

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

- **Basic Mechanisms of Bone Metastasis**
With the hiring of Danny R. Welch, PhD as Director of the Metastases Program in the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, we anticipate developing a program focused on the biology of bone metastasis. Katri K. Selander, MD, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, has a CMBD pilot project focused on mechanisms of bone metastasis, and Sarki Abdulkadir, MD, PhD and Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD, are also investigating basic mechanisms of prostate cancer bone metastasis. Others interested in studying bone metastasis may contact me as the CMBD Cores and expertise of its many investigators may be helpful.
- The CMBD Journal Club meets on the first Thursday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the West Pavilion Conference Center and is open to all interested parties. This Journal Club focuses on reviewing both a basic and a clinical research article. Contact Dr. Kenneth Saag, Director of the CMBD Journal Club, at 204-934-0893 or email him at ksaag@uab.edu for more information.
- The CMBD also has a very active Visiting/Expert Speaker Program. Two upcoming speakers are **David W. Rowe, M.D.**, University of Connecticut Health Center and **J. Edward Puzas, Ph.D.**, University of Rochester Medical Center. Contact me for more information.
- Plans have been completed for joint CMBD, CAMRC and Biomedical Engineering space in the new Shelby Building. The CMBD, School of Engineering and CAMRC will sponsor a research symposium on April 9, 2003 focused on this exciting multidisciplinary effort. A final program will be widely distributed closer to the date. However, below is a tentative schedule.

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Research Frontiers: The Interface Between Biomaterials, Bone Cells And Matrices Wednesday, April 9, 2003; UAB West Pavilion Conference Center, Room E

12:30 – 2:45 p.m. Registration/Box Lunch	2:10 – 2:40 p.m. Molecular Design of Biomaterials to Control Cell Behavior Linda G. Griffith, Ph.D. Karl Van Tassel Career Development Associate Professor Massachusetts Institute of Technology
12:45 – 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction Linda C. Lucas, Ph.D. Dean, School of Engineering The University of Alabama at Birmingham Jay M. McDonald, M.D. Professor & Chair, Department of Pathology Director, UAB Center for Metabolic Bone Disease The University of Alabama at Birmingham	2:40 – 2:45 p.m. Questions and Answers
1:00 – 1:30 p.m. To be announced Dawn Applegate, Ph.D. Senior Manager of Medical Affairs Advanced Tissue Sciences, Inc. La Jolla, California	2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break
1:30 – 1:35 p.m. Questions and Answers	3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Manipulating Adhesive Proteins and Peptides to Promote Osteoblast Adhesion to Biomaterials Susan L. Bellis, Ph.D. Assistant Professor Department of Physiology & Biophysics The University of Alabama at Birmingham
1:35 – 2:05 p.m. To be announced Arnold J. Caplan, Ph.D. Professor of Biology and General Medical Sciences Case Western Reserve University	3:30 – 3:35 p.m. Questions and Answers
2:05 – 2:10 p.m. Questions and Answers	3:35 – 4:05 p.m. To be announced
	4:05 – 4:10 p.m. Questions and Answers
	4:10 – 4:25 p.m. Panel Discussion
	4:25 – 4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks Joanne E. Murphy-Ullrich, Ph.D. Interim Director, UAB Cell Adhesion & Matrix Research Center The University of Alabama at Birmingham

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