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Calendar

Monday, March 6

Tuesday, March 7

Microbiology and Molecular Genetics: E. coli's war on protons. John Foster, University of South Alabama, 4:10 p.m., 1415 Biomedical and Physical Sciences.

Wednesday, March 8

Thursday, March 9

Chemistry: Thin film growth using atomic layer deposition techniques. Steven George, University of Colorado-Boulder, 4:10 p.m., 136 Chemistry.

Friday, March 10

"SECOND TO NONE" The poster session presented by second floor residents of the Biochemistry building, will be held Friday, March 10, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. (Photos from previous floor's poster sessions, "Science at the Highest Level," "Go Fourth and Do Science," and "The Third Time is the Charm" may be viewed at <http://www.bmb.msu.edu/dept/recenteventphotos/photos.html>)

Published Work

DellaPenna, D. and R.L. Last. 2006. Progress in the dissection and manipulation of plant vitamin E biosynthesis. *Physiol. Plantarum* 126:356-368.

Announcements



Steve Triezenberg has accepted the offer from **Van Andel Research Institute** to be **dean** of their new **Graduate School**. This position presents Steve with an exciting and challenging opportunity to help build an innovative doctoral training program in cell and molecular biology relevant to understanding and alleviating human diseases.

In parting from the BMB department and his 18 years at MSU, Triezenberg said, "I have especially valued the spirit of collegiality that is a hallmark of this department. These interactions have been important to my life and the life of my lab group, and for your individual and collective roles in that I am very grateful." He also hopes to continue and expand relationships between colleagues at MSU and VARI.

Dean Triezenberg will begin his new position in mid-May. The Triezenberg lab will move to Grand Rapids this summer.

2007 McKnight Neuroscience of Brain Disorders Award: The McKnight Neuroscience of Brain Disorders award assists scientists working to apply the knowledge achieved through basic research to human brain injury or disease. Up to six awards are awarded annually, each providing \$100,000 per year for three years. The award is used to help translate laboratory discoveries about the brain into diagnoses and therapies to improve human health. For complete information on how to apply for this award, please [click here](#).

Position Vacancy Notices (copies of notices are in maroon binder in Room 302A)

Vermont Cancer Center at the University of Vermont is seeking a **Program Leader** to lead their Cell Signaling Program. The program leader will provide strategic leadership and direction for the VCC Cell Signaling Research Program with a focus on understanding the molecular mechanisms of signal transduction and growth regulation, especially pertaining to cancer. Candidates with an MD, PhD, or MD/PhD and an established NCI-funded research program in translational cancer research focused on cell signaling in cancer are encouraged to apply. Please send a letter listing suitable candidates and any additional information regarding the qualifications of these individuals to Dr. Christopher Francklyn, Chair of Cell Signaling Search Committee, B-401 Given Building, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, VT 05405-0068, cellsignal@med.uvm.edu, 802-656-8450. **Submission due date: April 15, 2006**

Spotlight



Visiting Scholar, Koichiro Awai (Benning lab,) has accepted a position as **Assistant Professor** at **Saitama University in Japan** where he will continue working on lipid metabolism in photosynthetic organisms. Koichiro and his wife, Chie (PRL) will be returning to his native country on March 20th.

Awai, who has enjoyed skiing for 15 years, had his first, transcending experience at Vail, Colorado, in January. It was an exhilarating experience with clear skies powdery snow, quite the contrast to skiing at Mt. Holly, Michigan.

We hope your future includes smooth skiing, Koichiro, with few tricky moguls to negotiate!

Quote for the Week

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome. – *Booker T. Washington*
