. Madhav Sankunny, our new chair for the LPDA Career Development and Resources subcommittee and welcome Dr. Chinthasagar Bastian for joining our communication subcommittee.

[LPDA Executive Board and Subcommittees](#)

Advertisements and Upcoming Events



Join our LinkedIn Group!

The Lerner Postdoctoral Association and Alumni Network is a group of current and former postdoctoral fellows at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute. Our goals are to provide opportunities for career development, networking, and highlighting our scientific achievements. We also post reminders about upcoming events, so make sure to turn on notifications. [Request to join today](#) and tell all of your fellow Lerner Postdocs and RAs!



Career Development Seminar Series

A Career in Data Science

Featured Speaker: Dr. Matthew A. Sochor, Data Scientist
Lead, Progressive Insurance

Friday, October 20

NE1-205

2:00 pm

Recent Accomplishments and Events

The Research Education Training Center (RETC) and the Lerner Postdoctoral Association (LPDA) have put together a series of events and seminars in appreciation of the Postdoctoral Fellows at Lerner Institute, Cleveland Clinic. National Postdoc Appreciation Week, NPAW (September 18-22, 2017), started with an inspiring talk by Dr. Serpil Erzurum, Chair of the Lerner Research Institute of Cleveland Clinic, at the Postdocs/RAs Townhall event. The week included a series of career development seminars, coffee and donuts with your LPDA representative, "Krafts and Beer" event and over 70 Postdocs that signed up for professional headshots. Thank you Postdocs and RAs! Thank you RETC for your sponsorship! What a successful week!

Postdocs/RAs Townhall, Thursday 09/14. [Click here for photos](#)

Career Development Seminar Series: Scientific Writing as a Career, Friday September 15. [Click here for photos](#)

Career Development Seminar: The Road from Fellow to Faculty, Monday 09/18. [Click here for photos](#)

Coffee and Donuts: Meet your LPDA representative, Wednesday September 20. [Click here for photos](#)

"Krafts and Beer" Social Event, Friday September 22. [Click here for photos](#)

Awards and Talks

Dr. Timothy Mead was selected to attend and to give a platform presentation at the Neonatal Cardiopulmonary Biology Young Investigator's Forum (Chicago, IL, Sept. 7-10th). He additionally received a research grant in recognition of his talk.

Dr. Kai Kang received the “Merit Award” for the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2017 Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL in June 2017.

Dr. MG Shorar received a fellowship award, a 3 years funding, from Alzheimer’s Association.

Publications

Dr. Sudipta Biswas, in *Circulation Research* titled "TLR2 Plays a Key Role in Platelet Hyperreactivity and Accelerated Thrombosis Associated with Hyperlipidemia" [Click here to view publication](#)

Dr. Lingjun Zhang, in *Frontiers in Immunology* titled "Complement Component C4 Regulates the Development of Experimental Autoimmune Uveitis through a T Cell-Intrinsic Mechanism" [Click here to view publication](#)

Dr. Mohammad Alyamani, in *Cell* titled "Steroidogenic Metabolism of Galeterone Reveals a Diversity of Biochemical Activities" [Click here to view publication](#)

Dr. Santoshi Muppala, in *Oncogene* titled "Thrombospondin-4 mediates TGF- β -induced angiogenesis" [Click here to view publication](#)

Jobs

We congratulate Dr. Alice Valentin-Torres for her new job position, at Athersys as a Scientist in the cardiovascular unit in collaboration with the neurological unit. She will be researching the mechanisms by which Multi Stem, a stem-cell product, is therapeutic for ischemic stroke, myocardial infarction, among other neurological, cardiovascular, and inflammatory diseases. We thank her for her great contribution and her efforts in the LPDA communication subcommittee. She will be greatly missed.

Get Involved!

Did you publish a paper recently or get a grant or award? We want to highlight your accomplishments in the next newsletter! As part of the LPDA, we thrive to improve this organization to its maximum potential. To do so, we will need participation and input of all postdoctoral fellows and research associates. **If you would like to be involved with our events or have any suggestions, or accomplishment we can highlight please email lri-postdoc-assoc@ccf.org.**