Newly released “official” rankings show that Emory Pathology again ranked 4th among Pathology departments nationwide last year in terms of grant support from the National Institutes of Health. Pathology faculty and fellows served as Principal Investigators (PIs) for more than $24 million in NIH research, training, and fellowship grants in 2010 — a roughly $4 million (20%) increase over the prior year, and 3-fold higher than the total in 2001, when we ranked 19th. This marks our Department’s third consecutive year among the top five.

The rankings are compiled each year by the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research, on the basis of data released by the NIH after the September 31 close of the federal fiscal year. The Blue Ridge rankings do not take into account NIH contracts, nor federal stimulus funds that were distributed through the NIH, and they do not include research support from any other federal, state, international, or private philanthropic agencies. Those unranked categories have grown even faster over the past decade, and now account for roughly half of our Department’s total grant funding. A broader tally of grant “awards”, compiled by the School of Medicine, indicates that Pathology’s faculty and fellows were awarded more than $45 million dollars in extramural support during 2010, the highest total ever for our Department.

Comment: Congratulations to the 55 Pathology PIs who made this an extraordinarily successful year in research funding, and to everyone in our Department for creating an environment where outstanding scholarship thrives.

Four Pathology faculty were inducted recently into the School of Medicine’s elite “Millipub Club”, which recognizes current Emory faculty members who have authored individual papers cited more than 1000 times. Often called “citation classics” these high-impact publications are exceptionally rare: only 42 Emory faculty have attained this singular honor during their entire careers thus far. Among the 17 new Millipub Club inductees, who were feted at a reception hosted by Dean Lawley in October, our Pathology colleagues were honored for their co-authorships of the following classic papers:

**Professor and Vice Chair Angela Caliendo, M.D., Ph.D.:** for Rosenberg ES et al., Vigorous HIV-1-specific CD4+ T-cell responses associated with control of viremia; Science 278: 1447-1450 (1997) (1,321 citations*)

**Professor Max Cooper, M.D., Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Comparative Immunology:** as senior author of Moretta L et al., Functional analysis of 2 human T-cell subpopulations: Help and suppression of B-cell responses by T cells bearing receptors for IgM or IgG; J Exp Med 146: 184-200 (1977) (1,504 citations*)


**Candler Professor Bali Pulendran, Ph.D.:** for Banchereau J et al., Immunobiology of dendritic cells; Ann Rev Immunol 18: 767-811 (2000) (3,064 citations*)

(*as of January 28, 2011)

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NEW FACULTY -

It is a long-anticipated pleasure to announce that Anne Winkler, M.D., will join our Department as a new Assistant Professor this July. A gifted physician specializing in transfusion and coagulation, Dr. Winkler has performed with distinction as a trainee in our Department for the past five years, first as a resident in Anatomical and Clinical Pathology (2006-10) and currently as clinical Fellow in Transfusion Medicine. She is a graduate of the combined B.A./M.D. program at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, where she also completed a year of post-sophomore fellowship in Pathology. Dr. Winkler was the recipient of our residency program’s Award for Excellence in Clinical Pathology in 2009 and, last year, became our first trainee ever to win the Awards for Excellence in both Anatomic and Clinical Pathology in a single year. She has authored two papers, three reviews, and seven textbook chapters to date, on a wide range of topics in transfusion medicine, and brings high levels of energy, enthusiasm, and expertise to her new role as Medical Director of the Blood Bank at Grady. Beginning in July 2012, she will also serve as Associate Director of the Special Coagulation Service at Emory University Hospital. Dr. Winkler joins the faculty of our Clinical Pathology Division and our Center for Transfusion and Cellular Therapies.

CASE REPORTS -

Professor Randy Hanzlick, M.D., our Director of Forensic Pathology who also serves as Fulton County Medical Examiner, has been appointed to advise the White House Subcommittee on Forensic Science as a member of its Inter-agency Working Group on Standards, Practices, and Protocols. In this capacity, Dr. Hanzlick will provide expert advice and recommendations to the federal Administration about proposed legislation, funding, and oversight of forensic sciences in the U.S. Dr Hanzlick is a past President of the National Association of Medical Examiners.

Associate Professor Corinne Fantz, Ph.D., has been elected President of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry, the national organization charged with certifying clinical chemists to serve as Laboratory Directors in keeping with CLIA requirements. Her two-year presidency began this month. Dr. Fantz, who specializes in point-of-care testing and is Medical Director of the EML Core Laboratories at EUH-Midtown, has been a Board member of the ABCC since 2007.

Associate Professor Jim Zimring, M.D., Ph.D., garnered laurels from two major national organizations for his research on the immunobiology of blood transfusion. Elected last year to membership in the prestigious American Society for Clinical Investigation, he will be inducted into that august group of “Young Turks” in April, at its annual meeting in Chicago. And Dr Zimring was also recently named the recipient of the 2011 Ellis Benson Award from the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS); he will present a lecture and receive that award, named in honor of the organization’s founder, at the ACLPS national meeting this June in St. Louis.