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Awards

Lourdes Gruca was awarded the Employee of the Month for the month of October. Be sure to keep an eye out for the email announcing the Employee of the Month. There is a nice interview with the awardee.

Amrita Kabi, PhD was awarded the Scientist of the Month for the month of October. Be sure to keep an eye out for the email announcing the Scientist of the Month. There is a nice interview with the awardee.

Leadership

John Kirwan, PhD was Co-Director of the 9th Obesity Summit held at the InterContinental Hotel. The Summit focused on the science and management of obesity, with presentation from national and local experts in obesity and diabetes, including a keynote lecture from Dr. Ralph DeFronzo, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio. This year’s Summit had a record attendance with over 300 participants from 25 states and 11 countries.

Appointments

Kewal Asosingh, PhD has been appointed as Scientific Director for Flow Cytometry
Publications


Presentations

**Lisa Grove, PhD** gave a talk at the American Society for Matrix Biology in Cleveland, Ohio. The title of her talk was, "Phosphoinositide 3-Kinase Gamma Enhances TRPV4 Ion Channel Function and Myofibroblast Differentiation".

**Lisa Grove, PhD** presented a poster at the American Society for Matrix Biology in Cleveland, Ohio. The title of her poster was, "Urokinase Receptor Ligation Induces a Raft-Localized Integrin Signaling Switch that Mediates the Hypermotile Phenotype of Fibrotic Fibroblasts".

**Alana Majors, PhD** presented a poster at the American Society for Matrix Biology in Cleveland, Ohio. The title of her poster was, "TRPV4 Activation in Airway Smooth Muscle Cells Alters Hyaluronan Deposition".

**Mitchell Olman, MD** chaired a session and gave a talk at the American Society for Matrix Biology in Cleveland, Ohio. The title of the session/talk was “TRPV4 Ion Channel Mediates Mechanosensing, Myofibroblast Differentiation, and Pulmonary Fibrosis in Mice”.

**Rachel Scheraga, MD** presented a poster at the American Society for Matrix Biology in Cleveland, Ohio. The title of her poster was, "Macrophage Response to Bacterial Endotoxin Depends on Mechanotransduction through Transient Receptor Potential Vanillaid 4 Ion Channel".

**Brian Southern, MD** presented a poster at the American Society for Matrix Biology in Cleveland, Ohio. The title of his poster was, "Lung Matrix Signals Differentially Drive Fibrosis through Myosin II Activation".

**Dennis Stuehr, PhD** gave a talk at the 7th International Conference on the Hsp90 Chaperone Machine in Abbey Seeon, Germany. The title of his talk was, "Hsp90-PAS domain interactions enable a dynamic and reversible activation of soluble guanylate cyclase by NO".
## Upcoming Birthdays

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