

## Griffith Medical Research College

### Griffith Medical Research College Newsletter No. 2, 2006

**The Griffith Medical Research College (GMRC) was established in 2004 as a joint initiative of Griffith University and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research with the aim of encouraging collaboration between researchers of both organisations.**

*I would like to invite all GMRC members to attend the annual Retreat which will be held at the Ship Inn, South Bank on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is a great opportunity to hear about some of the exciting research being carried out at GU and the QIMR and to develop new research links or renew existing collaborations. Registration details can be found below. Please contact me if you require any information regarding the GMRC or if you have news that you would like to share with other GMRC members.*



*Kathy Andrews, Executive Officer*

#### **Researcher Profiles**

##### **Professor Adele Green, QIMR**

Professor Green is Deputy Director of QIMR and a Senior Principal Research Fellow at the QIMR where she heads the Population and Cancer Studies Laboratory. Professor Green's research focuses on investigating the role of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of chronic conditions, particularly cancer. Common skin cancers, to which Australians are especially prone, are the focus of several of her projects. She has published 230 articles and book chapters to date. Professor Green is a Senior Editor for the Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention journal and an editor for Cancer Causes and Control and the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention. In 2005 Professor Green received a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AC).



##### **Professor Lyn Griffiths, GU**

Professor Lyn Griffiths is a medical researcher who has been investigating the genes involved in common human disorders for about sixteen years. Her expertise is in the field of human gene mapping and molecular genetics. She graduated from the University of NSW Biochemistry Department in 1980, and gained a PhD from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney in 1990. Professor Griffiths established and heads the Genomics Research Centre at Griffith University on the Gold Coast, where for the last ten years her research has been focused on identifying the genes involved in complex disorders, including migraine and hypertension. She has published over 115 research papers, supervised over 35 Postgraduate students and 31 Honours students, received significant competitive grant and Industry funding, and recently been awarded a Centenary Medal for Distinguished Service to Education and Medical Research. In 2004, Professor Griffiths took up the role of Head of the School of Medical Sciences, Griffith University Gold Coast, whilst continuing as Director of the Genomics Research Centre.



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### GMRC News:

#### 1. GMRC Retreat

A one day GMRC Retreat will be held on **Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006 at the Ship Inn**, South Bank starting at 9am. All GMRC members are invited to attend. Registration is free and includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch and drinks at the end of the day. Speakers include Geoff Hill (QIMR), Alex Loukas (QIMR), Emma Whitelaw (QIMR), Ron Quin (GU), Victoria Korolik (GU), and John Headrick (GU). A program will be circulated in mid November. To register please e-mail Kathy Andrews ([kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au](mailto:kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au))

#### 2. GMRC Postdoctoral Fellowship

Applications are invited for a GMRC Postdoctoral Fellowship. This Fellowship has been established as a one-off initiative to assist the GMRC in its objective of strengthening research collaboration between GU and the QIMR. Eligibility criteria and application details are attached with this News Letter and have been circulated to GU and QIMR staff. For enquiries please e-mail Kathy Andrews ([kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au](mailto:kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au)).

**Applications close 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006**

#### 3. Enrolling PhD students through the GMRC

- PhD Students with a Credentialed GU Staff member as Primary Supervisor can enrol through the GMRC.
- In 2006, PhD candidates enrolling through the GMRC were eligible to apply for, and be awarded on a competitive basis, an APA through the Health Faculty.
- GU has agreed to provide support money for students enrolled through the GMRC (currently ~\$10,000 p.a.) to QIMR after each year of completion.
- Scholarship applications are due on **Tuesday 31 October 2006**. Information can be found on the following web address: <http://www.gu.edu.au/postgraduate/>

#### 4. How to get a password to access GU protected web sites

Several of the GU sites are password protected (eg Office for Research internal grants etc). To arrange for a password over the phone, call GU InfoServices on 3735 5555 or 07 5552 5555. Note: You will need to know your GU Staff ID (please contact me if you don't have this).

#### 5. Congratulations:

Congratulations to all GMRC members who were successful in obtaining ARC and NHMRC grants and fellowships this year. Congratulations also to GMRC Committee member Alex Loukas who was awarded the 2006 QIMR Ralf Doherty Science Prize. Alex will be presenting his exciting work at the GMRC Retreat on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

For further information or submissions for the next  
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